



Dear Fellow NABE Members:

As many of you know, our current executive director, Susan Doolittle, will be retiring this fall after serving with distinction for 15 years. I'm very pleased to announce that our search committee has selected Tom Beers as NABE's next executive director. Tom will start with NABE on July 15, and will work alongside Susan until NABE's 51st Annual Meeting concludes on October 13.

Tom brings to NABE a varied blend of experience as both an economist and as an association executive, a career combination that we believe will serve us very well. He grew up in San Diego, and holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a master's degree in economics from Johns Hopkins. He moved to Washington after earning his bachelor's degree to take a research economist position at the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and went on from there to specialize in mortgage-backed securities as a financial analyst with IMAKE Consulting. His association career began at the National Association of Realtors, where he signed on as an economist, but also became involved with everything from survey research to the developing and marketing of all of the association's research products and services.

He is now the vice president and chief economist of the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI), the Arlington, Virginia-based trade association representing all segments of the manufactured and modular housing industries. Tom's MHI responsibilities have included the institute's macroeconomic forecast and acting as a media spokesperson on the U.S. economy, housing finance, and related policy issues affecting the manufactured housing industry.

We're very fortunate to have within our membership a deep respect for our past, and a vision for how NABE can contribute to both our individual professional lives and to the future of the economics profession itself. Tom Beers is an economist and association executive who is uniquely suited to take on the role that Susan Doolittle has so ably executed for us, and I hope you will join me in welcoming him aboard.

Sincerely,

Chris Varvares
NABE President