



## January 2016 Eblast

Welcome to the first Eblast of 2016 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 excited to welcome new members this month from **Alaska, Missouri, and Washington**. Your support and commitment to NMHOA are very much appreciated. NMHOA also welcomes the **Mobil Coach Country HOA in California**. It is always great to have individual HOAs join NMHOA – and it only cost \$35/annum to do so!

**CFED Convening – Portland OR** - NMHOA staff (Ishbel Dickens and Kylin Parks) along with NMHOA Secretary, **Rita Loberger**, were thrilled to attend CFED's Convening in Portland, Oregon last week. 90 attendees from affordable housing advocacy groups, financiers, funders, legal services and home owners' associations enjoyed a full day of presentations. NMHOA looks forward to continuing to work with **CFED, ROC USA, and Next Step** as together we forge new paths and create new partnerships to support manufactured housing initiatives in Portland and elsewhere in Oregon.

**Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC) meeting, Louisville Kentucky**, - HUD hosted its first in-person meeting of the MHCC at the manufactured home show in Louisville in mid-January. NMHOA E.D., Ishbel Dickens and At-Large Board member, **Gary Miller** are consumer representatives of the 21 person MHCC. This is an important role for NMHOA staff and board members to play since the MHCC establishes federal standards for the design and safety features of new manufactured homes.

**Duty to Serve** – The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) has published a proposed rule regarding Duty To Serve (DTS) ( a requirement to ensure financing and other opportunities for under-served markets, including manufactured housing). NMHOA staff and board members have been in conversations regarding DTS and are currently formulating a comment letter in response. The deadline for comments is March 16, and if you would like to know more about DTS and to find out how your HOA (state or local) can submit comments please contact Ishbel Dickens at: [ishbel@nmhoa.org](mailto:ishbel@nmhoa.org) In addition, CFED is hosting a webinar on DTS at 2pm (Eastern) on Tuesday February 9. Again, please contact Ishbel if you would like to participate in this webinar.

**Members only** – please keep in mind that NMHOA members receive an additional eblast every month – *i'mPOWERED* - this is an educational publication with useful information related to board governance, health and safety reminder for manufactured homeowners, and other helpful articles. There is also a **Did You Know** section and an **Ask Ishbel** section – so if you have questions about anything related to manufactured home living and you are a member of NMHOA, please do not hesitate to contact Ishbel: [ishbel@nmhoa.org](mailto:ishbel@nmhoa.org) with your burning question. A membership form is attached for your convenience.

**2015 Donations** – **THANK YOU SO MUCH** to everyone who donated so generously to NMHOA in 2015. We are thrilled to report that **\$13,108** has been donated to date. We had hoped to reach a goal of \$15,000 so if you would like to make a contribution of any amount, it is not too late. You may mail a check, made out to NMHOA, to PO Box 22346, Seattle WA 98122, or donate here: <http://www.nmhoa.org/giving-tuesday.html> Thank you so much.

**Last words for January** – Congratulations to **Vista Village Home Owners Association** on the formation of your new association. This is a great step forward for home owners in Boulder and sets an example of inclusive hard work on the part of many homeowners, desperate to have a voice in how their community operates and to ensure that the community owner complies with state and local law.

Thank you to the **Boulder Foundation** for providing generous support to allow NMHOA to provide translation and interpretation services to manufactured home owners in Boulder. We are thrilled with this support of our work and look

forward to providing these services at our “**Know Your Rights**” workshop to be held at the Canyon Theater, Boulder Library, on Tuesday February 23 at 6:30pm – open to any manufactured home owner in Colorado.

Finally, welcome to **Thomas Siburg**, NMHOA’s new Communications Assistant. Thomas will be updating our facebook page and website as well as ensuring that all members received their monthly *i’mPOWERED* eblast. We welcome Thomas to the NMHOA family and are delighted that, through his work with All Parks Alliance for Change (APAC) in MN he is already familiar with manufactured housing issues.

You can read all about NMHOA at the NMHOA webpage: [www.nmhoa.org](http://www.nmhoa.org) and please “like” our facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/NationalManufacturedHomeOwnersAssociation>

***If there are stories or legislative successes 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.***