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ARPA Gov't Affairs Committee Hosts President Burn's Kitchen Cabinet Meeting.



Members of the ARPA Government Affairs Committee recently got an up-close look at the legislative process when they were invited to attend a closed-door meeting of Senate President Bob Burns' Kitchen Cabinet. Burns invited fellow Senators to meet with industry and policy leaders in an effort to work out a strategy to secure the few remaining votes needed on the 2010 budget.

After the meetings, Committee members took the chance to talk with the Senators and pose for a picture. Left to right are Rusty Bowers, Tom Lowry, President Burns, Sen. Pamela Gorman, Sen. Thayer Verchoor, Sen. Steve Pierce, Steve Trussell and Eric Mears. Crystal Shultz took the picture, while Greg Patterson stood in the back telling everyone to "look natural."

Reminder: Convention Registration Deadline Is June 8th. Register Today!

ARPA Has Lost a Friend



Peoria Police officer Mike Gauchat was killed in a helicopter accident last week. Mike was a respected member of the ARPA Safety Transportation Committee; he was very involved and consistently helped members with compliance related issues.

Steve Trussell attended the service last Saturday on behalf of ARPA. There were over 750 people in attendance.

We will miss him.

Eco-Edge Named APS Supplier of the Year

Arizona Public Service Company has announced its "Suppliers of the Year" award, honoring ten companies APS has deemed the "best-of-the-best for 2008". The 2008 winners included ARPA member Eco-Edge which won the coveted "Sustainability Supplier of the Year" Award.



"Our suppliers are critical to our company's success," said Ron Trafzer, Director of Supply Chain Management for APS. "The APS Supplier-of-the-Year Awards are an opportunity for our company to honor the suppliers who continue to bring innovative ideas and solutions to enable us to achieve our goals."

Eco-Edge works with diesel fleets and industrial operations in order to increase profits and reduce environmental impacts, and brings an unprecedented level of credibility to the industry.

Eco-Edge matches companies with eco-efficient solutions to help them realize optimal performance and profitability from their fleet and equipment, and works with companies to improve fuel economy, reduce maintenance costs, reduce energy usage, and provide more efficient and effective operation--all the while utilizing environmentally sustainable methods.

The Eco-Edge team is proud of their work with Arizona Public Service and appreciates that APS recognizes Eco-Edge's efforts to increase APS's profitability while decreasing its environmental impacts.

We at ARPA offer our congratulations to the team at Eco-Edge; we appreciate their support of ARPA as well as their commitment to the industry and the environment.

When the Levee Breaks

Each year, Legislators sponsor over 1,500 bills and after nearly six months of committees meetings, caucus presentations, floor debates and votes...around 300 of those bills are enacted into law.

This year, Senate President Bob Burns put those 1,500 bills on hold while the state grappled with the state budget.

The move had the effect of pressuring legislators to focus exclusively on the budget and helped the public to understand the importance of the budget crisis.

Now with three weeks left in the Session, Legislators have passed a budget and are sending it to the Governor. The move breaks the logjam and will allow the Legislators to begin working on bills. Now there is a mad scramble to get the bills heard.

Rusty is spending his days at the legislature to ensure that ARPA's legislative agenda doesn't get lost in the shuffle.

In future blasts, we will have a full update of the progress of ARPA's legislative agenda.

Check the ARPA Website for Updates.

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