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## ARPA Hosts MSHA Spring Thaw



On April 30, 2009 ARPA participated in the Annual Spring Thaw held at the Mesa Holiday Inn

ARPA was asked by Dave Brown, Mesa Field Office Supervisor, for assistance in planning and promoting Spring Thaw 2009. Steve Trussell stated, "We had concerns about attendance for two reasons first past turn out and the economic times we are facing. Last year there were only 60 people in attendance, so the planning team set a general goal to double that number. We felt if we pull that off it would be a vast improvement. We had well over four times more than last year. That kind of participation is testament to the value of the topics offered and interest in sharing timely information that at the end of the day brings us home to the ones we love."

But the best part was the line-up which included; Dave Brown, Richard Laufenberg, Tina O'Shields, and Hillary Smith from MSHA Joe Hart and Frank Rabago from the Arizona State Mine Inspector's Office, Tom Vanderwalker, SRMG, Laura Beverage, Jackson Kelly, Richard Hudson, Resolution Copper, H.L. Boling, H.L. Boling and Associates, Mark Rock, CalPortland. ARPA's Steve Trussell emceed the event. Topics ranged from agency updates to conferencing, ground control management, regulatory case law and compliance, contractors, the SLAM program, and involvement at all levels.

ARPA would like to thank MSHA for the opportunity to be involved in the event along with industry partners and gracious speakers. The planning was made up of the following individuals; Dave Brown, Tina O'Shields, Tom Vanderwalker, Brian Krauss, Mike Flynn, Lee Travis and Ben Dorris.

## Councilman DiCiccio to Address ARPA Board

Phoenix City Councilman Sal DiCiccio will address the ARPA Board on Wednesday May 20th. The Councilman will share the economic development proposals that he has developed to help increase growth in the Phoenix economy.

The meeting will also provide Board members with the chance to discuss ARPA's priorities including the use of recycled asphalt and escalator/de-escalator clauses.

The meeting starts at 8:30. Breakfast will be provided.



ARPA Board Meets  
Wednesday  
May 20th.  
(See Article Below)

HR Committee  
This Wednesday,  
May 13th

Kim Whitten of Vulcan Materials Company will be giving a presentation on FMLA and will talk about some of the procedures/practices that her company is currently using to ensure compliance.

Additionally, Committee Vice Chair, Stacey Stevens of Vulcan Materials Company will provide information on EFCA and some of the things that her company has done and are planning to do to educate their workforce. She will also have information regarding who is considered a supervisor under the NLRA as well as some proposed changes to the definition of supervisor under the proposed RESPECT Act

## President Burns' Kitchen Cabinet



Those of you are familiar with past Blasts know that Rusty Bowers and Greg Patterson each serve on Senate President Bob Burns' Kitchen Cabinet.

The Cabinet meetings are held at the ARPA building every other Wednesday. The Cabinet members discuss the status of the state budget, progress of the legislative session and progress on key bills.

President Burns reported that communication with the Governor's office has improved dramatically over the last week and the prospects of a budget are getting much better.

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