

The Best Reasons for Membership:



Your membership in MAHC is one way of showing that you support the cooperative community, its mission and goals. Professional members are more often viewed as “Partners” in the cooperative community, than merely “hired hands”.

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:

- ◆ *Trained Board Members*
- ◆ *Educated Members*
- ◆ *Professional Advisors*

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ABOUT MAHC...

The Midwest Association of Housing Cooperatives, (MAHC) is a membership organization representing over 20,000 housing cooperative units in the United States.

MAHC is a non-profit charitable (501c3) organization whose purpose is to champion, support, and be an advocate for housing cooperatives.

Founded over 40 years ago MAHC functions as a membership organization under the "one member-one vote" principle.



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 involvement by dedicated professionals such as Attorneys, CPA's, Management Agents, and Mortgage Lenders, committed to the Cooperative principles and self determination benefits of Cooperatives. We welcome their membership, service and support.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS FOR PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

- ◆ **Professional Listing~** Many MAHC member cooperatives place a call to our office before interviewing Managers, Attorneys, Auditors, and any other Cooperative Professionals. 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. 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.
- ◆ **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.
MAHC has established a working relationship with the U.S. Department of HUD and may receive advance notice of NOFA's for new programs or grants, giving MAHC members a leg up on the competition.
- ◆ **Savings~** Professional members are eligible to utilize any of MAHC's membership discount programs, and they can purchase registrations and published materials at the discount member rate. Professional members are also eligible to join the National Association of Housing Cooperatives at the discounted Regional Association rate- a substantial savings.
- ◆ **Professional Support~** Site staff can call MAHC for information or direction to other helpful resources. If our staff cannot answer your cooperative related question they will offer to research the matter or refer you to the appropriate source for the answer.



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.



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