

## **Why join the PBA? – What's in it for my dues?**

### **PA One Call**

PBA is a member of the PA One Call network and this membership saves the builder member a one-time \$50 fee. Builders call One Call and are billed \$50; the member faxes their invoice to PBA, PBA provides a member number to One Call and the first fee is waived.

### **Code Book Discounts**

PBA members can order code books through the association at discounted prices. The list of code books, in various medium (paperback, disc, etc.) totals over 20 industry specific reference manuals.

### **Keystone Builder Magazine**

PBA members receive 6 publications of the Keystone Builder magazine, a premier state-wide building publication. Articles are varied and include topics related specifically to building, building products, land development, member profile articles, legislative initiatives (eminent domain, realty transfer tax, etc.). The association president shares their views as well on association management, initiatives, and planning for the future of the industry.

### **Access to Insurances and Programs**

PBA members are eligible to participate in various insurance programs – health and related employee coverages through the PBA Benefits Trust, Workers Compensation insurance through Builder Services, Inc. (BSI – the wholly owned subsidiary of PBA), and talks are underway to offer liability and property and casualty coverages to members. Builders can also participate in the Comfort Homes Program – have your home certified and the builder benefits as well as the homeowner.

*These programs already have \$147 Million in premium and offer the smaller builder access to significant group purchasing power for price negotiation.*

### **Access to Member's Only sections of the PBA website**

These sections offer articles, news links and other information not available to the general public. Items include the latest on legislative initiatives and PBA's position on building related issues, UCC issues, impact of implementation of the code and a Q and A page, a Model Building Contract for use in a member's business, statistics, and important links to help members grow their businesses.

### **Developers and Associates Councils**

The Developer's Council offers builders the opportunity to network with other builders and share ideas and concerns on the issues that directly impact their businesses – land development, codes, access to political issues and the politicians affecting the issues. The Associates Council provides an opportunity for the associate membership to network with other associates and builder members to grow their businesses. .

### **Legislative Events**

PBA members can participate in the political process at the Capital through the Hammer and Gavel Club (network of members called upon to contact legislators regarding key issues) and the PA Committee for Affordable Housing (PACAH) political action committee (fundraising efforts to further the political process as it relates to the building industry). Annually PBA sponsors a PACAH fundraising event that raises money for the PAC.

### **Leadership Retreat**

PBA members involved at the local and state leadership levels participate annually in a leadership retreat. The retreat is designed to motivate the leadership with ideas on how to effectively manage their local association, maintain financial responsibility at the local level, gain new insight into member recruitment and marketing, get updated on state and national issues, and have the opportunity to network with other leaders from across the state.

### **PBA Member Mall**

A new feature on the PBA website, the Member Mall allows members to purchase many of the items they are already purchasing, for instance – airline tickets through Expedia.com, products from many well known vendors, etc...

### **National Association of Home Builders**

Joining the PBA also includes membership in the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB); have your voice and the opinions of your local township heard on the national level!

### **Local Association Benefits**

In addition to all of the above, extra benefits are offered by specific Local Associations. Contact your Local Association to find out what other benefits they offer!

Find your Local Association at:

<http://www.pabuilders.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=307>

(Membership fees vary by local associations; please use our contact list to find your local association and the specific membership fees associated with it.)