



## Associated Builders and Contractors

### Board of Director's

DoubleTree Hotel in Austin, Texas

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011

The following were present: (1-Present PR-Proxy A- Absent)

Michael Abshire: Fugro Consultants, Inc.	A	John Marshall: Satterfield & Pontikes	A
Neil Adams: Gilbane Building Co.	1	Joe Mendyk: Turner Construction	1
Brian Anderson: G.R. Birdwell Constr.	1	James Morris: Jacobs Field Services NA, Inc.	A
Barry Babyak: Austin Industrial	1	Wayne Navarro: S&B Engineers & Constructors	1
Tasos Banos: TDIndustries	A	Bob Nussmeier: Baker Concrete Construction, Inc.	PR
Roger Berry: SpawGlass Constr.	A	Jim Owery: E.E. Reed Construction	1
Kevin Borderlon: Zachry Constr. Corp.	A	Rodney Page: Ref-Chem Corporation	1
Dwayne Boudreaux: The Shaw Group	1	Pat Pollard: Tellepsen Industrial	A
Jeff Burnett: Insurance Alliance	A	Tim Ricketts: Cajun Constructors	1
Art Canales: Chamberlin Roof. & Water.	A	Wendell Rychlik: W.T. Byler Company	1
Matt Daniel: Skanska USA	1	Billy Spies: KBR	A
Darlene East: Holes Inc.	1	Christina Stone: Gaughan, Stone & Thiagarajan	1
John Golashseky: Turner Industries Grp.	A	Jody Vowell: Accurate Comfort Systems USA	PR
Tom Kramer: Manhattan Constr. Co.	A	Mark Williams: Foster Wheeler USA Corp.	1
Tad Lewis: McCarthy Building Co., Inc.	A	Ronnie Wills: Aggregate Technologies, Inc.	1
Bruce Marek: Marek Brother Systems, Inc.	A	Lohn Zylicz: D.E. Harvey Builders, Inc.	1

ABC Staff: Amanda Burk, Jennifer Woodruff & Russell Hamley

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM. Tim Ricketts took the roll. A quorum was present.

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

- A quorum was present so business was conducted. The January meeting minutes, Treasurer's report (with a subject to audit) and new member applications were presented to the Board. The Board voted to accept and approved all the consent agenda items.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Secretary's Report** → A 'thank you' letter was written to ABC from Larry Berkman thanking the chapter for her condolences with regards to the passing of his wife.
- **Membership Report** → As of the meeting, the retention rate was at 67% for the year. Amanda distributed the Board retention teams to members who were present at the meeting; the Board reviewed their list and were strongly encouraged to have a 100% success rate with their individual teams.
- **Political Advocacy Council Report** → **The PAC** recently had their PAC Bash at Café Adobe where the 2011 officers were voted in. Richard McCormack was voted as the PAC Chairman, Keith Coulter was voted as the PAC Secretary, David Webb was voted as the PAC Vice-Chairman and Steve Blackmon was voted as the Treasure of PAC. The officers recently had their Executive Committee meeting where the attendees set goals for 2011 as well determined meeting dates for the year. **Legal Issues** is going to be meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> which will be their first meeting for 2011. Legal Issue meetings will progress as with upcoming legislature and will also precede the monthly PAC meetings. **Texas under Attack** is still moving forward with their specific plan of action and have already met once for the year.
- **Membership Council Report** → **Budget & Finance** recently met and concluded that the chapter was \$3,000.00 in the black for the month of January; the goal is still to have 90% retention for 2011 and currently the chapter is right on schedule to help obtain the goal. **The Welcome Committee** is still progressing nicely and will be visiting new members as they join the association. **The Marketing Committee** has recently elected Wendell Rychlik as the new Chairman for



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the year. The first meeting of the year drew in 15 attendees. Currently, the committee is seeking new partnerships as well as new marketing material to help boost ABC.

- **Business Issues Council Report**→**The Young Professionals Committee** has had 2 meetings thus far for the year and is currently amping up for the first annual Greater Houston chapter mock competition for the college students. The committee will be hosting a kick off mixer at Blanco's on March 3<sup>rd</sup> for help increase recruitment for the committee. **The Safety Committee** is currently reviewing the safety manual for ABC; due to the new standards in crane & rigging the manual will need to be amended so it can stay up to date. **The Contractors Committee** will be meeting this Thursday and is actively seeking a Co-Chair for the committee. **Business Development** has still not met this year and is also currently looking for a Chairman to help get the committee started. **The Green Training Task Force** will be meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February and is presently discussing potential CEU classes for 2011.
- **Programs Council Report**→**The Golf Committee** and will be having their next meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Currently the committee is looking at new courses for the fall golf tournament. **Casino Night Task Force** has been progressing nicely and is currently getting ready for this year's event. **The Excellence in Construction Task Force** is currently looking for a Co-Chair that has experience in the commercial sector of business. **The Fishing Committee** has recently set a venue for this year's tournament. **The Crawfish Boil/GC EXPO Task Force** is currently looking for a new venue for this events premier year. **The Outdoor Committee** has still not met this year but are preparing to do so within the next week or two. **The Bowling Task Force** is currently looking for a Chairman for the committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Set Reserve Amount**→ The Board reviewed the reserve amounts that the Budget & Finance committee recommended. The Building Fund will be increased by a little more than \$25,000.00 to a total of \$900,000. The Texas Under Attack Reserve was established using money collected to that purpose the amount set aside in that Restricted Reserve account is \$3586. Retained Earnings will increase by \$34,500. All Board members present voted to approve and accepted the recommended changes.
- **Wage & Hour Survey**→Russell Hamley made an overview of the Wage and Hour survey that the Department of Labor will be distributing in upcoming months. This survey will poll all of South Texas counties that participate and will help mandate the new updates to the Davis Bacon Act. The Board members voted to market this survey to the chapters members as well as have an informative seminar for those interested parties to attend.
- **Program Speakers**→Russell Hamley and Neil Adams discussed the topic of having more diverse pool of higher profile speakers to speak at events for the year. Board members that were present at the meeting discussed several potential speakers.
- **Legislative Day Logistics**→ Russell Hamley discussed the agenda for the sequence of events for the remainder of the day as well as for Legislative Day.

**DISCUSSION TOPIC**

- **Legislative Day Issues**→ Russell Hamley discussed the topics that the chapter wanted to discuss with legislators for Legislative Day tomorrow.

**WRAP UP**

- **President's Minutes**→
  - **Leadership Forum:** Russell Hamley reminded the Board members that were present at the meeting about the 2011 Leadership Forum which is planned to kick off on February 24<sup>th</sup>. As of the day of the meeting, 8 people registered employees of their companies and 10 are needed to



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make the classes. Russell Hamley strongly encouraged all those present to send an employee to the event.

- **Upcoming Events:** Poker Tournament (February 17<sup>th</sup>), Member Mixer (February 23<sup>rd</sup>), Leadership Forum Kick Off (February 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>), Spring Golf Tournament (March 14<sup>th</sup>).

**Next Board meeting is Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM  
at the ABC Office.**