

About MAHC ...

The Midwest Association of Housing Cooperatives, (MAHC) is a membership organization representing over 27,000 housing cooperative units in the USA.

MAHC is a non-profit charitable (501c3) organization who champions, supports, and advocates for housing cooperatives.

Housing Cooperatives are self-governing, non-profit corporations. We provide education, training, and technical support to the governing boards, members and staff of housing cooperatives.

We recognize the importance of dedicated professionals members such as Attorneys, CPA's, Management Agents and Mortgage Lenders. MAHC welcomes professional members committed to Cooperative Principles and the self-determination benefits of cooperative housing.

MAHC Mission Statement

"To support and champion the cause of quality housing through education, legislative actions, partnership and advocacy for housing cooperatives."

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

*Partners in the
Cooperative Community*



- *Professional Education*
- *Board Member Training*
- *Member Certification*
- *Co-op Partnerships*
- *Professional Advisors*



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The Best Reasons for Membership

Membership in MAHC is the best way to show your dedication to the Cooperative Community

MAHC professional membership represents property managers, finance, insurance, restoration and improvement services.

MAHC receives support from our professionals in donations, sponsorships and participation in the Annual Conference. Many of our conference sessions are taught by MAHC professionals who expert instructors with years of cooperative housing experience.

The primary mission of MAHC is to support affordable cooperative housing within the cooperative movement. In this spirit, we encourage our professional members to dedicate their participation to the larger mission of promoting the cooperative housing movement. The highest form of participation is the mentorship of cooperative members.

In return, MAHC provides a portfolio of benefits to our professional members. MAHC offers many opportunities for professional members to promote their services to the larger membership through the Annual Conference, the MAHC Messenger Newsletter and the www.mahc.coop website.



Membership Benefits for MAHC Professionals

- ❖ Networking Opportunity~ Professional members can attend the conferences and seminars offered by MAHC at the reduced member rate. There, you will have an opportunity to meet the decision makers of this region's cooperatives.
- ❖ The MAHC Annual Conference is the nation's best gathering of cooperative housing leaders. Our conferences are designed for those whose mission is to strengthen cooperative housing and the people they serve.
- ❖ We also encourage Professional Members to share their skills and knowledge at our Annual Conferences by becoming workshop leaders. These opportunities afford you a forum to express your dedication to Cooperatives.
- ❖ Professional Listing~ Many MAHC member cooperatives place a call to our office before interviewing Managers, Attorneys, Auditors, and any other Cooperative Professionals.
- ❖ To connect cooperatives with experienced cooperative professionals, MAHC offers a comprehensive directory of professional members, which lists a variety of professionals by their respective service specialty.
- ❖ All MAHC professional members are included in the published MAHC Professional Directory. The directory is a separate section in the Conference Book.
- ❖ MAHC has a policy of not making recommendations; however, we will provide a listing of those professionals who care enough about the Cooperative Community to maintain a membership in this organization.
- ❖ Many professional members add MAHC's logo and the word "member" to their proposal and presentation material.
- ❖ Forum~ MAHC invites articles of interest from professional members to be published in our newsletter.
- ❖ The MAHC Messenger Newsletter will run feature articles on at least two professional members in every quarterly issue. FREE OF CHARGE, of course.
- ❖ MAHC professional members will be offered free company placement on the MAHC website at www.MAHC.coop.
- ❖ Because housing cooperatives can benefit from engaging professionals familiar with the specific nuances of cooperative housing, many housing cooperatives look for professionals who are MAHC members.
- ❖ Take advantage of the educational and networking opportunities and share experiences, challenges, solutions and successes.
- ❖ MAHC has assisted members by providing Expert Witness testimony and Amicus Curae briefs, and we work with NAHC and other organizations to influence legislation or organize grass-roots campaigns to challenge problem areas.

