



# ABC Networking Works!

Minnesota Chapter

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## JANUARY & FEBRUARY

### Meet the General Events

Five or six strategically placed structured networking events that allow general contractors to prequalify subcontractors, and for subcontractors to get on general contractor bid lists. Each event typically hosts 100 individuals and 8-12 general contractors.

## JANUARY

### Excellence in Construction Awards Banquet

ABC's finest general, sub and specialty contractors are awarded for their merits on projects with the most unique and challenging designs. This black-tie event includes a silent auction to help raise ABC's PAC and is a can't miss event that brings 150 people together each year.

## FEBRUARY

### ABC's Annual Safety Day

This full day brings together 150 ABC members during the doldrums of winter to focus on specific safety issues that concern contractors from all walks of life. Topics range from "Pre-task planning," to ARC Flash to trenching and excavating training. No matter what line of construction you're involved in, you can choose from over 20 specific classes as well as included meals and a keynote address.

## FEBRUARY

### ABC's Ice Fishing Tournament

This weekend event, held at Lake Mille Lacs or Red Lake allows contractors a time to unwind and catch a lunker! Numerous prizes and open networking highlight this weekend of fun. It's a great way to reward your employees for another successful year.

## MARCH

### ABC's Legislative Day at the Capitol

Meet your state representatives and senators and make sure that they are cognizant of the issues important to you and your business. Typically, 75 members come to make a direct impact on our elected officials' views of merit-shop contractors.

## JUNE-AUGUST

### GC Open Houses

ABC hits the road for a series of lunches at some of the state's most prestigious general contractors! Enjoy a complimentary barbeque lunch on ABC and learn about upcoming business opportunities throughout the year from some of ABC's best contractors. As an added bonus, ABC invites local legislators from surrounding areas to speak on behalf of their constituents and take questions from our members.

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### Emerging Professionals Group

Meets four to five times a year to help springboard tomorrow's leaders with topics on leadership, green building, networking and other topics to further the development of your company's future.

## JULY

### ABC's Golf Tournament

200 people get together for a fun filled day of games, golf, camaraderie and business opportunities that may last a lifetime. Whether you would like to be a sponsor or battle the competition on the course, this is a can't-miss event!

## SEPTEMBER

### Free Enterprise Alliance Sporting Clays Shoot

Held at the Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club, shooters get to take aim on one of the Midwest's most challenging 100-round sporting clay shoots, and enjoy a wild game dinner. Whether you want to sponsor a shooting station or try to get a top score, you're in for a great opportunity for an even better cause.

## SEPTEMBER

### ABC's Annual Planning Session

ABC's committees, board members and future leaders get together to determine what the association's strategic vision for the next year will look like. Based on our member's recommendations, ABC amends and narrows its focus on education, safety, business development and legislative priorities for the next year.

## NOVEMBER

### MN/ND ABC Craft Championships

This competition allows craft professionals with ABC member companies the opportunity to demonstrate their high-quality workmanship, technical knowledge and safe work practices. These craft professionals are the best-of-the-best tradesmen at some of ABC's top contractors. Participants prove their expertise in carpentry, electrical, fire sprinkler, HVAC, millwright, pipefitting, plumbing, sheet metal and pipe welding.

## NOVEMBER

### ABC Annual Meeting

This meeting celebrates ABC's successes over the last year, as well as our members accomplishments. We recognize anniversary members, take nominations for future board members, and thank ABC's volunteers for their dedication over the last year.

### Committees

Committees meet about eight times a year. ABC has committees on the following disciplines: Board of Directors, North Dakota Council, Membership, Education, Safety, Business Development, Emerging Professionals, Business Development, Legislative, and Political Action Committee.

### National Events

ABC hosts several national conferences each year including: ABC Leadership & Professional Development Institute, Construction Education Conference, Safety Conference, Electrical Contractor Conference, Mechanical Contractors Conference, Legislative Conference, Attorney's Conference, and ABC's Annual Convention.