

October 2014 Eblast

Welcome to the October 2014 Eblast 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 – to all the new and renewing members from AZ, CN, CO, DE, IL, MA, NY, UT, PA, and WA, who have chosen to support NMHOA with their annual membership dues. NMHOA is a membership-based organization and your commitment to NMHOA is very much appreciated.

“Banding Together for Change” – is the theme of the 2014 Annual Convention to be held in Seattle, Nov 13-15. We are thrilled to be welcoming members from all across the country to this exciting event – a great opportunity to learn, network, and make long term friendships with other manufactured home owners. It is especially thrilling to note that 50% of the attendees will be “first timers”! The Convention Agenda looks great and is jam-packed with experts on every facet of manufactured housing, from financing your home, community organizing, pitching your story to the media, and aging in place, amongst others. See Convention Agenda attached.

We hope to record the proceedings and Convention DVDs will be available for purchase after the event, so if for some reason you are not able to attend this year’s convention, you will be able to buy the DVD – it could become a blockbuster movie! Email Ishbel at: ishbel@nmhoa.org if you would like more details on purchasing the DVD.

We are also very pleased to be welcoming the attorneys from the firm of Endeman, Lincoln, Turek, and Heater who recently won a \$111 million judgment against ELS, a large corporate owner of over 300 manufactured housing communities across the country. There will be a special two hour session with the attorneys on Friday evening – it is open to all attendees though may be of particular interest to home owners who reside in ELS-owned communities. See their story at:

<http://www.parkguy.com/jury-awards-record-111-million-san-jose-california-mobile-home-park-residents>

Everyone who has registered to attend NMHOA’s Annual Convention will be getting further details regarding transportation options, local restaurants, and other fun information in early November.

A Reporter from the Center for Public Integrity wants to hear from you – I was contacted by Dan Wagner of the Center for Public Integrity and he would love to hear about your manufactured home experience. [Dan Wagner](#), whose work appeared most recently in Time Magazine, is investigating the whole consumer experience of buying, living in and paying off all kinds of manufactured and modular homes. He’s interested in reaching folks who bought their homes in the past decade.

You can reach Dan at: dwagner@publicintegrity.org office: (202) 481-1243

Last words for October – Congratulations to **MHOAI- NJ** on the very successful annual convention they held on October 18. More than 60 people were in attendance including a new NMHOA member from NY. NMHOA members from DE also participated in the convention by providing materials about their successful campaign to establish a rent fairness statute in their state.

On a personal note, many thanks to the Association of Manufactured Home Owners (AMHO) in Washington for nominating me for the Margaret M. Sevy Affordable Housing Lifetime Achievement Award (see attached) – what an honor – and what a great opportunity for me to encourage affordable housing advocates to include manufactured housing as part of the solution to the affordable housing crisis in this country.

You can read about all about NMHOA at the NMHOA webpage: www.nmhoa.org and please check out our facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/NationalManufacturedHomeOwnersAssociation>

If there are stories from your state that you would like to share through the Eblast, please contact NMHOA Executive Director, Ishbel Dickens at: ishbel@nmhoa.org – your story will inspire others.