



SCHUYLKILL BUILDERS ASSOCIATION
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Dear Member,

At the PBA Board meeting last weekend a new issue was discussed concerning the failure of electrical companies to provide service to new construction. It seems some builders in some areas are waiting 3-6 months and being forced to rely on generators from start to finish construction, in addition the wait delays the Certificate of Occupancy and release of final payments. If this is also an issue in Schuylkill County please contact us. The Directors of PBA have decided to remain neutral on the issue of statewide licensing, currently the lawmakers are seeking a law requiring home inspectors to be licensed.

Ray Venema (former PBA past president and currently PA Director to NAHB) reported the NAHB was instrumental in lobbying for the retention of the mortgage interest deduction. Surprisingly the staff at NAHB reviews over 85,000 pages of legislation per year! Wow!

Meanwhile the struggle to maintain members and recruit new members continues locally, statewide and nationally. Some advocate membership is cheaper than buying a cup of coffee a day, others say if every member recruited a new member we could double our membership. However the most important aspect of membership is to have "legislative watchdogs" on both the state and federal level of government. Who else will watch the lawmakers? They can pass legislation that could bring the construction industry to a halt in an effort to cater to special interest groups. Many of us don't have the time or expertise to study exactly what the government is doing.

Member Benefit: Go online to register and receive e-newsletters from NAHB and PBA. (nahb.org; pabuilders.org)

☺ **REMINDER: PA ONE CALL FEE (\$125.00) IS WAIVED FOR PBA MEMBERS; MAIL, EMAIL OR FAX A COPY OF THE INVOICE TO THIS OFFICE FOR VERIFICATION.**

*****Executive Committee and Directors Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM Tuesday March 13, at the Red Lion Restaurant.*****

General Membership Meeting—

- Date: Tuesday March 27
- At Red Lion Restaurant (Rt 443)

Dinner served at **7:00** PM
 *Entrée: A la Carte- order from menu

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The following will be attending the March Membership Meeting at Red Lion Restaurant:

Name _____ Number Attending _____

*Entrée: Ala Carte (order from menu)

RSVP to: 570-385-3360

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