

## Upcoming Events:

**Nov 7**

2008 Hardscape Awards Banquet

The Water Front  
Tempe, AZ

**Nov 14-15**

2008 AZ Masonry & Hardscape Expo

East Valley Institute of Technology  
Mesa, AZ

**Nov 20**

General Meeting:

Maricopa County Air Quality  
Department to speak about dust control

BASF  
Chandler, AZ

**Dec 4**

General Meeting:

2008 A Year in Review

BASF  
Chandler, AZ

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## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Membership

The Chapter currently has 62 listed members. Of those 62 listed members, 17 still owe dues for the current year. If you still owe your dues, please send them in immediately to continue receiving the benefits of Chapter membership. We are working diligently to get these members resigned but can always use your help. Also, Jack Ross and Nathan Angel are always working to bring new members into the Chapter but need your help in recruiting any potential members. By the next update, we should have several new members to announce as many companies have expressed interest in joining the Chapter.

### Marketing

The marketing committee is continually working on improving the website. As always we ask for photos for the gallery and any input you can provide. We are re-organizing our methods of the newsletter so we will have one out quarterly starting with this issue. The Chapter is always looking for new ideas so please feel free to share them.

### Technical

The technical committee has arranged to have Dan McDonough of the Maricopa County Air Quality Department give a presentation on November 20, 2008 at the BASF facility in Chandler. This presentation does not qualify as “official training” that you may be required to have, but will give you basic information of the regulations and what additional training you may be required to have.

By now I am sure you are all aware of the recent regulations regarding air quality and dust control. Fines are being levied on a regular basis. This will be your opportunity to learn more details of the regulations, what is expected of you and to ask any questions. Put this in your calendar for your management and field leaders as a “must attend”.

### A Word From the President

As another year comes to a close the chapter is preparing for the upcoming year to ensure we are promoting ourselves into the industry as a resource for builders, architects, engineers, contractors and home owners. A couple of ways we are reaching all of these people is via radio advertising, the web, trade shows, and word of mouth. I invite you to attend our year end meeting where we will recap the chapter achievements in 2008 and review our plans for 2009. I also encourage you to join us at this time to meet the new board. Finally, as a reminder the 2008 ICPI Awards Banquet is Friday November 7th.— Bob DeRosa

## *Hardscape Highlights At A Glance:*

### *A Night at the Ballpark*

On August 21st we had a social event at the Ballpark. Approximately 90 people showed up to watch the Diamondbacks hammer the San Diego Padres. As usual with these social nights, it was a great opportunity for us to talk to not only our competitors but also to companies that we do not normally do business with. It is a very comfortable situation to meet and make new acquaintances. At the moment there are no further social events planned, but if someone has an idea please contact us.

### *Awards Banquet*

The 1st of many awards banquets is being received very well in the industry. We have 54 awards entered this year. The event is being held at the Waterfront in Tempe on November 7th. Seats are still available. You can register your party online, look under upcoming events and reserve your table today. Seating is limited to 250. Come join us for a fun night of live music, dinner, drinks and of course, the presentation of awards!

### *Educational*

The Chapter has continued to fulfill the commitment to educate the marketplace. We have consistently hosted 3-4 certification classes per year certifying over 250 attendees over that period. The National ICPI recently changed locations from Oregon to Chandler for their Oct. 22-23 "Train the Trainer" program due to pressure from the Chapter to host one and an overwhelming show of support from local industry experts. The next certification class is scheduled for February 2009 in Northern Arizona. Exact dates and place will be announced shortly. Please visit [www.icpia.org](http://www.icpia.org) to get further information.

### *AZ Masonry & Hardscape Expo*

The ICPI Arizona Chapter will be a title sponsor at the upcoming Arizona Masonry & Hardscape Expo. The Expo will take place on November 14-15 at East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) and is the first of its kind. The Chapter will be at EVIT conducting "How to" demonstrations, showcasing the latest trends in Hardscape, and providing information on how to select a qualified installer and where to buy Hardscape products. Demonstrations are free and open to the public; they will be held continuously throughout the day on Saturday November 15 from 8am to 2pm. For more information, please visit [www.icpia.org](http://www.icpia.org).



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