

A word about MAHC

The Midwest Association of Housing Cooperatives, Inc. is a non-profit charitable (501c3) membership organization, devoted to the support and education of housing cooperative members.

MAHC has received national recognition as a leader in the representation, training, development and maintenance of the cooperative way.

Our Mission Statement

"To support and champion the cause of quality housing through education, legislative actions, partnerships, and advocacy for housing cooperatives"

MAHC has been committed to this mission for over 59 years.

Join us now! It can make a real difference for your cooperative and for your members!

MAHC Provides:

Conferences and Networking
Educational Training
Educational Resources
Promotional Opportunities
Support and Savings
Validated Certification
and more!



The Benefits of MAHC Membership



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America's Home for Cooperative Communities

*It's Called Cooperative Living. You Enjoy Living.
And Your Home Cooperates.*

As America's home for cooperative housing communities, MAHC supports and educates existing and emerging cooperative housing communities. During the recent housing and economic downturn due to the corona virus, we see first-hand the value and resiliency cooperatives offer to individuals and families, regardless of the economic climate.

Like any successful cooperative housing community, MAHC's solid foundation begins with you: our members and partners. Your commitment, ideas and sense of community contribute to our success and make our work possible.

People like Individual housing cooperatives but what is just as important is the support and guidance from organizations and professionals that provide services to housing cooperatives. Such as: attorneys, property management firms, nonprofit organizations, financial organizations, accountants, government agencies, and consultants. This also includes groups and individuals that develop housing co-ops and other individuals and organizations interested in housing co-ops.

The goal of Midwest Association of Housing Cooperatives is to continue to update educational topics that are constantly changing in our industry.

GROUP ACTION: MAHC membership now exceeds 29, 250 units of cooperative housing with over 89,750 people in residence. MAHC represents a growing force of influence on the issues, concerns and legislation affecting our cooperative community.

TASK FORCE WORKSHOPS: Skill Development Workshops provide a comprehensive coverage of topics including Membership Selection, Financial Management, Evaluating Management, Cooperative Communications, Serving on the Board, Membership Orientation, Introductions to Co-ops, Management Contracts, and many more. MAHC is reaching out to bring education and training directly to co-ops

CO-OP HOUSING HANDBOOK: MAHC publishes the Cooperative Housing Handbook (frequently referred to as the "Co-op Bible") This handbook is a must for all those involved in the production, governance, management, or routine operations of a housing cooperative.

TELEPHONE SUPPORT: Looking for support? Our staff and volunteers are able to answer questions regarding specific cooperative issues or to refer you to the proper source for accurate information.

EDUCATION: MAHC is a leader in the development and presentation of quality education programs for those involved in the cooperative community. Boards of Directors, staff, managers, accountants, maintenance personnel and government personnel are among those who benefit from our cooperative training.

CERTIFICATION: MAHC is the only organization to provide Certified Cooperative Specialist (CCS) training for board members. The Cooperative Education Workbook is continuously updated. The workbook, training and testing materials, and professional instructors create an exciting, dynamic, and pertinent cooperative educational experience.



CONSULTATION: MAHC board members, professional advisors, and staff are available to meet with cooperatives to deliver training for members, board members, and staff, to mediate board disputes, or to provide consulting services on a variety of cooperative matters.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Our Annual conference provides an opportunity for our member cooperatives to attend classes on a variety of subjects, and to network with housing cooperators from other areas. Our Annual Conference is held in fun filled locations that allow our attendees to relax after a day of intensive class participation. The Annual Conference features CCS and New Board Member training sessions.

NETWORKING: MAHC responds to inquiries from individuals seeking to move into a housing cooperative by providing a list of our members in the identified area. Our conferences are attended by cooperators throughout the country, and provide an opportunity to meet and learn from fellow cooperators as well as noted professionals.

DISCOUNTS AND SAVINGS: Membership dues, which provide a significant portion of MAHC's total income, entitles you to a discount rate on the fees charged for conferences, training, and consulting services.

NEWSLETTER: The quarterly newsletter provides timely informative articles from the "how to " of problem solving, to analysis of new legislation. Our newsletter regularly features information regarding upcoming events, and answers to member's questions.