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# 2015 HOME PRODUCTS SHOW

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm honored to serve as your 2015 president and look forward to a great year at TABA. I'd like to welcome our new board members, Shane Hagen, Trey Hunt, Steve Cooper and Mike Pardue and say thanks to the other 13 members serving alongside them this year.

It's almost time for the Home Products Show, one of TABA's largest annual events. The Home Products Show represents what TABA is all about, featuring exhibitors from all aspects of the homebuilding industry. The weekend of February 27-March 1, several thousand visitors will fill Harvey Convention Center to see what our members have to offer.

If you are a 2015 exhibitor, you already know how effective the Show is in reaching your target customer. If you don't have a booth, I encourage you to visit this year and see what the Home Products Show is all about!

Our Home Products Show committee has been working hard to make this the best year yet. Thank you to our volunteers, sponsors and exhibitors for making this event possible!



Gary Bayless  
2015 President



Gary Bayless

## IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

Regarding membership dues paid to Tyler Area Builders Association, the portion attributable to "lobbying activities" is NOT deductible from federal income taxes as an ordinary and necessary cost of doing business per the 1993 U.S. Congress Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act.

For 2015, the total amount of state and national dues that is NOT deductible as a business expense for a builder or associate member is \$111.22 and \$20.52 for an affiliate member.

## TABA Committees

In addition to our Board of Directors, TABA is guided by members who take time out of their schedules to serve on various committees. If you would like to contribute to TABA by serving on a committee, please contact Libby Simmons (lsimmons@tylerareabuilders.com).

**Budget & Finance.** Chairman: John McKinney  
Meets last Monday each month, 4:00 pm

**Education.** Chairman: Jason Campbell  
Meets quarterly, 4:00 pm

**Government Relations.** Chairman: John Nix  
Meets quarterly, second Tuesday, 2:00 pm

**Membership.** Chairman: Clyde Beaty  
Meets Thursday before Board of Directors, 4:00 pm

**Public Relations.** Chairman: Steve Cooper  
Meets last Monday each month, 2:00 pm

**Social Events.** Chairman: Sam Oliphant  
Meets first Wednesday each month, 4:00 pm

## Questions? Contact us:



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## Membership Orientation

- Wednesday, February 11th  
Noon - 1 p.m. at TABA

Join us for a free lunch and find out how you can get the most out of your investment with TABA. You'll learn about opportunities available, including leadership, education, advertising, networking and more. Please call the TABA office to let us know you're attending.

## City of Tyler Lunch & Learn

- Wednesday, February 18th  
Noon - 1 p.m.  
at Tyler Development Center (423 W. Ferguson St.)  
Guest Speaker: Billy Lemons, Wholesale Electric Supply  
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## JOIN US FOR A RIDE TO AUSTIN ON RALLY DAY!

An important day for our profession, Rally Day allows us to come together to advocate on behalf of the housing industry and the Texas Association of Builders legislative agenda. It is our opportunity to provide a unified message to our elected officials on the issues facing our industry.

On March 4, a charter bus will take members to Austin where we will gather at the Capitol and meet with our Texas legislators.

Bus will leave TABA at 5:15 a.m.  
Attendance is free, but reservation is required.  
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## February 2015

**February 3**  
**Board of Directors**  
 4 p.m. at TABA

**After Hours Sponsored by Moore Supply Co.**  
 5-7 p.m. at TABA

**February 4**  
**Social Events Committee**  
 4 p.m. at TABA

**February 5**  
**Home Products Show Exhibitor Luncheon**  
 Noon at TABA

**February 10**  
**Home Products Show Committee**  
 4 p.m. at TABA

**February 11**  
**Member Orientation**  
 Noon at TABA

**February 12**  
**Builders' Luncheon Sponsored by**  
**All Natural Stone & Grass**  
 Noon at Outback Steakhouse  
 \*\*Builders luncheons are open to Builder Members only. One representative per company, please.

**February 18**  
**City of Tyler Lunch & Learn**  
 Noon at Tyler Development Center  
 (423 W. Ferguson)

**February 23**  
**Public Relations Committee Meeting**  
 2:00 p.m. at TABA

**Budget & Finance Committee Meeting**  
 4 p.m. at TABA

**February 25**  
**Home Products Show Setup Begins**  
 1 p.m. at Harvey Convention Center  
 (check with TABA staff for your setup time)

**February 26**  
**Builders' Luncheon Sponsored by**  
**Altra Federal Credit Union**  
 Noon at El Charro on the Ridge  
 \*\*Builders luncheons are open to Builder Members only. One representative per company, please.

**Membership Committee Meeting**  
 4:00 p.m. at TABA

**February 27- March 1**  
**Home Products Show**  
 Harvey Convention Center

## BUILDERS' LUNCHEON



Thursday, January 16

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## February After Hours

**Sponsored by Moore Supply Co.**

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Ed Thompson was nominated as a Life Director in recognition of his vital leadership role to TABA. A Life Director is a prestigious designation as an honorary board member and is awarded by the Board of Directors to past board members who have been a driving force in the Association. Ed has served on the Board of Directors since 2004.



Max Anderson of Flooring & Interiors of Whitehouse was named the Associate of the Year at TABA's General Membership Meeting.



Kerry Hamblett of Hamblett Construction Management was named the Builder of the Year.

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