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A letter from the ABC Indiana/Kentucky Chairman of the Board

Charles (Chuck) M. Henry President, Henry Electric

Hello and welcome to 2015.

As your chairman for this year, I am hoping to have some fun, and build on the successes of former chairs. As we go into this year, I encourage you to continue with your "Engage" programs, but ask that you combine that with our new "Coming Home" initiative.

We have many great former members who, through the recession, had to make some hard choices. By the grace of God and hard work, many of us were able to continue our membership in this great organization. Some were not so lucky.

Now that we have turned the corner, I ask that you sustaining members reach out to those who need to be part of ABC again. We all know someone who is a former member. Please contact them or say hello at a job meeting or other function. Let them know what they are missing, and how hard our staff is working to make this a better association.

In future publications, we will continually outline our achievements, and what is going on in the anti-merit shop camp. Yes, that monster is still out there, and even though not as toxic, it is still whittling away at our freedoms. Remember-we are the only construction association that is working to control Big Labor and Liberal Politics from putting our companies out of business-or making it almost impossible to work competitively and profitably.

We need you, we need them. Please reach out and "Bring Them Home". Thank you and I am looking forward to visiting with you this year. Call or email with any thoughts or ideas. Make some money this year!!

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Upcoming Events

USA Cares Team Meeting

February 17 10:00 a.m. Louisville

Advanced Fall Protection

8:00 a.m.—11:00 February 11 Louisville ABC training center

Advanced Confined Space

Noon—3:00 p.m. February 11 Louisville ABC training center

ABC Kentuckiana Council Third Wednesday

February 18 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Title Sponsor: Kelley Construction Event Sponsor Advance Ready Mix Networking, appetizers, 2 drink tickets then open bar KTs Restaurant & Bar 2300 Lexington Road

Electrical, HVAC, and Plumbing Contractors Continuing Ed February 20 Louisville

Electrical Code Update Master & Journeymen February 21

Louisville

CQM

February 10 & 11 \$150.00 member

ABC Third Wednesday February 18, 2015

Title Sponsor:





KTs Restaurant & Bar private event room 2300 Lexington Road, Louisville KY 40206

Kentucky/Indiana Legislative Update

Time: 4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Presenters: Marc Wilson, Kentucky Lobbyist/Partner Top Shelf Lobby, LLC. and J.R. Gaylor, President ABC

Networking

Time: 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Heavy appetizers, 2 cocktails then cash bar.

<u>RSVP</u>

- fran@abcindianakentucky.org or 502-400-2035
- Please indicate if you are coming to legislative update, networking or both!

THIRD WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2015 WHAYNE SUPPLY SUPPORT CENTER







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CREATING A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE Expecting and Getting the Best

February 5 9:00 am – 4:00 pm 5001 N. Shadeland Ave, Indianapolis, IN

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The single most important competitive advantage that any organization can have is the energy of its people. Competitors can always create services or build products – just like yours. The benefits packages that we use to attract and keep talent, from healthcare to childcare, is all duplicable. But the organizations and leaders that truly tap into the wisdom, creativity and initiative of their people will have a sustainable competitive advantage. And while the idea of holding people accountable for their actions (or lack of action) is not new – there is a new awareness of the link between accountability, employee engagement and profitability.

When an organization has a culture of accountability:

- Productivity increases
- Projects get completed
- ✓ Deadlines are met
- Employees are engaged
- Customers are satisfied
- And the bottom line improves

COURSE OUTCOMES

After completing this course participants will be able to:

- Understand how to get employees "going"
- Identify the employees that simply need to "go"
- Set the groundwork for organizational accountability

TARGET AUDIENCE

This program is designed specifically for leaders that are looking for results. They want to get rid of the excuses. They want to move from blaming to collaboration. And they want a team that is excited about growing and contributing more.

Register Today! Members - \$150 Non-Members - \$200 Lunch included Jessica@abcindianakentucky.org 317-596-4950

Education Update

KENTUCKY APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING: ON THE RISE!

Colin Powell is credited with saying, "A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work."

Apprenticeship training is making a comeback this year is Louisville and Owensboro through the determination and hard work of both ABC members and ABC staff who believe in education as the means to improving employees and project quality and services.

Both traditional face-to-face instruction and the implementation of video conferencing classes in carpentry, plumbing, HVAC, and electrical trades have been implemented to achieve these ends. Additionally, ABC provides sponsorship for almost 85 Kentucky high schools, area technology centers, and youth development centers. Youth enrolled in these programs complete the NCCER Core Curriculum and Level One of a construction craft. They are construction-ready at graduation. Yet, very few find their way into ABC apprenticeship programs. Skilled and semi-skilled workers are in short supply.

Help us recruit the next generation! Get involved with your local school district and educate our youth about the career opportunities available to them through ABC's apprenticeship program and as an employee of your business. To learn more about getting involved, contact your local ABC training site today!

Call ABC Indiana/Kentucky to learn more about getting involved 1-800-333-9844!



Our Members have committed to build the USA CARES National Headquarters Building.

ABC Indiana/Kentucky members,

I am very happy to report that we have had so many offers for services and donations for our USACares National Headquarters building project that it is necessary for us to set up an account. The funds that are donated from our members will be used to help in all aspects of the headquarters building, including, but not limited to, supplies, labor and materials to ensure that this project is completed for our military families in crisis. USACares assists veterans who have served post – 9/11 and their families in the following areas: Combat injured, jobs assistance, emergency assistance and housing assistance. For more information about USACares, please visit their website at <u>www.usacares.org</u>.

If you would like to contribute funds to the project, please send donations to USACares, c/o Associated Builders & Contractors of Indiana/Kentucky to 5001 N. Shadeland Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46226. USACares is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization.

J.R. Gaylor

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Length:	75 minutes
Fee:	Free
Speakers:	Sam Melamed, Senior Director of Sales, ABC Insurance
	Adam Bonsky, Executive Vice President, The Contractors

ABC MEMBER ONLY WEBINAR

WEBINAR DESCRIPTION

The health care reform law, known as the Affordable Care Act (ACA), is in full swing. Under the employer mandate, employers with 100 or more full-time employees and full-time equivalent employees must now offer full-time employees a certain level of health coverage or be subject to apenalty. Additionally, ACA's onerous information reporting requirements are in effect, which will impact employers with 50 or more full-time employees and full-time-equivalent employees, as well as employers of any size that selfinsure. Join Sam Melamed from the ABC Insurance Trust and Adam Bonsky from The Contractors Plan for this informative webinar and learn more about how to comply with the complex requirements of the ACA.



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Epic Insurance solutions Account Advisor Eric Gleis egleis@epicinsurancesolutions.com 502-371-4073 www.epicinsurancesolutions.com As of Jan. 1, 2015, there is a change to what covered employers are required to *report* to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Employers are now required to report all work-related fatalities within 8 hours and all inpatient hospitalizations, amputations, and losses of an eye within 24 hours of finding out about the incident.

Previously, employers were required to report all workplace fatalities and when three or more workers were hospitalized in the same incident. The updated reporting requirements have a life-saving purpose: they will enable employers and workers to prevent future injuries by identifying and eliminating the most serious workplace hazards.

Employers have three options for reporting these severe incidents to OSHA. They can call their <u>nearest area office</u> during normal business hours, call the 24-hour OSHA hotline at 1-800-321-OSHA (1-800-321-6742), or they will be able to report <u>online</u>. (Please note that the online reporting will not be available until later this month.) For more information and resources, visit OSHA's <u>Web page</u> on the updated reporting requirements and watch OSHA's new <u>YouTube video</u>, where Dr. David Michaels, assistant secretary of labor for occupational safety and health, explains the new reporting requirements.

Member News

Louisville Paving & Construction wins national award for quality in asphalt paving

Louisville Paving & Construction received the national award from the National Asphalt Pavement Association (NAPA). They were nominated for their work on I-64/Louisville Lexington Road in Shelby County. The three-phase project included reconstruction and widening of the original four-lane interstate to six lanes and bridge reconstruction. The project required multiple lane and traffic changes.

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