

## January 2015 Eblast

Welcome to the first Eblast of 2015 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** – NMHOA is delighted to welcome back the **Mobile Home Owners Association of Illinois (MHOAI)** – a renewing state association member and the **MHOAI board members**, as well as **ROC Association** and **Contempo Marin HOA (CA)** – also renewing members. In addition, NMHOA welcomes new members from **Illinois**, and **New York**. Your support and commitment to NMHOA is very much appreciated.

**Ambassador Program** – NMHOA's Ambassador Program has started! Plans are well underway for regional meetings in three states and we are excited to have had such strong support from home owners willing to put in a lot of time and effort to ensure the success of these regional meetings. We look forward to reporting in our February and March eblasts about the outcomes of these meetings and the plans for moving forward.

**State Support** - While NMHOA is expanding into new territory we are also still available to help with any issues in your state, whether it be letters from NMHOA to support your legislative agenda; calls from our staff to legislators or attorneys general to share policy initiatives that have worked elsewhere; help with grant research and proposal writing; or recruiting and retaining members – NMHOA is always there for you. Please contact Ishbel Dickens ([ishbel@nmhoa.org](mailto:ishbel@nmhoa.org)) if we can help in any of your local, regional, or state efforts. **Together we do make a difference!**

**Legislative Issues** – Most states are now well into their legislative agendas for the 2015 session. How are your bills faring? Have you been able to organize an Advocacy Day so that home owners have an opportunity to meet with their elected officials to explain the need for stronger legal protections? Do you need help crafting strong messages? Would you be interested in learning more about the legislative agendas of other states? NMHOA hosts monthly Legislative calls – please email Gary Miller at: [garnoldmiller@gmail.com](mailto:garnoldmiller@gmail.com) to add your name to the Legislative Committee list so you get invited to the next Legislative Committee call.

**Last words for January** – Congratulations to all NMHOA members – you are an amazing group of individuals who care deeply about preserving your chosen way of life; you are prepared to stand up and speak out so that decision-makers are educated about the precariousness of your living situation; and you are determined to work hard to make sure that manufactured home living remains an affordable home ownership option for future generations – the NMHOA board and staff wish you well in all your endeavors this year and we will be with you every step of the way.