

Celebrating 50 Years of Service to the Home Building Industry In West Virginia

May 18, 1959 - The National Association of Home Builders approved the application for affiliation of the Home Builders Association of WV.

President 1959 - Joe Ducci, Wheeling
President 1960 - Earl Jennings, Charleston
President 1961 - Mel A. Wright, Huntington



Joe Ducci,
Wheeling
First President

1962 - The Home Builders Association of WV, Inc. was chartered as a non-profit incorporated association.



Edwin C. Lemley
Parkersburg



John D. Bellotte
Morgantown

President 1962-63 - Edwin C. Lemley, Parkersburg
President 1964 - John D. Bellotte, Morgantown
President 1965-66 - Woodrow "Woody" Ritenour, Charleston
President 1965-67 - Okey Bennett, Parkersburg
President 1968 - L. J. Cavallero, Clarksburg
President 1969 - William K. Dempsey, Charleston

July 10, 1965 - President Woody Ritenour attends White House signing of the Housing & Urban Development Act.

1967 - Huntington Frederick Hotel selected as site for first State Convention. 200 attended with NAHB President Leon Weiner as featured speaker.

The Board opposed State Senate Bill #108 to License Plumbers and Electricians.

Committee was formed to investigate the possibilities of a State Building Code.

1968 - Endorsed the report calling for the establishment of the WV Housing Development Fund. A pension trust for membership was adopted.

1969 - Francis Fluharty became the association's full time (almost) Executive Officer

The 110 members attending the convention in Parkersburg requested the Federal Housing Administration institute changes in the WV office to provide for fullest possible production of housing in all forms.



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