

Catch up on the latest news and events from NKBA Southern California Chapter.



## Southern California Chapter

Have you attended one of our meetings yet?  
Register from our e-mails, links below, or register at the door for our Chapter Meetings.  
We can't wait to see you!

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# Chapter Meeting: Wednesday January 31st

## **FISHER & PAYKEL**

Presents:



**Explore the sights, sounds and smells of New Zealand.**

Come and Join the NKBA Southern California and the ASID Orange County as we come together for a joint meeting at the *new* Fisher & Paykel Experience Center in Costa Mesa. |

### [Meeting Information & Registration](#)

**Wednesday, January 31, 2018 from 6:00PM to 9:00PM**

Fisher & Paykel  
695 Town Center Drive. Suite 180  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

It will be a festive evening of fun with our friends from the NKBA and ASID with great food and exciting raffle prizes.

**Chef Rob Wilson** will be heading our our event with some exciting bites inspired by Fisher & Paykel products!

[\*\*REGISTER NOW!\*\*](#)

## Upcoming Events:

### **Modernism Week VIP Experience Bus Tour - February 20, 21, 22, 2018**

Register with NKBA Southern California for February 20th. If you can't make the 20th, attend the 21st and 22nd.

CEU Accredited Seminar

Enter code **NKBA-OC** to help benefit a portion of your registration fee to our local chapter.

[Register Now!](#)

### **Enter the Design Box Challenge**

[About the Design Box Challenge](#)

Entries due

**Thursday, February 1st.**

Download the [Designer Submission Packet](#)

Download the [Become a Sponsor Packet](#) to become a sponsor!

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### **Happy New Year!**

**May the New Year Bring You an  
Abundance of Good Health and  
Prosperity!**



## Past Events:

### **Holiday Party Recap, December 8th 2017**

Location: Hangar 21 Helicopters, Fullerton, CA

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors for their contributions that made our 2017 Holiday Party one for the recordbooks!

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Mode: Open Bar

Samsung: PhotoBooth

Volto Sponsors: Expressions Home Gallery, Rohl, Spectrum Quartz, California Fresh, Zephyr, Corian, Willis

Columbina Sponsors: C Group, Brizo, Viking, Beko, Sub Zero, Wolf, Moen

View the photos from the evening: [Holiday Party Photos](#)



## Star Awards

Our 2017 Membership Chair and Current 2018 President was recognized at the General Session of the Chapter Officer Training at KBIS 2018 on January 8th. The officers are recognized for their hard work and outstanding achievement. Their contributions made a difference in 2017 and the NKBA recognizes them as extraordinary chapter officers!

Congratulations **Nichole Cooper** for your "**BEST VP MEMBERSHIP**" Star Award for your VP Membership in 2017.

## 2018 NKBA 30 Under 30

Congratulations to **Melanie Towney** of Emser Tile and member of the NKBA Southern California was recognized as a part of the 2018 NKBA 30 Under 30 Program.



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# Industry Opportunities

## NKBA.org New Website

Complete your profile!

Your e-mail is your log-in to the new [www.nkba.org](http://www.nkba.org) website. Your password should have stayed the same!

The new NKBA website has been designed to show off your business, produce the best possible search engine results and help you take your career to the next level. It all starts with your completed profile. Log-on today and create a profile to get the maximum benefits.

[NKBA.org](http://NKBA.org)

## Government Relations

At KBIS 2018, NKBA announced a shift to a more proactive approach for monitoring public policy issues, which was well-received by those in attendance. Silvia Lattoz, NKBA's Government Relations Specialist, enjoyed meeting many NKBA members and will be reaching out to Chapter Presidents to learn more about your needs and interests.

## Membership Applications

The NKBA is no longer accepting paper applications. Visit the homepage of NKBA.org (<https://nkba.org/info/join>) where you can find a short form to complete. The online form is sent to the Membership Services team at National who will reach out with detailed information including the cost to join and membership type.

## Contact Information Update

If you have changed companies, e-mails, home addresses, etc., please reach out to the NKBA Member Services Team at [info@nkba.org](mailto:info@nkba.org) and update your information.

## NKBA State of the Industry Address 2018

### [State Of The Association and Industry 2018](#)

Watch the State of the Association & Industry LIVE from #KBIS2018! Featuring panelists David Kohler, President & CEO of KOHLER, Rick Hasselbeck, Chief Commercial Officer of GE Appliances, Scott Culbreth, SVP & CFO of American Woodmark Corp, moderated by Melissa Francis of FOXBusiness & Fox News.

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## Certification

### AKBD Bundle Package

**NKBA members, you can now save over \$150 and start your path to NKBA Certification with the AKBD Bundle Package - everything you need to prepare for the AKBD Exam in one easy purchase.**

**Bundle Package includes:**

- Exam application fee
- Exam fee
- NKBA Professional Resource Library books - a 9-volume hardcover set
- 30 education hours of on-demand exam prep courses
- Certification Study Guide
- AKBD online practice exam
- Flashcards
- NKBA Kitchen & Bathroom Planning Guidelines
- Shipping & handling in US & Canada

**Applicants must document a minimum of two years' experience to qualify for the AKBD exam. The price for NKBA member is \$1499.**

[More Information...](#)

## 2016 NKBA Certification Update

All NKBA certified members were sent a hard copy letter that describes the changes to the NKBA certifications, effective on July 1, 2016. These changes were developed under the guidance of the Certification Task Force, in collaboration with the Exam Test Board. The changes were approved by the NKBA Board of Directors during the Fall 2015 meeting.

- Beginning July 1, 2016, the NKBA will offer a new certification exam that identifies a certified kitchen and bath design expert through a single exam. Candidates for the new Certified Kitchen & Bath Designer (CKBD) will no longer need to sit for both the CKD and CBD exams. Candidates will have access to the CKBD exam year-round.
- The CMKBD qualifications will now encourage promotion of consumer and industry awareness, industry leadership, and mentoring new designers.
- Students at NKBA accredited college programs may now sit for the Associate Kitchen & Bath Designer (AKBD) exam prior to graduation. Students must complete a minimum of 85% of their Kitchen and Bath coursework to be eligible.
- All NKBA certified members are now required to earn 20 CEU hours per two-year cycle. This change will be effective beginning with the next CEU cycle on July 1, 2016 - NKBA University offers **free** CEU approved webinars every month (12 per year). A member can earn 24 **free** CEU hours from the comfort of their home or office. The new CEU requirement of 2.0 CEUs (20 hours) during the 2-year cycle is within the industry norm.

## Sponsorship:

Interested in hosting a meeting or becoming a web sponsor? [CLICK HERE](#) to learn about the benefits and the types of sponsorship opportunities available through your local NKBA SoCal chapter.

## Your Contributions Count!

Do you have an interest in contributing content to the next Newsletter?  
Then WE want to hear from YOU!

For submissions, contact Jennifer Beavers at [communications@nkba-socal.org](mailto:communications@nkba-socal.org)!

## Employment Opportunities:

Did you know that the NKBA Southern California Chapter has a page on our website listing a variety of employment opportunities? If you're looking for a job in the kitchen and bath industry, or are looking to make a change, [CLICK HERE](#) to check it out!

Also, take note that members can post job openings by contacting:  
[communications@nkba-socal.org](mailto:communications@nkba-socal.org)

## About NKBA Southern California Chapter:

The mission of the National Kitchen & Bath Association is to enhance member success and excellence by promoting professionalism and ethical business practices, and providing leadership and direction for the kitchen and bathroom industry. With more than 36,000 members in 50 states and seven Canadian provinces, the NKBA promotes the interests of all facets of the kitchen and bathroom industry.

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