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Mark Your Calendars!

CAHA Annual Meeting and Banquet

February 13, 2018

The Governor Hill Mansion “Parlor Room”

136 State Street, Augusta, Maine

Get your reservations in early!

We are especially pleased that our members will be served in the “Parlor Room” on the Green St. entrance, and will be catered by the “Liberal Cup Restaurant” for this annual event.

Use the banquet sign up form in page 3 to RSVP'd by Wednesday, February 7, 2018 (no tickets will be sold at the door). Doors open at 5:00 p.m., Happy Hour at 5:30 p.m., and dinner at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

As last year, we are charging \$10 for each member and \$15 for the first guest. Additional guests will cost \$25 each.

Business will be conducted after dinner at 7:30 p.m. to elect CAHA board of directors.

Please let a board member know if you are interested in becoming an officer or board of director.

Slate of Candidates for the 2018-2020 CAHA Board of Directors: Barbara Eckhardt, Royce Watson

Annual Regular Meeting Minutes
Capital Area Housing Association (CAHA)
Held at the Elks Club
February 14, 2017

After a social time and a delicious buffet dinner, Secretary and Board Member Barbara Eckhardt called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Barbara Eckhardt's opening statement was that she was pleased that the Annual Banquet was being held as planned and wasn't postponed to another date because of a threat of a snow storm.

Motion was made by Harold Booth, and seconded by Stephanie Barley, to approve the February 9, 2016 annual regular meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Harold Booth, and seconded by Stephanie Barley, to approve the yearly 2016 Treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Barbara Eckhardt presented the Board members to be elected to a two-year term (2017 to 2019)

Charles Anderson, Ratna Don, Cheryl Dostie, John McNaughton, Ramona Venskus

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

Barbara Eckhardt thanked the Board of Directors for the important work they do throughout the year in the management of CAHA.

Barbara Eckhardt called Ratna Don to the podium to introduce Chris McMorrow from Central Maine Apartment Owners Association (CMAOA) of Waterville as the speaker for the evening. McMorrow informed the members of LD 1601 that amends the provisions of The Maine Human Rights Act (MHRA) as of July 29, 2016 relating to fair housing and public accommodations to provide clarity regarding assistance animals and service animals. McMorrow based his talk on meetings he had been involved with concerning the yearly legislative discussions of the drafting of LD 1601. Below is an excerpt of the MHRA provision:

Maine law separately defines a category of "assistance animals", often referred to as "emotional support", "comfort" or "therapy" animals. An "assistance animal" is any animal (dog, cat, bird, etc.) that is EITHER determined necessary to mitigate the effects of a mental or physical disability by a physician, psychologist, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner or licensed social worker OR is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a physical or mental disability. This can include the types of externally-observable work service animals provide but also can include providing emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship related to an invisible disability (such as depression, anxiety, and certain phobias); they can - but do not always - have special training to perform tasks that assist people with disabilities.

A housing provider is required to allow a tenant to be accompanied by an assistance/service animal if the animal is necessary to allow the disabled person to enjoy the benefits of the housing. A service/assistance animal is an aid that helps a person with a disability access the housing accommodation, like a wheelchair or cane. Service/assistance animals are not pets; so "no pet" policies do not apply to them.

The business portion of the meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.

Barbara Eckhardt and Ramona Venskus emceed the door prizes. The sponsors left early and were not available to be introduced. There were many lucky members who went home with a door prize.

Motion was made by Harold Booth, and seconded by Charlie Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Eckhardt, CAHA Secretary

Banquet Invitation

Dear CAHA Member:

Our annual meeting and banquet is coming up soon. The 2018 Banquet will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at The Governor Hill Mansion, 136 State St, Augusta.

Below is the Annual CAHA Banquet Reservation Form. Please fill it out and return it promptly.

Please note the pricing structure for the banquet this year:

CAHA Member:	\$10.00
First guest:	\$15.00
Second and additional guests	\$25.00 each

What's Planned?

Social Hour: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Presentation, guest speaker TBA: 7:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Door Prizes and Social: 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Annual CAHA Banquet Reservation Form

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Place: The Governor Hill Mansion, 136 State St, Augusta

Time: Social Hour at 5:30 p.m. – Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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

A check must accompany this reservation form and be received by February 7, 2018.

Member Name: _____	Member # _____	Price: \$10.00
1st Guest: _____		Price: \$15.00
2nd Guest: _____		Price: \$25.00
3rd Guest: _____		Price: \$25.00
4th Guest: _____		Price: \$25.00

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

Deadline for making reservations: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 (No tickets sold at the door)

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