

April 2014 Eblast

Welcome to NMHOA's April 2014 Eblast. Please share these monthly Eblasts with as many home owners and other interested individuals as you have on your email list. The Eblast is an important way for NMHOA to share exciting news from across the country.

Welcome and Thank You – NMHOA is very pleased to welcome **Camelot Meadows HOA** in Delaware, another home owners' association (HOA) that has recently joined NMHOA. NMHOA also wishes to recognize the **Association of Manufactured Home Residents of Ohio (AMHRO)** for their state membership renewal. Indeed March, the last month for which we have complete figures, was a bumper month for NMHOA when **100% of our members**, who were due to renew that month, did so. The NMHOA board sends its most sincere thanks to all of you for your continued support.

Welcome and Thank You – The NMHOA board welcomes **Rita Loberger** of Oregon and **Gary Miller** of New Jersey who have both kindly stepped up to fill the two vacant At-Large Board positions. Both Rita and Gary have been involved with manufactured housing issues in their respective states for many years and have attended several NMHOA Annual Conventions and so are well aware of the commitment they are being asked to make and we thank them most sincerely. Also at its April board meeting, the NMHOA board unanimously approved the appointment of **Ann Norton, Legislative Analyst for AARP** as an Advisory Board member. Ann has been working with manufactured home owners for many years, previously in Minnesota and New Mexico. Ann now resides in Colorado and is looking forward to working with NMHOA members there as well as with the national board. As if this was not enough good news, **Kylin Parks**, West Region VP, offered to fill the vacant secretary position, an offer for which the board is very grateful.

Policy initiatives – In the Eblasts from the past two months and in the spring issue of *NMHOA Across America* we shared with you the harm that HR 1779 and S. 1828 would cause manufactured home owners if these companion bills were to move forward. We learned on Saturday April 26 that Sen. Manchin of W. VA planned to bring markups of the senate version (S. 1828) to the Senate Banking Committee on Tuesday April 29. However, thanks to the quick action of NMHOA board members and a number of state association presidents who contacted Sen. Manchin, and the Chair and Ranking Member of the Banking Committee on Monday, these mark ups were not brought to the committee. This is great news for manufactured home owners and shows how sometimes even just a little bit of pressure applied in a timely manner can make a huge difference.

Last words for April – On Monday April 28 **Doug Ryan**, CFED's Director of Homeownership, NMHOA Secretary **Kylin Parks**, and NMHOA Executive Director, **Ishbel Dickens**, presented an overview of manufactured housing at the National Low Income Housing Coalition's Annual Convention. Their presentation was well received, and opportunities like these are great ways to continue to build alliances with affordable housing providers and to illustrate for them the important role that manufactured housing plays in helping to solve the affordable housing crisis in this country.

While in DC, Ishbel, along with Doug Ryan, met with **Ms. Pamela Danner**, the newly appointed Administrator for HUD's Office of Manufactured Housing which includes the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC). The MHCC deals with design and safety issues of new manufactured homes. The MHCC is a 21 person committee whose members are appointed by the HUD Secretary.

NMHOA President Tim Sheahan and Ishbel are two of the seven members of this committee who represent the home owners' perspective.

You can read about all about NMHOA at the NMHOA webpage: www.nmhoa.org and please check out our facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/NationalManufacturedHomeOwnersAssociation>

If there are stories from your state that you would like to share through the Eblast, please contact NMHOA Executive Director, Ishbel Dickens at: ishbel@nmhoa.org – your story will inspire others.