



# ABC Events

The Place for Education and Inspiration



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Associated Builders and Contractors is a national construction industry trade association representing more than 21,000 members. Founded on the merit shop philosophy, ABC and its 69 chapters help members develop people, win work and deliver that work safely, ethically and profitably for the betterment of the communities in which ABC and its members work. ABC’s membership represents all specialties within the U.S. construction industry and is comprised primarily of firms that perform work in the industrial and commercial sectors. ABC member firms spend \$1.5 billion on workforce development and provide craft, leadership and safety education to more than 1.1 million course attendees annually.

ABC Events offer members and chapter staff the opportunity to access education, network with peers and celebrate the best in merit shop construction.

# Annual Events For Members and Chapters

The graphic features a background image of the Gaylord Palms resort at night. A large teal circle in the center contains the ABC logo and the text 'CONVENTION Gaylord Palms KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA March 13-17 2023'. To the left, a white box contains the text 'ABC CONVENTION' and 'abcconvention.abc.org'. Below this, a grey box lists the 'Target Audience' as 'Contractor members' and notes that education for chapter staff is now offered at the ONE Conference. At the bottom, four colored boxes highlight key events: '2023 ASSOCIATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS' (yellow), '33rd Annual National Excellence in Construction Awards' (purple), '2023 NATIONAL CRAFT CHAMPIONSHIPS PRESENTED BY ABC' (orange), and 'Construction Management Competition' (green) presented by the ABC National Student Chapter Network.

**ABC CONVENTION**  
[abcconvention.abc.org](http://abcconvention.abc.org)

**Target Audience:**  
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**ABC CONVENTION**  
*Gaylord Palms*  
KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA  
March 13-17  
2023

Held in March, the ABC Convention is the event of the year for merit shop construction, featuring networking events and thought leader sessions for members. The ABC Convention is home to the National Craft Championships, Construction Management Competition and the presentation of the Construction Workforce, Association Excellence and Excellence in Construction® Awards. The first of three national board meetings and national committee meetings takes place prior to the opening session of the convention. Convention registration opens in October of the year prior to the event.

**2023 ASSOCIATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Excellence in Construction® Awards**

**2023 NATIONAL CRAFT CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
PRESENTED BY  
**ABC**

**Construction Management Competition**  
PRESENTED BY  
**ABC NATIONAL STUDENT CHAPTER NETWORK**  
Associated Builders and Contractors

## ABC USERS SUMMIT

[userssummit.abc.org](http://userssummit.abc.org)

**Target Audience:** C-suite leaders from ABC member companies working with (or with a desire to work with) health care, industrial or multisite projects.



The exclusive ABC Users Summit brings together construction users and merit shop contractors for discussions about how to collaboratively improve the planning and delivery of high-quality industrial, health care and multisite construction projects. Attendance at the summit is limited to project owners, who receive complimentary registration, and ABC contractor members. There are a limited number of sponsorships available for contractors, associate and supplier members. The Users Summit is held annually in May in Dallas.

## ABC LEGISLATIVE WEEK

[legislative.abc.org](http://legislative.abc.org)

**Target Audience:** ABC members and chapter staff committed to advancing laws and policies that promote free enterprise and fair and open competition.

# LEGISLATIVE WEEK

Held in June in Washington, D.C., Legislative Day offers the opportunity for members to learn about issues affecting merit shop construction and advocate for pro-merit shop policies during visits with members of Congress and government officials. The second of three national board meetings and national committee meetings also takes place prior to the Legislative Day program.

## ABC VIRTUAL LEGAL CONFERENCE

[legalconference.abc.org](http://legalconference.abc.org)

**Target Audience:** Merit shop labor and chapter attorneys, contractors, ABC chapter presidents and government affairs directors.

# ABC VIRTUAL LEGAL CONFERENCE

The Legal Conference provides the latest information on labor and employment law and its impact on merit shop contractors, with content presented by ABC leaders, legal and regulatory experts, and government officials.

## INCLUSION, DIVERSITY AND EQUITY SUMMIT

[diversity.abc.org](http://diversity.abc.org)

**Target Audience:** Members and chapter staff with a commitment to creating an inclusive, diverse and equitable construction industry and putting the best talent on the field.

# INCLUSION, DIVERSITY AND EQUITY SUMMIT

Held in conjunction with Legislative Day in Washington, D.C., the Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Summit brings industry leaders and key stakeholders together to spark thought-provoking discussion—and action—on creating and sustaining the construction worker pipeline through workforce and supplier diversity, as well as focusing on the business case for IDE.

## ABC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

[leadership.abc.org](http://leadership.abc.org)

**Target Audience:** ABC chapter volunteer leaders, chapter presidents and C-suite executives from ABC member companies interested in enhancing leadership skills.



Held in November, ABC Leadership Institute offers chapter board volunteer leaders and C-suite executives from ABC member companies the opportunity to hone their leadership skills, develop business acumen and share operational tactics to help achieve ABC's strategic goals and improve company performance. Day One, the Executive Leadership Forum, offers general content for all ABC member and chapter leaders. Day Two is specifically focused on chapter leadership and includes content focused on governance, best practices and topics to develop effective volunteer leaders—all in a collaborative, solutions-orientation environment. Leadership Institute also features year round content and opportunities to connect and collaborate. The final national board meeting of the year and national committee meetings also take place prior to the Institute programming.

## PROJECT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

[abc.org/workforce/project-management-institute](http://abc.org/workforce/project-management-institute)

**Target Audience:** Construction company owners, project managers, estimators and any ABC member employee managing projects.



ABC's Project Management Institute is the premier education and professional development opportunity for future project management leaders. Developed by experienced contractors and Kirk Alter, a nationally recognized subject matter expert, this course is designed to meet the needs of today's contractors and help participants successfully handle all aspects of project management.

## Exclusively For Chapter Staff

### ONE CONFERENCE

[one.abc.org](http://one.abc.org)

**Target Audience:** All chapter staff.



Newly created in May 2021, this professional development conference is designed exclusively for chapter staff at all level. The format includes general and concurrent sessions designed for marketing, membership, education and operations professionals, as well as peer-to-peer and networking sessions to promote best practices and sharing.

### CHAPTER PRESIDENTS MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

[cpmc.abc.org](http://cpmc.abc.org)

**Target Audience:** Attendance limited to chapter presidents.

### CHAPTER PRESIDENTS MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

This peer-to-peer conference held each summer, is designed to help chapter presidents enhance their association management skills, share effective best practices and network with peers.