

## Mid-Biennium Review

### Legislative Objectives: 2011 / 2012

#### ASA-MN Legislative Priorities

- To be “the voice of subcontractors” at the Capitol
- To protect and advance the integrity of the construction industry and subcontractor interests.
  - Business to Business Accountability – Financial Transparency HF 590 / SF 859
  - Seek guaranteed payment along with reasonable payment & retainage terms – HF 589 / SF 861
  - Address indemnification shift – HF 390 / SF 387
  - Achieve transparency in bidding and equitable indemnification clauses

#### Track & Address Emerging Legislation & Policies

- *At the Capitol:* To provide legislators with subcontractor & supplier driven solutions by offering fair, reasonable approaches to guaranteed payment & business practices
- *With peer groups:* To partner with peer groups (CBRC, AGC, Building Jobs Coalition, ACEC, RSA, AIA)
- *Within the Administration:* To engage with Administration to keep them informed about ASA-MN issues

#### Objectives for 2011 - 2012

- *Be a strong voice* at Capitol and be central to debates and discussions
- *Advance legislation* to provide subcontractors with business solutions
- *Defend against mandates, cost drivers & insurance shifts*
- *Effectively and efficiently use member resources* – ensure productive use of volunteer time

### Legislative Program: 2011 / 2012

The Legislature convenes its next regular session on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. Adjournment will likely be late April to mid-May. Having taken a seat at the policy table, moving forward ASA is now well positioned to drive many discussions.

#### Maximizing its resources, ASA-MN’s strategy includes the following:

- *Pursue ASA-MN’s priority legislation* – retainage, business-to-business accountability, indemnification
- *Participate in industry-wide coalitions* to achieve funding and policy outcomes for the construction industry (CBRC, Building Jobs Coalition)
- *Member engagement & grassroots mobilization* to build on the excellent member response to the 2011 action alerts
- *Front-end loaded policy discussions* by maintaining and increasing ASA-MN’s engagement with policymakers – committee leadership & members, industry “go-to’s”, DOLI’s Commissioner, & key staff
- *Take an active role monitoring and communicating with elected officials* when legislation is introduced; ASA-MN must make a point of talking with authors, even if to just let them know ASA-MN is present & engaged
- *Assess & track positions & agendas of interested groups* (AGC, BAM, ACEC, AGC, AIA)

KEY LEGISLATORS & COMMITTEES:

Senate Committees:       Jobs; Commerce  
House Committee:       Commerce

**SENATE**

**Jobs Committee**

Michel

Lillie

**Metzen\***

Cohen

Daley

Howe

Kelash

Miller

Nelson

Pederson

Tomassoni

Torres Ray

**Commerce Committee**

Gerlach

Gazelka

Bonoff

**Brown\***

Chamberlain

Dahms

**Jungbauer\***

Kruse

Pappas

Reinert

**Rest\***

**Sparks\***

Thompson

**Vanderveer\***

**Other Senate Authors**

**Hall\***

**HOUSE**

**Commerce Committee**

Hoppe

Sanders

Atkins

Anderson, D

Anderson, S

Anzelc

Crawford

Daudt

Dauids

Dittrich

**Johnson\***

Dieffer

Lillie

Loon

Mazorol

Mullery

Murdock

**Nelson\***

O'Driscoll

Slocum

Stensrud

Tillberry

**Other House Authors**

**Buesgens\***

**Howes\***

**Holberg\***

**Lanning\***

**Gruenhagen\***

**Dettmer\***

\* Author or co-author of ASA-MN priority legislation

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