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### **President's Welcome**

Happy New Year and welcome to NMHOA's educational series, **i'mPOWERED!** As they say, "knowledge is power," which inspired NMHOA to create a new and distinctive name for this service that combines the three words I-am-empowered.

The goal of **i'mPOWERED!** is to inform and educate so you have the tools to help yourself in dealing with the precarious situation of owning a home on someone else's land. Knowledge will help ensure your "home/land security" and make your manufactured home living experience more enjoyable and enriched, with reduced stress and anxiety.

Since safety hazards tend to be more common in the winter months because of heater/furnace use, we've included several tips on how to make your home a safer place to live. We hope you find the information valuable and forward it to others. Even more information is available at the National Fire Protection Association website; [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

Do you have a question you would like to ask our Executive Director, Ishbel Dickens, who is also an attorney knowledgeable about laws pertaining to life in mobile/manufactured home communities? Is there a topic you would like us to feature in a future installment of **i'mPOWERED!**? We want this service to be interactive and incorporate content you feel is most valuable—we welcome your input!

Best, Tim