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Newsletter

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“LANDLORDS WORKING TOGETHER”

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Dear CAHA members,

The CAHA membership renewal notices have gone out with the banquet reservation. Most of the members have already renewed their 2015 membership. If you have not done so, please return both forms with your check as soon as possible. Don't forget to check the information on the renewal form and make corrections if necessary. Delinquent members will not retain active status and will lose their membership privileges. Each month, we are sending Fieldings Oil Company and J & S Oil Company the list of current members.

Our annual banquet is Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at the Elks Club, so make your reservation early. In the meantime, we are finalizing banquet planning and preparation.

On behalf of the CAHA Board of Directors, we wish you Happy and prosperous New Year 2015!

CAHA Board of Directors

Slate of Candidates for Board of Directors for a 2 Year Term are:

Charles Anderson

Sue Barrows

John McNaughton

Ramona Venskus

Mark Your Calendars!

CAHA Annual Meeting and Banquet will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015

**Board Meeting Minutes
Capital Area Housing Association (CAHA)
Held at Lucky Gardens Restaurant, Hallowell
December 2, 2014**

Past-President & Treasurer Ratna Don opened the meeting at 5:46 p.m. with the following present:

Secretary & Board Member Barbara A. Eckhardt
Board Member Charles Anderson
Board Member John McNaughton
Board Member Ramona Venskus
Board Member Harrison Wolfington

Business: Motion was made by Charlie, and seconded by John, to accept the October 20, 2014 Board minutes with the following change: To delete Board Member Charles Anderson's name to Board Member John McNaughton's name. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Barbara, and seconded by Ramona, to accept the October 14 through December 2, 2014 Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee: The Board discussed the CMOMA legislative committee contract. Motion was made by John for CAHA to pay \$934.50 to CMOMA for the period of one year for legislative expenses, signing no contract with CMOMA. Instead a memo will be included with the check stating CAHA's Board of Directors voted to remit a check to CMOMA to cover its 267 members at \$3.50 per member for the first year. Motion was seconded by Ramona. Motion passed unanimously.

At this point, John McNaughton left the meeting and Charlie Anderson arrived at the meeting.

Audit of CAHA Books: It was the consensus of the Board to have Barbara audit the Treasurer's books and accounts.

Annual Banquet: Ramona reported that the date for the annual banquet was all set with the Elks Club. The menu would be as last year, baked meat lasagna and baked haddock.

The Board discussed the expenses of last year's banquet and the possibility of higher food prices this year. It was the consensus of the Board to charge each member \$10.00 for their meal and \$15.00 for the first guest's meal and \$25 for additional guests.

Speaker for the Banquet: Barbara volunteered to look into the prospect of an entertainer for the banquet.

December Newsletter: Ratna requested that each Board member bring their suggestions for articles to be placed in the January newsletter.

2015 Energy Committee/Continuing Oil Contracts: It has been noted that Fielding's has not submitted an admin check to the CAHA Treasurer. Charlie states he has talked with the proper people in the company concerning this matter.

Motion was made by Ramona, and seconded by Harrison, to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Eckhardt, Secretary

Fire Safety Forum for Rental Property Owners and Managers

Details

Date: January 28, 2015
Time: 3:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Place: Augusta City Center Lecture Hall
16 Cony Street, Augusta
Cost: Free

Agenda

3:00 – 4:00 Fire Prevention
4:00 – 4:15 Break
4:15 – 6:00 Life Safety Code in Existing Apartment Buildings (State Fire Marshal)
6:00 – 6:30 Q & A

RSVP Encouraged: amamanda.bartlett@augustahousing.org

Bed Bug News

Barbara Eckhardt ran across some new bed bug information that is very interesting. Scientists have found the bedbugs are comfortable finding safe haven near their own fecal and cuticle residues. Apparently histamines in these residues are attractants that can be synthesized and help in the fight to eradicate these pests. It sounds like these chemicals could be inexpensive to make. A link to this article is:

<http://cen.acs.org/articles/93/i1/Chemical-Cocktail-Lures-Bedbugs.html>.

Another interesting site that has a lot of information on how bedbugs are attracted to heat and carbon dioxide, which humans exhale, is found at this link: <http://julesnoise.com>. This link also describes how heat is used to kill bedbugs and their eggs as well as how to make traps that attract them by generating carbon dioxide. Lots and lots of other information on bedbug control and methods are found here as well.

Charlie Anderson

Annual CAHA Banquet Reservation Form

Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 Place: Elk’s Lodge #964, Civic Center Dr, Augusta
Time: Social Hour at 5:30 p.m. – Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Price: \$10.00 CAHA Members Guests: 1st guest = \$15.00
All additional guests = \$25.00

(Please bring no children under the age of 16 to the CAHA Banquet)

A check must accompany this reservation form and be received by January 31, 2015.

Member Name: _____	Member #: _____	Price: \$10.00
2nd Guest: _____		Price: \$15.00
3rd Guest: _____		Price: \$25.00
4th Guest: _____		Price: \$25.00
5th Guest: _____		Price: \$25.00

Total number attending: _____ Total enclosed \$_____ (non-refundable)

Deadline for making reservations: Saturday, January 31, 2015 (No tickets sold at the door.)

Mail this form to: CAHA, P.O. Box 2901, Augusta, ME 04339-2901



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