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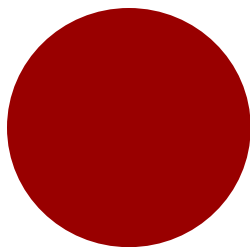
Midwest Association of Housing Cooperative’s Annual Conference was held at the Bally’s in Las Vegas, Nevada. With more than 300 attendees, 64 Cooperatives were represented, and 10 management companies all convened in Las Vegas May 23-27, 2010.

The kick off of the Annual Conference began with an Opening session with MAHC’s President Mr. William Magee and guest speaker Herb Fisher welcoming conference attendees and letting them all know confidently the knowledge they leave with from the 2010 Conference will be beneficial, and the importance of the cooperative movement. Then our professional facilitators took over with empowering classes on diverse housing cooperative issues such as Refinancing, Anatomy of Your Building, Green Can Be Sustainable, Social Networking, How to Read Financial Reports, Curb Appeal, Disaster Planning, Fair Housing, Learning Your Documents, and many more.

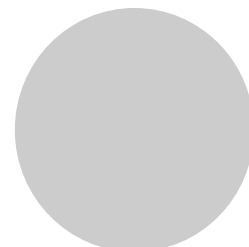
MAHC’s first roll out of the new educational Certified Cooperative Management (CCM) program was a success with 12 NEW participants getting certified and pinned on May 26, 2010.

The Certified Cooperative Director (CCD) program certified another 19 knowledgeable participants.

It is the Mission of the Midwest Association of Housing Cooperatives to support and champion the cause of quality housing through education, legislative action, partnership and advocacy for housing cooperatives.



CONGRATULATIONS to our NEW Certified Cooperative Managers



Rosemary Collins

Noble Square

Cheryl Suttington

River Park

Joy Dickinson-Greene

Branford

Marcie Wainright

Pine Tree

Mary Redd

Fountain Court

Shanna Tait

North Brighton

Angela Pearson

Winfield Village

Shawn Neal

Kirkridge Park

Amy Sanford

Georgetown Place

Alyssa Jones

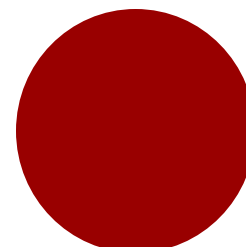
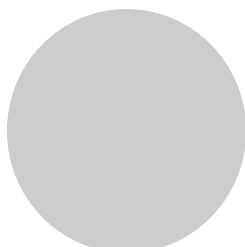
Royster Management

Mimi Kali-Powers

Arrowwood Hills

Bonita Royster

Royster Management



**CONGRATULATIONS to our NEW
Certified Cooperative Directors**

Gregory Dias

St. Joseph Community, Inc.

Cassandra Robinson

Oakdale Residence

Mike Reading

Pine Tree

Kay McKelvy

River Park

Ossie Dixon

Oakdale Residence

James Pierson, Jr.

Fountain Court

Karen Mitchell

Grandville

Eloise Martin

Oakdale Residence

James Franklin

Arrowwood Hills

Linda Asim

The Retreat

Bill Bailey

Independence Square

Juan Montalvo

Arrowwood Hills

Krystal Williams

Grandville

James Daniel

Arrowwood Hills

Betty Maltbia

North Brighton

Stephen Somuah

Lakeview Towers

Sheila Johnson

North Brighton

Sheryl Frank

Independence Square

Bobby Joe Johnson

Lafayette Plaza





Look Who's Name Is Up In Lights!!!

Miss Tangela Woodley was recognized on the Oak Park High School billboard because of her outstanding level of academic achievement. She has earned a 4.3 G.P.A and she is in the 11th grade. Tangela is taking her Associates Degree at Oakland Community College, studying Japanese language, and has earned placement in Advanced English Classes and Physics. In addition, she received a score of 29 on her ACTs. Tangela you have made all of us proud and we hope all of your dreams come true. Keep up the good work! We know God will keep on blessing you. Love and congratulations from your family, friends and Oakdale Class of 2011.

Meet your 2010 MAHC Board Members

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**Re-Elected
Board Member Profiles**

Bill Magee

President (Re-Elected for 3 years)

Why do I want to stay in your service? Because you, the MAHC membership, keep me wanting to come back. I gain strength and energy from the work, the dreaming, the give and take and the teamwork which are all essential elements in serving our membership. We have accomplished much together but there is still much to do. With dedication and consistent leadership along with a strong teamwork concept, I could never just walk away and claim the dream is finished. The dream continues to evolve and develop.

Blaine Honeycutt

Treasurer (Re-Elected for 3 years)

Over the last 7 years Mr. Honeycutt has added to MAHC's success in many ways. He has served as Co-Chair of the Conference and planning committee, improved MAHC conference attendance and attendee satisfaction, designed and taught the Emergency preparedness class for MAHC, updated MAHC training manuals library, worked to make MAHC financially strong during his term as Treasurer of the Board, Winner of the 2004 C. March Miller II Award for outstanding service by a MAHC Board Member, has visited over 350 Cooperatives as a board member and MAHC trainer, 19 year Board Member of Georgetown Place Cooperative—Taylor, MI (17 as President).

Nikita Frederick

Member (Re-Elected for 3 years)

Ms. Frederick brings loyalty, compassion and integrity with her wherever she goes. "My participation on this board has been an inspirational experience that I wish to continue." She is a retired Sheriff Deputy (25 years of service), Union Rep for 8 years, 18 year Board Member of Birch Run Cooperative—Romulus, MI and a MAHC Board Member for 6 years.

**Re-Elected
Board Member Profiles**

Anna Howard

Member (Re-Elected for 3 years)

Ms. Howard worked as a Hospice representative for over 31 years giving comfort to those who need it most. She has served on the Ash Street Cooperative Board for over 3 years, has served on the MAHC Board for one year and serves on committees of all types: Membership, Seniors, House & Grounds, Strategic Planning. Ms. Howard supports not only her own Cooperative (Ash Street), but also MAHC in their endeavors to better educate cooperators of all ages in order to secure cooperative living for the coming generations.

Jay Anderson

Member (Re-Elected for 3 years)

Mr. Anderson has been on the Board of Directors for Blackstone Cooperative in Detroit, MI for over 18 years. For the past 3 years he has diligently served as a MAHC Director and has been active and visible at each conference in a multitude of capacities: facilitating classes to enhance the quality of life for MAHC members; photographically capturing motivating memorable moments of member's conference activities; providing a friendly "board connection" to the members he serves. It is his personal conviction to always be the connection of brotherhood in this organization. As we uplift cooperative standards, education, and lifestyle.

Richard Gibson

Member (Re-Elected for 1 year)

Mr. Gibson has been honored to serve Colonial Square Homes for the past 26 years and MAHC during the past year. He was privileged to receive the Morley Presidents Award at last years MAHC conference and has enjoyed the relationships that have been made since Colonial Square Homes joined MAHC a few years ago. The mission of MAHC is something that he is passionate about. The creation of more coops serving more people is a worthwhile quest that he gladly offers his skills, experience and expertise to.

**Newly Elected
Board Member Profile**

Jennifer Rhodes

Member (Elected for 2 years)

“HELLO, I hail from Three Fountains West Cooperative in Indianapolis, Indiana. I’ve been a shareholder since 1979 and once I learned just what a coop was, I set out on a mission to ensure that everyone I met and orientated would understand what a cooperative was and what a good investment and community it could be.” Ms. Rhodes has been a Cooperative Board Member for 7 years; Board Member—State of Indiana Professional License Board for 6 years; and a MAHC supporter for 7 years.

2010 MAHC Awardees

C. March Miller II: Cynthia Phillips

A. Morley Presidents Gavel: Larry Millet

Almeda Ritter: Richard Berendson

Spirit Award: Unified/ Midwest Management

Huntington Management

Professional Property Services

Leadership Award: Melanie Phillips

Special Award: Marlene Dau

Congratulations to all of you! Keep up the Great Work!!!

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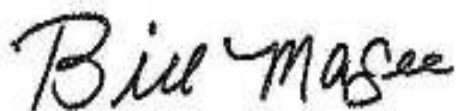
Dear Marlene:

I realize that "Thank You" is a small reward for all of your diligence in putting together an outstanding Board Retreat last weekend. But Thank You is all I have to give at this time. Perhaps in coming years there will be ways to more tangibly reward you, but for now I must just speak from my heart.

I want you to know that your efforts were greatly appreciated and all of the hard work you put into developing and presenting the MAHC Board Retreat was recognized. Your interest in MAHC along with the courtesy and cooperation you so freely extend for the benefit of our organization is remarkable. To take the time to put together such a wonderful retreat, given the busy schedule we all know you have, can only be considered a great benefit towards the continual growth of our organization.

It is great to have you as an integral member of the MAHC team. Thank you for all you do.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Magee". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of "Bill" and "Magee" being capitalized and prominent.

Bill Magee, ARM, CCD, LAP, NAP

President Midwest Association of Housing Cooperatives

Success Starts With Teamwork
Annual Board Member Retreat - July 10, 2010

On July 10th, 2010 the Midwest Association of Housing Cooperatives held its Retreat Board Meeting in Romulus, Michigan. All board members were able to make this meeting except two. The discussions were lively and productive.

The annual retreat centers around two things:

1. Taking the current Mission statement of the Association and looking in depth as to each segment and what we are currently doing well and what we need to zero in on to keep working for the membership of the Cooperatives and what their needs are.

Our current mission statement: *“To support and champion the cause of quality housing through education, legislative actions, partnerships, and advocacy for housing cooperatives.”*

*We took each piece of that mission statement (education, legislative, partnerships and advocacy) and looked at what goals we need to set to be looking and moving forward with cutting edge products and services for the membership.

*This process created goals under each of the headings that have been assigned to committees and will be brought back to the entire Board of Directors for final approval and implementation. Some will take longer than others but we will continually move forward with results or changes as necessary.

2. The second thing we did was look at the results of the strategic planning CCD education portion where the board members as students gave the MAHC board ideas as to what they think our goals should be. Surprisingly, a lot of things closely matched or were exactly what the Board of Directors brought forward. This gave us a good feeling as to our diligent efforts to pay attention to the membership as to their wants and needs. These were incorporated into the committee charges as well.



Other items discussed on Saturday were how to continue the progress of the new certification classes: the CCD, CCM and CCMM. We are working on bringing these classes to the members regionally or state by state. There have been some requests already so we will market the classes with those options in mind.

Additionally, there will be a draft presented to the Board of Directors of how the Participants that have earned their Certification already will be required to get six (6) hours of continuing education that will keep them the “Premier Members” with ongoing education and credentials. We will bring forth categories that will be acceptable and will be held at the conferences or mid-years so participants can easily reach this goal.

All in all, everyone felt really good about all the work that was accomplished in this one day retreat and we all feel even better about giving the paying Cooperative membership cutting edge information and education.

-Article by Board Member Marlene Dau

***Board Members
pictured working
diligently for the
good of all Housing
Cooperative
Members at the
Annual Board
Member Retreat.***



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A Taste of What You Missed

Dear Mr. Magee and MAHC Board Members,

Thank you for including me in the annual conference. Topics were timely and the sessions I attended were useful and informative. Participants in the sessions I presented were well-informed and contributed valuable comments that allowed us to learn from one another.

From my perspective as a participant and a presenter, the conference was a success and I am grateful to you for the opportunity to attend.

Sincerely,

Su Bacon

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