

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

SNAPSHOT

- ▶ 23 NEW MEMBERS
- ▶ 92% RETENTION
- ▶ 60 EVENTS HOSTED

HIGHLIGHTS

▶ ABC National Awards

In March, our Chapter was recognized by ABC National for Outstanding Membership Retention, Membership Growth, and we won the coveted Charles A. Mullan Award for outstanding chapter performance!



▶ State Convention & EIC Awards

In April, we hosted one of the best conventions to date at the new Oaklawn Casino & Resort in Hot Springs. We had record attendance for the two-day event and recognized 44 outstanding member projects at our annual EIC awards banquet.



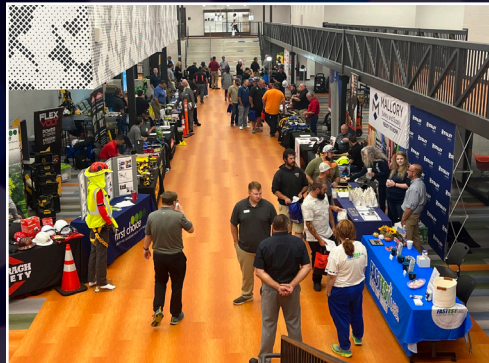
▶ Education & Training

Throughout the year we hosted 14 First Aid/CPR classes, six free lunch & learns on various safety and industry topics, six certified trainings and three leadership workshops around the state.



▶ Arkansas Safety Conference

In September, we hosted our inaugural Safety Conference in Benton, which featured representatives from OSHA & the DOL, a panel discussion on safety culture, six breakout sessions, and 31 industry vendors. We had over 150 members and guests participate!



▶ Young Professionals

Our YP Groups in Central and Northwest Regions hosted multiple Executive Breakfasts featuring C-Level ABC Members as well as several FLEX events (Future Leader Exchange), all for the purpose of professional development and building industry relationships.



▶ Youth Outreach Programs

This year we hosted six Youth Programs to teach kids and their parents about various construction careers. These workshops and camps were hands-on and focused on different trades. The activities were conducted by ABC member volunteers.



▶ Business Development Forums

We hosted our own industry forums in Fort Smith and Jonesboro but we also partnered with three groups for their forums - AdamsBrown CPA, EGP PLLC, and the Greater Little Rock Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction.



► Feeding the Masses

We love a good feast! We've fed hundreds of members across the state at our Crawfish Boils, Catfish Fridays, Chili Cook Offs, Food Truck Socials, and BBQ Competition. We aimed to provide plenty of opportunities for food and fellowship.



► Workforce Development

We continue to be a key industry partner with Vilonia Pathways Academy. VPA intertwines construction content throughout their high school curriculum and exposes students to hands-on opportunities in the construction industry, as well as connecting students with jobs before and after graduation.



► Apprenticeship

Currently, 23 companies utilize our electrical and plumbing apprenticeship program. Back in June, we recognized 29 graduates between the two trades. We've also continued to see record breaking journeyman exam pass rates! Our instructors are the best in the state!



► Political Advocacy

Our Chapter President, Bill Roachell is our registered lobbyist. He and several Board Members attended ABC National's LegCon in June. Due to our lobbying efforts in DC and Little Rock, Arkansas is a state with a strong business environment for merit shop construction contractors.



THANKS FROM OUR STAFF



A big thank you goes out to all of our members for their dedication and participation. It's been a fantastic year for our Chapter and our success is 100% due to our amazing member companies. Cheers to 2023. We look forward to seeing you next year!

— Bill, Megan, Haley & Kim