

Chapter Officer Update

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The Latest News from NKBA Headquarters

January 2020

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MESSAGE FROM HEADQUARTERS

Happy New Year, Happy New Decade!

We've just come off a very successful KBIS — and the 2020s are off to a fantastic start! We are so thankful for the support of the National Board of Directors, and so proud of our team at Headquarters for continually putting together this amazing show experience for you.

Design & Construction Week overall had a strong, energized turnout — official results aren't in yet, but estimates put the total at over 90,000 professionals who saw a staggering array of new products and technologies. And we hope you enjoyed the spectacular Kitchen + Bath Design & Industry Awards and Opening Party, and of course, the Bash — they were fantastic celebrations of our industry's talent and camaraderie.

We thank you for attending Chapter Officer Training. Congratulations to all our Chapter Star winners, including our Denise Dick Chapter Officer of the Year, Molly Switzer, AKBD, from Columbia River. We were proud to present our first Chapter Restoration Project check to the Rocky Mountain Chapter, which earned \$25,000 in seed money for its winning proposal to help restore the Mountain Resource Center in the Denver area. They'll be engaging local students to help on the project, exposing them to potential career pathways in our industry, as part of our NBKA NextUp Workforce Development Initiative. We look forward to following their progress! A listing of all the Chapter Star winners is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

We were especially proud to induct Dr. Kathleen Rose Parrott, Ph.D, CKE — that's Certified Kitchen Educator — into our Kitchen & Bath Hall of Fame, for her service to the Association, the industry and for playing a role in educating generations of kitchen and bath designers. Kathleen is a professor in the Department of Apparel, Housing and Resource Management at Virginia Tech, one of NKBA's original founding schools, and has been instrumental in the creation of NKBA's Professional Resource Library.

And speaking of grooming future industry leaders, our Chairman's Award was presented to Signature Kitchen Suite, an elite brand in LG's portfolio, for its unwavering support of NKBA's prestigious Thirty Under 30 program, among other sponsorships including the Bash, and chapter support. Through its sponsorship of the Thirtys, SKS is helping to cultivate emerging talent across the industry. Thomas Yoon, CEO of LG North America, accepted the award.

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We congratulate all our design competition winners, including Best Overall Bath winner **Michelle Miazga-Hall** of Port and Quarter Interiors in Vancouver, a member of the British Columbia Chapter, and Best Overall Kitchen winner **Sarah Robertson, AKBD**, Studio Dearborn in Mamaronek, N.Y., of the Westchester Chapter. This is Sarah's second consecutive win for Best Overall Kitchen! For a full story on all the honored designers and their winning projects, click [here](#).

As many of you know, the NKBA was founded in 1963. The Certification program started a few years later, in 1968. This year, **Barry Tunbridge** of Du-Craft Kitchen & Bath Design in Wall, N.J., is marking *50 years of certification* and has been active in NKBA for 55 years. He's a member of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter, and has held almost every chapter office for at least one term. He's also been a judge for several NKBA design contests, served on the Board of Directors and chaired the Association's Member Standards committee.

Interestingly, when Barry earned his certification in 1970, the only designation available was Certified Kitchen Designer. Certification in Bath design came along later. So for a half-century, Barry was a CKD. But as a shining example that it's never too late to learn and earn, he recently took the bath test and earned his "B!" We are happy to recognize him now as a CKBD! And, best overall kitchen winner Sarah Robertson also earned her AKBD in the past month.

Congratulations to Barry and Sarah, as well as the following members who earned certification in the past month: **John McCartney, CKBD**, Parkland Kitchen & Bath, South Florida; **Meet Pahwa, AKBD**, Meetologie, Northern California; **Megan Voakes, AKBD**, Dream Kitchens, Wisconsin/Upper Michigan; **William Leung, AKBD**, Northern California; **Carolyn Andrews, AKBD**, Northern Building, Northern Michigan; **Kingsley Catalucci, AKBD**, Rhode Island Kitchen & Bath Inc., Northern New England.

We'd love to hear your feedback on KBIS, please share through Chapter Relations. Thanks for joining us at the best show in the K&B world, and we hope you have a great year ahead!

Here's to your success and all the ways we can help you achieve it!



Bill Darcy, CEO



Suzie Williford, EVP, Industry Relations & CSO



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Chapters

Chapter Growth Advocate

- Tip for Chapters – Bring the KBIS experience home to members that couldn't attend. Plan to have a Post-KBIS chapter meeting and have your officers report on what they saw to your membership. The meeting will bring home the highlights of the show and could be next year's Best NKBA-Themed Event!
- NKBA Logo – Be sure your chapter is using the most up-to-date logo on all of your correspondence. There is a link to the NKBA logos on your chapter's homepage of the NKBA website. If you need assistance, please contact chapters@nkba.org.

Chapter Officer Training

- We are pleased to report a successful Chapter Officer Training at KBIS with over 340 of our 2020 volunteers in attendance. We thank you for supporting the NKBA and hope you received a great benefit from the training.
- During the General Session of the Chapter Officer Training, the Star Awards were announced. Congratulations to all the winners! Here are the 2019 winners in each category:
 - Best Chapter Membership Campaign Kentuckiana Chapter
 - Best Chapter Program Northern Michigan Chapter
 - Best Chapter Fundraiser Event Columbia River Chapter
 - Best Chapter Design Competition British Columbia Chapter
 - Best Student-Focused Event Texas Gulf Coast Chapter
 - Best NKBA-Themes Event West Michigan Chapter
 - Best Chapter Officer – President Molly Switzer, AKBD Columbia River Chapter
 - Best Chapter Officer – Programs Chair Antonette Copeland Georgia Chapter
 - Best Chapter Officer – Membership Chair Rima Nasr Texas Gulf Coast Chapter
 - Best Chapter Officer – Communications Chair David Leonard Georgia Chapter
 - Best Chapter Officer – Secretary/Treasurer Cynthia Qualia Texas Gulf Coast Chapter
 - Best Committee Member Janel Campbell, CMKBD Columbia River Chapter
- Denise Dick Chapter Officer of the Year Molly Switzer, AKBD Columbia River Chapter
- Congratulations to the Southwest Desert Chapter for winning the 2019 Membership Growth Award for the highest % increase in chapter membership.

CEUs for Training

- Certified designers attending Chapter Officer Training can self-report the following CEU's:
 - January 20 - AM session - .1 CEU
 - January 20 - PM breakout sessions - .3 CEU
 - January 22 – State of the Association/State of the Industry - .1 CEU
 - Did you know leadership at the chapter and national level will qualify for CEUs? Check out the [CEU handbook](#) for new opportunities to earn CEUs.

Post-KBIS Notes

- Chapter Officers that drove to the KBIS training are entitled to submit an expense report for the mileage. Please use the [2020 Volunteer Expense Report](#) which can be found on the Resources page, under General Forms. The form, including receipts and a Google map of the mileage, must be submitted **within 30 days**.
- We are gathering materials from the training to send to all officer within the next month. Chapter Presidents will receive the training documents for all positions to assist them in training any officer that did not attend the training at KBIS. Training these officers must be completed by March 31st and the [Chapter Officer Training Completion Form](#) must be submitted to National as proof.
- We would like to thank our training teams for their amazing job of instructing our volunteers at the Chapter Officer Training at KBIS. We offer our very sincere thanks to Kirsten Gable, AKBD, Nancy Young, CKBD, Antonette Copeland, Toni Sabatino, AKBD and Roseann Freitas.

Chapter Web Pages

- We were excited to announce the launch of the new Chapter Webpages at the General Session of Chapter Officer Training with additional details offered in the Communications Chair breakout. Click [here](#) for the video from KBIS on the new chapter websites.
- We are finalizing a “user-guide” which should be helpful for first time set up. When the chapter is ready to begin:
 - Email National at chapters@nkba.org and advise the chapter would like to begin the new webpages (any links to your current self-managed site will be removed and not accessible from NKBA)
 - We will “turn on the link” and provide” User Guide”
 - There will be a first time set up approval from National
 - Remember you can still use your own registration links (Constant contact, Eventbrite, Star chapter, Wild Apricot, etc.) within your postings.
- Please refer all questions regarding set up to chapters@nkba.org , not Member Relations as this is a special internal function for chapter officers.

Chapter Funding

- The following are required documents due on **January 31, 2020**:
 - All Chapter Meeting Financial Reports for 2019
 - Year-End Financial Report
 - Chapter Initiative Grant Application (optional)
 - Chapter Compliance Form

Chapter Calendar

A list of important 2020 dates for chapters to remember has been updated and is on the Resources page of the website. This list will be updated periodically and should be your information resource for all reporting deadlines. It is a good practice to refer to the calendar at the beginning of each month to see if there are any documents due during the coming month.

Chapter Presentation Program

When you start your program planning for the year, don't forget to include two speakers from the Chapter Presentation Program. NKBA will pay the speaker fee for two visits per chapter each year plus the speaker's travel fees for one visit. All presentations have been approved for .1 CEU and we have added new speakers and presentations to the list. For a full description of the program's updated guidelines and a list of speakers and topics visit the NKBA website at [Chapters/Chapter Presentation Program](#).

Chapter Meeting Notices

All chapter meeting notices must be posted on the Chapter's webpage. The Chapter's Communications Chair should post your meeting events four weeks in advance to give your members time to add the date to their calendars. [Click here](#) for the Chapter Event Submission Form. If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact Julie Figiel at chapters@nkba.org.

Chapter Leadership Committee

As a reminder, the Chapter Leadership Committee provides a link between the chapters and National. They are charged with monitoring member needs and conveying these needs to National staff. The CLC members are available to assist your chapter with questions and will work with National to address your concerns. Get to know your chapter leaders! [Click here](#) for the new 2020 Committee members and their contact information.

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Professional Development



Specialty Badge Program

- The NKBA has added three new Specialty Badges to its existing badge portfolio: Color, Lighting and Sustainability. [Click here](#) for more information and, also to experience the association's new and improved Specialty Badge Program landing page.
- A [Specialty Badge Program](#) flyer is available to all Chapters, as well as a *newly updated*, in-depth [informational webinar](#) that includes a power-point presentation.

2020 NKBA Free Webinar Series

- The NKBA Free Webinar Series continues in February 2020 with Smart Home Technology webinars! Join us for engaging presentations and content with some of the industry's top professionals.
- If you attend 80% of the "live" webinar session you earn .1 CEU to apply toward recertification. Check out the webinar schedule and register today by [clicking here!](#)

Certification Exam Prep Courses

- **Reminder:** Chapter Officers receive a 30% discount on NKBA online certification prep courses. The discount code to use at checkout is Education2020.

Newly Certified Members

- The NKBA would like to recognize and congratulate the following members who recently earned their certification:

John McCartney, CKBD, South Florida, Parkland Kitchen & Bath

Meet Pahwa, AKBD, Northern California, Meetologie

Megan Voakes, AKBD, Wisconsin/Upper Michigan, Dream Kitchens

William Leung, AKBD, Northern California

Carolyn Andrews, AKBD, Northern Michigan, Northern Building

Kingsley Catalucci, AKBD, Northern New England, Rhode Island Kitchen & Bath Inc.

Sarah Robertson, AKBD, Westchester, Studio Dearborn

Note: Members who have recently earned a certification or specialty badge, and completed their online profile on nkba.org, are highlighted on the NKBA newsfeed and social media.



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NKBA NextUp

- NKBA has launched [NKBA NextUp](#), a multi-tiered program to recruit and empower the next generation of talent to fill jobs in the design and construction industry. By focusing on creating hands-on experiences, changing the dialogue and connecting interest to action through chapters, NKBA aims to recruit and empower a well-prepared workforce for our industry. To learn more, visit our [webpage](#) or email nextup@nkba.org.
- Click [here](#) for the Fox News interview at KBIS with NKBA's CEO, Bill Darcy, announcing the NKBA NextUp program.
- Your company can assist with NKBA NextUp! All member companies can post part-time jobs, job shadowing, internships and entry level opportunities on the [Jobs portal](#) for eager students. With your help, we can have an even greater impact to ensure the future K&B industry will prosper.

KBIS 2020

- Design and Construction Week 2020 was a huge success. There was so much to see and we hope you came back with some great ideas! Here are some links to specials highlights of the show: click [here](#) for the full State of the Association/State of the Industry address by NKBA CEO, Bill Darcy.

Thirty Under 30

NKBA introduced the Thirty Under 30 Class of 2020 at the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS), Jan. 21 in Las Vegas.

- Every year, the new class is tasked with a mission to be completed during the show. The incoming honorees will scour the show floor to identify the “best of” products and innovations in categories, to select the second annual 30s Choice Awards. These awards were presented on the KBIS NeXTStage, on Thursday, Jan. 23rd.
- Signature Kitchen Suite** is this year's sponsor of the Thirty Under 30 initiative, which recognizes accomplishments and potential for future industry leadership in outstanding young professionals, across a full spectrum of kitchen and bath design and remodeling. Click [here](#) to meet the inductees.

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Student Relations



Affiliated Schools and Students

- Do you have a college or university in your area that you would like to see become affiliated with the NKBA?
- Schools can join the NKBA at no charge by completing the online application at [NKBA.org](https://nkba.org). NKBA Affiliated Schools are encouraged to have a student chapter. The Student Chapter Toolkit can be found under [Resources](#). Please contact us at Schools@nkba.org if you have any questions about our Affiliated Schools program.
- Educators at NKBA Affiliated Colleges and Universities joined the NKBA Professional Development team at KBIS for the Educators Exchange, Live! The event, attended by 25 educators, started with a fun team-building activity, followed by a discussion to collaboratively reimagine the next Student Design Competition. If interested in contributing feedback about the next Student Design Competition, please contact Schools@nkba.org.



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Member Relations

Membership Resources

[Member Benefits Booklet](#)

[Membership Application](#)

New: [Benefits of Membership Video](#)

New Market Research Reports on NKBA.org

- NKBA's Market Research Department is the leading source of market and economic information on residential kitchens and bathrooms. It's mission is to educate and empower NKBA members by providing them with up-to-date, reliable information and insights that help them make informed business decisions. Please remind your members that NKBA research is a great member benefit and invite them to visit the [NKBA Store](#) frequently to access new reports as they are published.

Website Profiles

- Company and individual profiles are separate. Don't forget to complete both profiles to maximize your web presence. [NKBA Profile Instructions](#)

Jobs Portal on NKBA.org

- Don' forget to post on our [Jobs portal](#) to attract talent to the kitchen and bath industry. Posted jobs will remain active on the site for 90 days. After that period, the posting will be removed and the company that posted the job will be notified and can easily reactivate the post if it has not been filled. For questions, contact Member Relations at: info@nkba.org.

Contact Information Update

- If you or members in your chapter have changed companies, e-mails, home addresses, etc., please reach out to the NKBA Member Services Team at info@nkba.org and update your information. The changes will be reflected the next time you pull your chapter's roster, as they need to be made with National to be updated.

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Chapter Leadership Committee

[Click Here.](#) Also located on the website on the Resources page, under Chapter Officer Resources.

Did you miss the previous issue of the Chapter Officer Update or do you have suggestions for future issues? If so, email Donna Jensen at djensen@nkba.org.