

## August 2014 Eblast

Welcome to the August 2014 Eblast from the National Manufactured Home Owners Association (NMHOA). 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.

**Thank You** – to the renewing individual home owners who have chosen to support NMHOA with their annual memberships. NMHOA is a membership-based organization and your commitment to NMHOA is very much appreciated.

***I'mpowered*** – NMHOA is pleased to announce the launch of a new educational tool that will be sent on a regular basis to all **current** NMHOA members. *I'mpowered* is a 2 page eblast that will be sent out mid-month and will contain articles and information of value to all manufactured home owners. Look out for the first edition on September 15. Since *I'mpowered* will be sent only to current NMHOA members a membership application is attached – you won't want to miss out on this latest NMHOA product.

**Banding Together for Change** – This is the unifying theme for NMHOA's Annual Convention to be held in Seattle, WA, from November 13 – 15. Stipends are available to offset travel costs for two attendees from each member state. Accommodation for 2 nights is free, if you are willing to share a room. The Convention will be held at the Hyatt Olive 8 in downtown Seattle – minutes from the light rail and easily accessible from SeaTac airport. NMHOA's Annual Convention is the one event each year that you do not want to miss. It is the best way to connect with home owners from all across the country, attend presentations from the most knowledgeable experts in the field of manufactured housing, and generally return home with a bag full of pertinent information, great ideas for your HOA, and contact information for a whole group of new friends! We look forward to seeing you in Seattle in November.

**Ambassador Program** – NMHOA's regional VPs are excited to begin work on the Ambassador Program. They are currently contacting the presidents of state associations that are already members of NMHOA to see how we can help you get the most out of your membership and to encourage you to attend the Annual Convention. Regional VPs will also be reaching out to home owners in states where NMHOA does not have as much of a "footprint" and we look forward to welcoming new state members to NMHOA over the course of the next year. If you know of home owners in states where there is no statewide association, please contact Ishbel Dickens ([ishbel@nmhoa.org](mailto:ishbel@nmhoa.org)) and give her their contact information.

**HUD seeks comments** – HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to collect information regarding manufactured home installation. HUD plans to use this information for enforcement of the Model Installation Standards in each State that currently does not have an installation program established by State law.

HUD is soliciting comments from the public to determine:

- Whether collection of this information is necessary, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected;
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond.

If you are interested in submitting a comment, send your response by **October 20, 2014**. Though CFED is not submitting a letter ourselves, we encourage you to comment if you feel strongly about the proposal. Comments should mention the "Model Manufactured Home Installation Program Rules and Regulations" proposal, and be addressed to:

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**Last words for August** – Congratulations to **NMHOA!** Obviously it is a bit weird for NMHOA to congratulate itself but please allow us to indulge – we recently hired **Susan Bond**, formerly an AmeriCorps volunteer with **Next Step** and now NMHOA's Communications and Research Assistant. We couldn't be happier. Susan's background is in theatre and political science. She has been staffing the NMHOA facebook page for the past 18 months and will be working at NMHOA on a range of issues – social media, I'mpowered, database systems, funding and development research, to name but a few items on her "to do" list. Please consider dropping Susan and welcome email – her email address is: [admin@nmhoa.org](mailto:admin@nmhoa.org)

You can read about all about NMHOA at the NMHOA webpage: [www.nmhoa.org](http://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](mailto:ishbel@nmhoa.org) – your story will inspire others.***