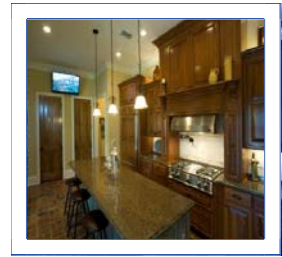
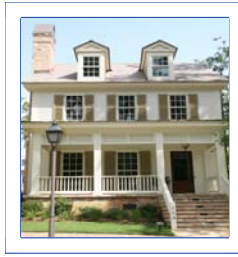


Membership Connection

August



Connecting the Mississippi Home Builder Industry

BCAM Announces a \$7.2 Million Dividend and 6.2% Rate Decrease

The Builders and Contractors Associations of Mississippi insurance program has big news: \$7.2 million is the largest dividend ever approved by BCAM Board of Trustees. The dividend will be given in the form of premium credits. Members will want to keep their workers' compensation insurance with BCAM or get back into the program. With the rate decrease, this effort will be a big help to the past and current members of the Fund. BCAM is lead by residential and commercial contractors that understand the Mississippi construction industry. With members trying to improve their bottom line, this could not have come at a better time. September 1, 2009 is the start date for the dividend and rate decrease. For more information contact your local independent insurance agent or the BCAM office at 601-352-9079.



Best in Mississippi



The deadline for the Best In Mississippi awards is September 1, 2009. The annual awards program recognizes the winners in categories of home building, development, and remodeling. Applications can be retrieved online at www.hbam.com or by calling the state office at 601-969-3446.

HBAM hosts the much-anticipated *Best in Mississippi Building & Remodeling Awards* each November. The *Best in Mississippi Awards* recognize the outstanding work of builders and remodelers throughout the state of Mississippi. Members of the nearly 4,000-member statewide trade association enter the competition in a variety of categories ranging from single-family custom and spec homes less than 1,800 square feet to more than 5,000 square feet. Other categories include Best Kitchen, Bath, Multifamily New Construction, Commercial Building Construction, Commercial Building Remodeling and Subdivision Development of the Year.

Registration Opens for NAHB Fall Board in Chicago

Registration for the Fall Board of Directors Meeting is now open. For registration and other meeting related information, visit www.nahb.org/FallBoard. Additional information on the site includes:

- Paper Registration Form
 - Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers Reservations – Links to hotel's web page
 - Attendee Housing Information
 - Meeting Schedule
 - Airline Discounts
- 2009**

Upcoming Events

August

11-15 NAHB Executive Officers Council, Louisville, KY

September

1 Deadline: Best in Mississippi

28 Deadline: Associate & Builder Member of the Year

30 – Oct. 4 NAHB Fall Board of Directors Meeting Chicago, IL

November

18 Executive Committee and Best in Mississippi and Officer Ceremonies

19 Committee meetings and HBAM Board of Directors

For Information on all HBAM Programs go to:

WWW.HBAM.COM

[\\$8,000 Tax Credit](#)

Log into NAHB.org and access resources designed to help educate consumers about the \$8,000 **Federal Housing Tax Credit** made available through the recent stimulus legislation. For more information, go to www.nahb.org/2009stimulus, <http://www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com>.

[International Builders Show in Las Vegas](#)

Online IBS registration and housing will open on **August 3, 2009**. All are encouraged to register early – and encourage others to do so as well – as early registrations will result in money saved. Early **Member** Registrants are eligible to receive a COMPLIMENTARY 4-Day Exhibits Registration. This offer is only available until **December 11, 2009**. Additionally, the host hotel for the Mississippi delegation is the Paris Las Vegas with rooms for \$80-\$120 a night. These great rates will be available online when registration and housing opens on **August 3, 2009** and are offered in limited quantity for a limited time. **For More Information:** www.BuildersShow.com.

[Appraisal Help Pursued by NAHB](#)

NAHB continues to lead the charge to adopt new guidelines for conducting appraisals under distressed market conditions. To further this cause, NAHB has been collecting specific **examples of erroneous appraisal practices** from NAHB members. Members are encouraged to submit their experiences to appraisals@nahb.com. **For More Information:** www.nahb.org/appraisals, www.nahb.org/distressed.

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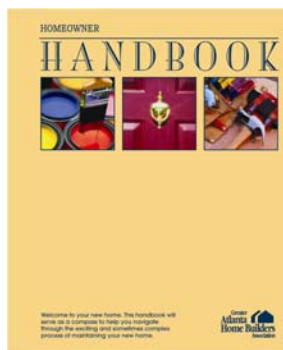
Become A CPB (Certified Professional Builder)

The CPB program presents an opportunity for builders to pursue professional development through education and customer satisfaction.

The Program establishes certain standards that will set the CPB apart from other home builders.

Standards for CPB

- Maintain membership in their local association.
- Apply for recertification annually.
- Licensed by the State Board of Contractors.
- Built no less than 10 homes.
- Main occupation should be home building or industry related.
- Maintain appropriate insurance coverage including builders risk, general liability, and workers' compensation.



[Homeowner Handbook](#)

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