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## President's News

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ HPBA Board Meeting 3-15-16
- ◆ AHPBA Annual Event 4-29/4-30
- ◆ AHPBA Board Meeting 4-29-16
- ◆ HPBA EXPO March 17-19, 2016

Dear AHPBA Members,

Aloha & Happy New Year. I have been fortunate to be elected as the 2016/2017 AHPBA President. A great thanks to Keith Richardson for all his accomplishments as the past president and an excellent board member.

I want to invite everyone to attend the HPBA EXPO in New Orleans in March. PS: "The King" and Clayton will be grillin' & smokin' in New Orleans in the Big Green Egg cook-off competition against teams from other affiliates on 3-17. Be sure to come by and support "The King Of BBQ's". I will be the one in the King Of BBQ suit.

Just a reminder to pay for your dues for

## HPBA News

We approved the HPBA budget for next year based on an anticipated 3% increase in EXPO revenue. You can now check out the HPBExpo.com website for information on this year's EXPO, and register for the EXPO and get your reservations for there too. Next year I get the great honor of being the Chairman of the HPBA board starting at EXPO. We will also approve the new affiliate agreement at the meeting just before EXPO starts.

Don't forget about the great reception on Wednesday night, 3-16-15 at Fulton Alley with the other affiliates RMHPBA, OHPBA, NWHPBA, SChPBA, and HPBA

2016 as a member in the AHPBA, and if you haven't been a member or looking to rejoin, please contact Larry for information. For those of you who have signed up this year, thanks for joining, YOU ROCK!!!, Remember to let your friends and associates know that you are a member of the AHPBA, and why you are a member. Check out the video on our website from members and why they are members.

**BECOME A MEMBER!** Members support members and our industry. Members of the AHPBA are the best of the best, become one.

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President - AHPBA  
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Pacific. Hope to see all of you there. I'll be there. There will other great things at EXPO to see including the new Big Green Egg cook-off. There will also be a mini parade on St. Patrick's day.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the HPBA, please feel free to contact me anytime at 505-983-5264 or at [retail@thefirebird.com](mailto:retail@thefirebird.com)

Gene Butler

Region 8 HPBA Board Member

## 2015 Annual Sponsors

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*Other donations by Arizona Fireplaces, Modern Flame, Jotul, Arizona Grill & Hearth, and Forest Energy*

## Annual Event News

Well, we have finalized the dates for this year's annual and we will have our reception on Friday, 4-29, and our education on the morning of 4-30. We hope that you can all make it. We have not finalized the education part of the program, so if you have any ideas or need to gain an NFI certification, please let me know. By the next newsletter we will have everything finalized, and when we do we will send out an invitation to you. I know it will be great as usual then. Go to our website to view pictures

from this year's event, [www.azhpba.org](http://www.azhpba.org). Education will be a priority this year, last year's classes were great, and we are sure this year's will be too. We are trying to get Hope back to teach again.

**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THIS YEARS EVENT**

Contact Larry at 480-772-2169 or [ahpba@outlook.com](mailto:ahpba@outlook.com)

## Sponsors:

Thanks to all our sponsors for last year. We really appreciate you making the AHPBA with your donations a better association. Hopefully you had a chance to view our video newsletter which will be one of our new benefits to some sponsors for next year. If you haven't seen our Dec. video newsletter, please go to our website at [www.azhpba.org](http://www.azhpba.org). We will be sending out an sponsorship[ letter shortly.

**AHPBA MEMBERS - PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS BY USING THEIR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES!**

Sponsors, Thanks again, from the AHPBA Board and all our members

## HPBA EXPO News

The EXPO website is open([www.hpbexpo.com](http://www.hpbexpo.com)) , and you can register to attend, make hotel reservations, and check out what is available, both in exhibitors and the education being offered. Plus you check out what you can do in New Orleans. Being in New Orleans on St. Patrick's Day should be great fun, and you can join us at the Fulton Alley for the AHPBA, RMHPBA, OHPBA, NWHPBA, SCHPBA and HPBA Pacific reception on St. Patrick's Eve. Check out their website at [www.fultonalley.com](http://www.fultonalley.com). I will be sending out an RSVP form to fill out for the reception in New Orleans. Check out the info about the Tail Gate party and the Big Green Egg cook off where Val Romero will be a grilling. Make it a point to come by and root Val on in the cook off.



## Stove Change Out News

Still nothing new on the change out, other than it looks like this change out will happen a little later than anticipated, maybe at the earliest late next year. Things are still moving forward, just at a slower rate. Since the change out will cover the northeastern corner of the state along with some other states in the Four Corners area, a lot of the area is home to the Navajo and Hopi Indian reservations. The final details are not set yet, but things like education are being talked about. Some of the change outs could include coal stoves along

with wood, gas, and pellet units.

In other change out news, there will be a change out in Colorado starting soon, and in California, the governor has put 40 million dollars into his budget this year for change outs. That may not pass, but it means that states are looking more and more into stove change outs as an alternative to help the air quality. Send questions to me at [ahpba@outlook.com](mailto:ahpba@outlook.com).

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATES

**NSPS** - NSPS is in, and 4.5 g/h or less is the magical number for Step 1 and this covers all wood stoves, wood inserts, and pellet stoves.

**Dec. 31, 2015** was the last date to sell any non-certified units. Also of importance is having the installation manuals close by the displays so potential owners can inspect it. There is always the possibility of EPA enforcement people to show up after the first of the year. **BE PREPARED!** Hang tags are not required in Step 1, but will be optional in Step 2. For more information contact: John Crouch at [crouch@hpba.org](mailto:crouch@hpba.org).

**DOE:** DOE finally had a seat down meeting with the HPBA. Will have to see what happens in the future. Nothing new to report as of right now, but we will let you know as soon as we have something.. For more information concerning the DOE, please contact Ryan Carroll at [carroll@hpba.org](mailto:carroll@hpba.org).

**TAX CREDIT ISSUE:** We have a tax credit of up to \$300.00 on approved units for 2015 and 2016. Go to <http://www.hpba.org/government-affairs/25c-tax-credit-1> for more answers. For more information, please contact Rachel at [Feinstein@hpba.org](mailto:Feinstein@hpba.org).

**CSPC** -The gas unit barrier issue is still being talked about by media. The latest Consumer Report's has an article in it about the barrier issue. So just be aware of how you can handle a question concerning units you sell and other units, especially units manufactured before 1-1-2015. For more information you can go to [www.safefireplacetips.com](http://www.safefireplacetips.com) or please contact: Rachel Feinstein, [Feinstein@hpba.org](mailto:Feinstein@hpba.org).

**NFPA 211:** The NFPA 211 has modified the rule to allow decisions to be based on a decision by a qualifying agency, such as NFI or CSIA. Also the rule about gas logs being certified for each unit that they are installed has been deleted, and the wording has went back to what it has been for the

last 15 years. If you have any other questions, please contact Tom Stroud, [stroud@hpba.org](mailto:stroud@hpba.org).

**CALIFORNIA BLOWER DOOR RESEARCH:** A new research effort to investigate the positive impact of a properly installed gas insert on home heat loss is underway with the backing of the HPBA Gas Hearth Appliance Section and administration by HPBA Pacific. The program enables dealers to give their customers a \$200 rebate in return for allowing a subcontractor to perform before-and-after blower door tests on the home to document the effects of installation of a gas insert. HPBA Pacific, which administers the project, has created a new website for this project at <http://gasinsertproject.com/>. California retailers who would like to participate should contact [Kaity Rosengren](mailto:Kaity.Rosengren@hpba.org) of HPBA Pacific. All other inquiries may be directed to [John Crouch](mailto:John.Crouch@hpba.org). This is reprinted from the HPBA Hot News.

**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD:** HPBA has gone live with its Legislative Action Center (LAC) program, an online tool that links you directly to members of Congress. Go to [hpba.org](http://hpba.org), go to Government Affairs, and click on Federal & State Govt. relations. If you have any problems getting on, please contact Rachel Feinstein at [Feinstein@hpba.org](mailto:Feinstein@hpba.org).

**LOCAL ISSUES:** For more info on Maricopa County, go to [www.cleanairmakemore.com](http://www.cleanairmakemore.com) and check to see if today is no burn day or you can download their app. Please follow you local building code issues and let me know if anything is happening in your area. Remember, the HPBA and the AHPBA may be able to help on any issue that arises.

Every one of these issues could affect your business now and in the future. These issues are a great reason to join your local affiliate of the HPBA, such as the AHPBA. Make your voice count.

**JOIN TODAY!**



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## Education Update

Our next educational event will be at next year's annual event. The classes have not been decided yet, so let us know if there is anything that you would like to hear about or learn about, such as social media, growing your business, etc.

If you going to EXPO this year, make sure you take some of the educational classes there. They have 40 classes and and you can check them out on [hpbexpo.com](http://hpbexpo.com). The government affairs

update calss will be of Friday afternoon at 3:00 and does not require an education passport. NFI certification will be available to for those of you who want to increase your professional standing.

So let me know if you need a class for something in the future or this year at our annual event. Your input is very important so please contact me at [ahpba@outlook.com](mailto:ahpba@outlook.com).

## Membership Update

Invoices have been sent out and most of our current members have paid. If you haven't paid, please do so; especially if you want to go to EXPO this year. You will need your membership ID number and be shown in the computer system that you are current on your dues.

If you know anyone in the industry that is not a member of the AHPBA, please talk to them about joining or give me their contact information. We are the smallest affiliate in the US, and we need to grow as an association.

If you missed one of our two video newsletters, you can go to our website and check it out.

**HOPE YOU ARE HAVING A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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**Member News:** The photo on the next page shows Jarrod Goss who works for AF Distrubuting and is our newest board member of the AHPBA.

The board elected their officers for 2016-2017.

Val Romero	President	Arizona Grill & Hearth	Tucson, AZ
Elliott White	Vice President	Modern Flames	Phoenix, AZ
Erica Peterson	Secretary	Earth Energy's Hearth & Home	Tucson, AZ
Jason Brown	Treasurer	HomCo Ace Home Center	Flagstaff, AZ

Members who have joined for 2016: Ace Hardware of Payson, AF Distributors, Arizona Fireplaces, Arizona Grill and Hearth, D Brown Sales, Builders Wholesale, Diversified Builder Supply, DN Hearth Services, Earth Energy's Hearth & Home, Eric and Sons, Forest Energy Corporation, HomCo Ace Home Center, Home n Hearth, Masonry Heater Association, Tim Mee, Southwest Gas, Specialty Fireplace Equipment, Thumb Butte Fireplace, Weather Shack, Wizard's Hearth & Home (Flagstaff and Show Low).

If you have any news on our members, please let me know at [ahpba@outlook.com](mailto:ahpba@outlook.com).



Photo Above: Here is a picture of Jarrod Goss from AF Distributing cooking at our last annual event. You can contact him at 602-243-6423. He is are newest and most recent board member of the AHPBA.



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