

# Indiana Builders Association moving forward with **green** building initiative

**F**ourteen green building committee members met recently to review and act on the national green building program recently unveiled by the National Association of Home Builders. Within two hours, a motion was put forward, seconded, discussed and passed.

“The IBA green building committee recommends the adoption of the NAHB Green Building Guidelines for the IBA Green Builder Program until such time that we add

executive committee on May 12, and with approval, to the full Board on May 13. With approvals, IBA will adopt the NAHB Green Building Guidelines program as the recommended program for members who choose to certify green built homes.

Details on NAHB’s Green Building program are available at [www.nahbgreen.org](http://www.nahbgreen.org). Here, members can utilize NAHB’s green scoring tool by signing in and practicing the scoring of a green built house, learn about national’s green building home certification program, find information about the national Certified Green Professional designation, learn more about green, and gain insight into becoming a green home verifier.

IBA’s Web site, [www.buildindiana.org](http://www.buildindiana.org), also showcases an “IBA is going Green” section. It’s new and it’s green. It compliments the NAHB website with education, designation, and green events happening in Indiana.

H.B. 1280, which included a green building mandate, died in the Indiana General Assembly after negotiations failed. The bill,

which originally required certain public works contracts valued at \$1 million dollars or more be built or remodeled to LEED Silver, Green Globes Two Globe or an equivalent ANSI-Certified Standard was changed in the Senate to send the issue to a summer study committee. During conference committee time, IBA continued to oppose the mandate and the final version of the bill passed requires the issue to be further studied in summer study committee. IBA will continue to advocate for a voluntary, market-driven approach for green buildings and oppose mandates in this area.

Your IBA Green Building Committee consists of builders, remodelers, suppliers, and verifiers who are interested in taking residential home building to the next level - “The Green Level”.

Interested in learning more about going green? Attend IBA’s upcoming “Get Excited About Going Green Conference.” Details below. The rooms will be packed and the information exchange first-class. I look forward to seeing you there.



## **Green Building Update**

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the ANSI-Certified 700 Standard or NAHB no longer acknowledges the use of the guidelines.”

The motion will now go in front of the