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## Organize for Power at the 2009 MHOAA National Convention!

Families living in manufactured homes in the United States are 10 million strong, yet consistently struggle against a host of injustices and are often treated as second-class citizens.

More than half the states have statewide homeownership associations, but communication between them is limited. Why keep reinventing the wheel when we can learn from each other's experiences? Come to the convention this year to build a powerful nationwide organization — imagine speaking with the strength of 10 million voices and solutions! We can make an enormous impact, but MHOAA is only as strong as its members are active. Join other homeowners this fall to create real solutions to:

- Parks closing when developers or cities prioritize condos, big box developments, or road projects ahead of your homes.
- Community owners acting like slumlords and making no repairs or improvements to your communities.
- Stereotypes or ignorance of what manufactured housing is, what it offers, and the families who call it home; also know as "park prejudice."
- Racial discrimination in manufactured home communities, including denied tenancy, higher rents, fewer amenities, and harassment.
- Federal, state, and local government not prioritizing manufactured housing as a real affordable housing option.

Around the country, there are homeowners, housing and consumer advocates, developers of affordable housing, policy makers, and others with solutions to share. Making these solutions a reality requires a base of strong, committed leaders. It requires a clear, shared vision rising from the homeowners. It requires strong local, state, and national homeowner associations and it means forging a nationwide movement for justice.

#### Together we will create Mobile Justice!

All attendants will receive an organizing manual and other handouts, and will make invaluable contacts with homeowners from across the nation!





### Thursday, September 10

4:00 — 6:00 pm	Registration, Hotel Check-In		
4:00 — 6:00 pm	Joint MHOAA/CFED I'M HOME" Social Event		
6:00 — 8:00 pm	MHOAA Board Meeting		

### Friday, September 11

Registration, Hotel Check-In				
Breakfast				
Welcoming Address, Introductions				
Large Group Activity/Training 1				
Large Group Activity/Training 2				
Small Group Break-Out Sessions A				
Keynote Speaker				
Recognition Ceremony				
Small Group Break-Out Sessions B				
Small Group Break-Out Sessions C				
Caucus by Region (west, midwest, east, and south)				
Dinner				

#### Saturday, September 12

8:00 — 10:00 am	Registration, Hotel Check-In	
8:00 — 8:30 am	Breakfast	
8:30 — 10:00 am	Large Group Activity/Training 1	
10:15 — 11:15 am	Small Group Break-Out Sessions A	
11:30 am — 12:30 pm	Small Group Break-Out Sessions B	
12:30 — 1:30 pm	Lunch	
1:00 — 1:30 pm	Keynote Speaker	
1:45 — 3:45 pm	Large Group Activity/Training 2	
3:45 — 5:00 pm	MHOAA Board of Directors Sessions:  MHOAA Annual Meeting Large Group Activities lead by MHOAA Board Members	
6:30 — 8:00 pm	Dinner	

This schedule includes a variety of large and small group sessions that will cover building leadership, strong homeowner associations, and successful organizing and legislative campaigns. The evenings have been kept free to use as you see fit. We encourage you to stay involved for all sessions, but understand some people may need longer breaks. If you have any questions or concerns about the schedule, please call Dave Anderson at 1 (866) 361-2722.



MHOAA is a national organization dedicated to the protection of the rights of all people living in manufactured housing in the United States. We strive for the enactment of

legislation to improve the quality of life for those who own the land on which their homes are situated and those who might be living in rental communities. We also monitor regulatory agencies, e.g. HUD, as well as state agencies in an attempt at assuring that statutes which exist as well as those planned will be tailored for the benefit of residents, owners, and renters of manufactured housing.



CFED (Corporation for Enterprise Development) expands economic opportunity by helping Americans start and grow businesses, go to college, own a home, and save for their children's and own economic futures. We identify promising

ideas, test and refine them in communities to find out what works, craft policies and products to help good ideas reach scale, and develop partnerships to promote lasting change. We bring together community practice, public policy and private markets in new and effective ways to achieve greater economic impact.



The Association of Manufactured Home Owners (AMHO) is a statewide non-profit organization of manufactured homeowners in Washington State. Our mission is to provide technical assistance and referral services, recruit members and help them organize homeowners' associations, and policy advocacy.

AMHO was formed in 2007, and has grown to a membership of over 500 residing in manufactured home communities state wide. AMHO has helped many manufactured housing communities to form their own homeowners' associations which can work to preserve their communities. AMHO actively works with elected officials advocating manufactured housing preservation legislation.



## Last Year: Who Attended and What Did They Learn?

With over 100 participants, the 2008 convention was the best attended MHOAA event to date – an increase of over 30% from last year and up 60% from the year before. Residents from 25 different homeowner groups and representatives from 24 allied organizations came together in Bloomington, Minnesota, from over 25 states to exchange expertise, ideas, history, energy, and new friendships. The list of topics was challenging, broad, and invigorating, including:

- Building strong state and national homeowner organizations
- Preserving park communities
- Overcoming park intimidation, harassment & retaliation
- How to maintain, increase, and activate members
- Stories of new state legislative victories
- Building multi-racial alliances"

## Breakout Sessions — Friday, September 11

Raising Funds — Grants, Events & Membership

Building Power — Organizing, Leadership & Legislation

Park Preservation — Resident Owned Communities & Other Models

## Breakout Sessions — September 12

- Building a Strong HOA
- Latino Organizing
- Handling Bad Managers
- Lobbying Do's & Don'ts
- Crafting Powerful Messages
- Combating Elder Abuse
- HUD Programs
- Energy Efficiency

# Registration and Travel Information

- Registration Complete the enclosed registration form and fax to (651) 523-0173 or mail to APAC, Attention David Anderson, 970 Raymond Avenue, Suite 105, St. Paul, MN 55114, or register online at www.allparksallianceforchange.org/?q=MHOAA
- Conference Rates & Deadlines It is very important to register, even if we know you are coming! We need
  your registration in order to plan accurately for meals, rooms, and supplies. Registration costs include meals,
  snacks and Friday night group activity. We have two registration fee rates; a discounted rate for homeowners
  and a standard rate for non-homeowners.
- Discounted Homeowner Rate —
   Final Registration Deadline August 12, 2009, \$90
- Standard Non-homeowner Rate —
   Final Registration Deadline August 12, 2009, \$130
- Payments Please make checks payable to APAC and send to the address above or pay online at: www.allparksallianceforchange.org/?q=MHOAA. Payment must accompany your registration form. Faxed registrations must include credit card information and authorization signature.
- Refund/Cancellation Policy Must be made by September 1, 2000.
- Scholarships We want a high level of attendance from home owners across the nation! We understand that
  the convention is a significant expense for many people. If you are interested in coming, but are not in a
  financial position to do so, there may be funding available for you. Contact Dave Anderson at the APAC office
  for details and an application. Scholarship Deadline: Prior to July 25, 2009.
- Hotel The convention and accommodations are at the Best Western Executive Inn, 200 Taylor Avenue N., Seattle, WA 98109, 1-800-351-9444.
- Meals Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided on Friday and Saturday. There will a social dinner activity Saturday night. Indicate any dietary restrictions on the registration form. To reduce cost and wasted food, please indicate which meals you will be eating on the registration form.
- Travel by Air The hotel is just 15 miles from the Seattle Tacoma International Airport and is served by complementary transportation.
- Travel by Car If you are traveling from the north/south, take Interstate 5 to the Seattle Center/Mercer Exit
  167, turn left at the traffic light which is Fairview Avenue, drive straight to Denny Way and turn right, and
  drive one mile until you arrive at Taylor Avenue and turn right onto Taylor. If you are traveling from the east,
  follow Interstate 90 heading east to Interstate 5 North, continue on Interstate 5 North to the Seattle Center/
  Mercer Exit 167 and follow the above directions.
- Local Transportation A car will not be necessary to get around, the hotel is near the Monorail, which provides
  transportation to and from downtown Seattle attractions, shopping and retail stores.
- Local Attractions The hotel is located in the heart of the bustling downtown Seattle business district. Only one block from the Space Needle, Seattle Center, and just minutes from the top Seattle attractions, including Pike Place Market, wonderful dining, night life, sports, shopping and more.
- MHOAA Membership Any state manufactured home owners organization may join as a voting member by submitting an application and the \$150 annual dues. There is a promotional rate of \$75 for first time members. Individual home owners and other interested parties can also join as non-voting members for \$15.





#### Final Registration Deadline:

Discounted Homeowner Rate
August 12, 2009 • \$90 regular amount

Standard Non-Homeowner Rate

August 12, 2009 • \$130 regular amount

Registration informatio	<u>n</u>					
Preferred Name On Yo	ur Badge					
Name			(Mr./Ms.)			
Organization						
Title						
Address						
City	State	Zip				
Phone	Fax					
E-mail Address						
Which of the following b	Are you willing to volunteer during the convention					
☐ Local homeowners asso ☐ State homeowners asso ☐ Housing or consumer or ☐ Public interest law firm ☐ Community-based developments	ciation	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe				
Check if you are a		If you have an restrictions, ple				
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Which meals are you pla						
□ Friday (9/11) — Lunch □ Saturday (9/12) — Lunch □ I will not be dining at the hotel □ Friday (9/11) — Dinner □ Saturday (9/12) — Dinner						
Payment Information – Parinformation and authorization	yment must accompany your registration form. Faxed regis ion signature.	trations must inclu	ude credit card			
☐ Check Enclosed (Make checks payable to All Parks Alliance for Change) ☐ Purchase Order Attached/Purchase Order No:	○ Visa ○ Mastercard Card Number		Exp. (MM/YY)			
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	Authorized signature					

