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**April 2013**  
Newsletter

**CAPITOL AREA HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

**“LANDLORDS WORKING TOGETHER”**

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## President's Message

March has been a very busy month for the Capital Area Housing Association. We testified at the State House in support of LD 328, LD 575, LD 581, and LD 640. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to come to the committee hearings and showed their support by testifying, attending the hearings, or emailing the committee members. I was disappointed that an insufficient number of members participated. If more people show up before the committee in support of these bills, the better the chance that these bills would become laws.

We are negotiating a contract with heating oil companies in order to get discounted heating oil prices and service contracts. We plan to announce our proposals during the regular meeting to be held on May 14. I would like to thank all the members who returned their energy survey forms.

Enjoy the spring weather and the reduced heating costs!

**Ratna Don**

CAHA President

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

MAY 14 • JUNE 11

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

KV FEDERAL CREDIT UNION  
316 West River Road, Augusta, ME

\*meeting dates are subject to change or elimination as determined by the Board\*

**THERE WILL BE NO MEMBER MEETING ON  
April 9th**

**NEXT MEMBER MEETING: MAY 14  
- OIL CONTRACT PROPOSALS -**

**Minutes of Annual Meeting  
Capital Area Housing Association (CAHA)  
Held at the Elks Club  
February 12, 2013**

After a social time and a delicious buffet dinner, President Ratna Don called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

President Don presented Stefanie Barley with a plaque of appreciation for the many years of service she gave to CAHA as a Board member.

President Don presented the Board members who were elected to a two-year term:

*Peter Allen, Charlie Anderson, John McNaughton, Ramona Venskus, and Harrison Wolfington*

Motion was made by Harold Booth, and seconded by Stefanie Barley, for acceptance of the nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

CAHA Clerk Erick Dick, Esq., swore in the Board members.

The business portion of the meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

Past Vice-President Charles Anderson introduced the guest speaker Lobbyist Dan Bernier. Mr. Bernier encouraged the CAHA members to come to the Legislative hearing in order to reverse the Maine radon testing law. A sign-up sheet was passed to each table requesting the members to give their support when CAHA notifies them of the date of the Legislative hearing.

Charlie Anderson emceed the door prizes. Winners listed separately.

President Don expressed a special thanks to Ramona Venskus for coordinating the banquet and to both Ramona Venskus and Charlie Anderson for coordinating the door prizes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara A. Eckhardt, Secretary

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**Minutes of Board Meeting  
Capital Area Housing Association (CAHA)  
Held at Lucky Gardens Restaurant, Hallowell  
February 19, 2013**

President Ratna Don opened the meeting at 6:15 pm with the following present:

Secretary & Board Member Barbara A. Eckhardt  
Board Member Ramona Venskus  
Board Member Harrison Wolfington

**Business:** Motion was made by Ramona, and seconded by Harrison, to approve the January 15, 2013 Board minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Harrison, and seconded by Ramona, to approve the February 12, 2013 Board minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Barbara, and seconded by Harrison, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

**Legislative Committee Update:** Lobbyist Dan Bernier has two Radon bills out, LD 575 and LD 328 to be presented on the same day of the legislative hearings. Sen. Katz is supporting LD 328. Further information about these two bills will be written in the March Newsletter.

**Banquet:** The Board discussed a few details about its annual banquet; such as, what works, what doesn't work, and what its benefits are.

**CAHA's Future Agenda for 2013:** Motion was made by Ramona, and seconded by Barbara, for Harrison Wolfington to set up a CAHA Facebook page. Motion passed unanimously.

**CAHA Cell Phone:** CAHA is in need of an updated cell phone, as its current phone is over 10-years old. Motion was made by Ramona, and seconded by Harrison, for President Ratna Don to purchase a cell phone plan at Wal-Mart. Motion passed unanimously.

**Outreach:** Motion was made by Barbara, and seconded by Ramona, for Harrison Wolfington to make phone calls to recruit new members at \$14.00 an hour for one month starting February 20 and to report back to the Board in March. Motion passed unanimously. President Don will give Harrison a copy of the database.

**CAHA Bank Accounts:** The signature on the CAHA bank accounts to be changed from Past President John McNaughton to current President Ratna Don.



**CAHA Audit:** Tabled, as Charlie Anderson was not present.

**CAHA Meetings:** There will be no regular meeting in March. A regular meeting will be held in April. Ramona will invite a representative from the Human Rights Commission to speak at the meeting.

The Board will meet on the fourth week in April.

Motion was made by Ramona, and seconded by Barbara to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara A. Eckhardt, Secretary

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