

membership . . .

NABA offers two different kinds of membership opportunities:

- **CONTRACTORS voting** membership fee -- \$500 per year.
- **MANUFACTURERS(AIR BARRIERS) voting** membership fee -- \$500 per year.
- **DISTRIBUTORS/COMPONENTS voting** membership fee -- \$500 per year.
- **ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, BUILDING OFFICIALS, SPEC WRITERS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, UTILITIES non-voting** membership fee -- \$150 per year or \$300 per year for a **voting** membership

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membership benefits

The National Air Barrier Association (NABA) is an industry organization dedicated to the installation of effective air barrier systems in buildings.

NABA is . . .

The National Air Barrier Association (NABA) began in 1995 and set out to design a technologically advanced program for the quality installations of air barriers. In 1996, NABA introduced their nine-step **Quality Assurance Program**. Today, NABA continues to gain momentum as it works with contractors, manufacturers, architects, engineers, consultants, and building owners, to increase the skill level and professionalism in the air barrier industry.

NABA members work with confidence on job sites and have access to the latest information on air barrier technology. NABA also provides a strong industry voice.

NABA promotes the services and qualifications of its members and gives them a national voice at trade shows and meetings.

Joining NABA is an investment in your business--and your future.

our methods . . .

Working in conjunction with the air barrier industry, NABA achieves its goals through the following methods:

TRAINING

Working with the industry, NABA develops and implements training courses for contractors and installers, resulting in certification and licensing.

REGULATION

Confirmation of the quality of air barrier installations is obtained through uniform installation standards and specifications. Skills level requirements are established for installers.

COMMUNICATION

By serving as an information centre, NABA channels information effectively and efficiently, keeping all component members of the industry aware of issues, challenges and concerns.

RESEARCH

We keep the industry progressive and effective. NABA oversees research and development programs which target air barrier technology and installation practices. NABA member input and feedback determines the direction of research programs.

PROMOTION

As an industry association, NABA develops outreach programs and tools that are used by members for self-promotion, or used by industry members as a whole to potential customers.

20 good reasons for joining NABA . . .

All members receive:

- quarterly newsletters
- membership bulletins
- inclusion in membership directory
- installation specifications
- technical support
- company promotion
- technology transfer
- a unified voice
- regional meetings and networking
- education days
- testing equipment

VOTING members have some additional benefits:

- a portable exhibit system
- industry advertising
- product handbook
- verification of quality contractors
- apprenticeship training program
- skills upgrading
- inspection services
- equal market opportunities
- membership plaque

everyone benefits . . .

CONTRACTORS benefit from a level playing field for the industry, reduced call-backs, continuing education, promotion as a professional, training for employees, and industry networking.

MANUFACTURERS benefit from the correct installation of their products. They have less callbacks, and can give an assurance to building owners, architects, and engineers that use their product.

ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS AND CONSULTANTS benefit from reduced liability, assurance of on-site quality installation, and assurance to building owners.

BUILDING OWNERS benefit from a correctly installed air barrier system which decreases building maintenance costs due to air leakage problems. This increases the life cycle of a building, gives it better indoor air quality, makes it more comfortable and energy-efficient, and lowers the operating costs.

quality assurance program overview . . .

NABA's Quality Assurance Program is based on nine main components . . .

Research and Development

This on-going component deals with the research of: installation practices, product performance, design considerations, and the compatibility of different air barrier materials.

Standards and Specifications

The standard for installation provides a benchmark for the installation of different materials, on-site testing requirements, and guidelines for such things as substrate preparation, application temperatures, etc.

Licensing/Accreditation of Manufacturers

The manufacturer agrees to produce a product that meets recognized and applicable standards and signs a licensing agreement outlining the responsibilities.

Licensing/Accreditation of Contractors

Contractors are required to employ a certified installer, have set amounts of general liability insurance, must be bondable up to a determined amount, abide by the association ethics and guidelines, and sign a licensing agreement dictating a professional conduct.

Certification of Installers

Installers are required to be trained and certified. We run on an apprenticeship system in which installers take modules of training in conjunction with actual work experience on-site under the supervision of a certified installer.

Documentation and Reporting

Installers are required to perform daily testing to confirm quality of installation and document this information.

Field audits

The association conducts third party unannounced audits of the installers and contractors, generating a report. A demerit point system is in place for the installer or contractor.

Database Tracking

All contractors, installers, manufacturers, and field audits are centrally database.

Appeal Process

The contractor or installer may initiate an appeal process in the case where the contractor license or installer license is revoked.

NABA's key objective is to provide building owners with quality products and installations that perform to design expectations.