# R O C K Y



Affordable Housing Management Association

# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION & APPLICATION

- Information
- Education
- Advocacy
- Networking

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# About ROCKY AHMA ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

he Affordable Housing Management Association (AHMA) was incorporated in 1982 as a not for profit organization serving the needs of industry members in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. Our members manage approximately 60,000 units of HUD, RHS and tax credit financed affordable housing. AHMA sponsors approximately 25 industry trainings each year throughout our six state region plus an Annual Conference.

We are one of seventeen AHMAs associated with the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA). Together we work to preserve the nation's stock of affordable housing and promote rational policies to ensure professional management and communities of quality.

## **OUR MISSION**

ROCKY AHMA strives to be the indispensable resource to owners and managers of affordable housing. Our objectives are to improve your business while saving you time, energy and money. AHMA will provide:

- Prompt, well-analyzed information concerning changing housing policies, regulations and legislation
- A positive, continuing dialogue with regulatory agencies regarding issues important to members
- Affordable quality training to managers and front line staff
- Valuable opportunities for networking and leadership
- ▲ Effective advocacy

## **HOW DO I JOIN ROCKY AHMA?**

Please complete the membership application after determining the class of membership that is appropriate for your organization.

<u>Managing Members</u> are any real property owners/operators of privately owned, privately managed housing that is affordable to lower income individuals, by virtue of governmental housing programs. Managing agent members are entitled to vote on any matter submitted to the membership.

*Property Members* are the properties managed by the Managing Member.

<u>Vendor Members</u> are those representatives of housing-related firms which provide services and supplies to regular, property or affiliate members.

<u>Affiliate Members</u> are organizations, monitoring agencies or associations that are affiliated with the affordable housing industry but do not themselves manage privately owned multi-family housing. Examples are Housing and Finance Authorities.

## **QUESTIONS?**

If you have any questions regarding membership, please call 303 840 9803.



## **10 REASONS TO JOIN AHMA**

## **AFFORDABLE EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

- ▲ Over 20 seminars held annually (Members receive \$100 discount)
- ▲ Regulatory & Handbook changes
- ▲ HUD Basic, Intermediate & Advance Occupancy
- ▲ Certified Professional of Occupancy (CPO)
- Specialist in Housing Credit Management (SHCM)
- ▲ Housing Tax Credit Compliance
- ▲ Section 8 & Tax Credit Combined
- ▲ Fair Housing/504
- ▲ Maintenance

#### **REGULATORY AND COMPLIANCE** 2 ISSUES

- ▲ AHMA Vital Fax
- ▲ AHMAnalvsis
- NAHMAdvisory
- ▲ NAHMA Web Page

## **ADVOCACY**

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- ▲ Sensible regulations and programs
- ▲ Accountability for tenants, managers and owners
- ▲ Preservation of existing affordable housing
- ▲ Production of new affordable housing

#### **INFORMATIVE INDUSTRY PUBLICATIONS** 4

- ▲ AHMA newsletter
- ▲ NAHMA newsletter
- ▲ Managing Occupancy
- ▲ Fair Housing Guidebook

## **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

- ▲ Multiple course tracks
- ▲ Over 20 topics covered
- ▲ Nearly 300 networking contacts
- ▲ Conference consistently rated very good to excellent
- ▲ Prestigious achievement award winners honored

#### STATE MEETINGS 6

- ▲ Emphasize current issues for onsite employees
- ▲ Provide networking opportunities with peers
- ▲ Dialogue with regulatory partners

#### **VENDOR DISCOUNTS** 7

- ▲ Lower prices for AHMA members
- Preferential treatment

#### **LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** 8

- ▲ AHMA board member
- ▲ NAHMA delegate
- ▲ AHMA committee member
- ▲ Representative of AHMA to regulatory partners
- A Participant in conference calls to members of congress

#### **OBTAIN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE** 9

▲ AHMA Member Assistance Requests

#### **STOP WORRYING** 10

- About missing out on vital information noncompliance-issues, policies and regulations. We will send these updates to you and if vou missed a communication just go to Rocky AHMA's web site under the member's entrance where you will find our member communications throughout the year.
- About how to get new employee compliance issues
- ▲ That no one is representing your interests with regulatory agencies and congress
- About finding important information such as the OCAF's and FMR's, just visit www.rockyahma.org under the member's entrance.

## PROGRAMS AND TRAINING

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

We know the value of education and therefore, believe in quality training for housing assistance management. Seminar subjects include: Fair Housing, HUD, Regulatory Compliance, Financial Accounting, and Basic Apartment Management. AHMA provides seminars in a variety of timely topics throughout the year and an extensive educational offering at our three day annual conference.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

AHMA is an up-to-date resource center for legislative information concerning affordable housing. As more responsibility for the production and management of affordable housing is being delegated to the States, AHMA is becoming increasingly important as an up to the minute source of regulatory and legislative information.

## **COMMUNITY OF QUALITY**

The Community of Quality program affirms that affordable housing provides a desirable place to live, with a strong involvement by residents in the activities and management of the community. We annually award a community, managed or owned by a member company, for creating and maintaining a community that offers a higher guality of living for the residents, thus bettering the lives of the residents and the community at large.

## AHMA DRUG FREE KID PROGRAM

AHMA is a proud sponsor of this annual calendar art contest. Every year.youngsters and communities show their enthusiasm in maintaining a positive, drug-free life through posters with strong anti-drug messages. This program encourages residents and management companies to work together to create a drug free community.

## FAIR HOUSING PROGRAMS

**AHMA** is a leader in the progressive promotion of fair housing for all community members. We provide fair housing

guidebooks and professional training and also work with state agencies to ensure compliance for our members. In addition, we offer NAHMA's Fair Housing compliance course that trains managers to understand these complex regulations, and provides clear instructions on housing laws.

## TAX CREDIT TRAINING

**AHMA** has developed specialized training seminars for LIHTC managers because of the growing need for information that is unique to properties financed by low income tax credits. Additionally AHMA is a source for regulatory changes to LIHTC program.

## **SPECIALIST IN HOUSING CREDIT MANAGEMENT (SHCM)**

This certification was developed by NAHMA especially for management professionals involved with properties developed and operated under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program. The SHCM is designed by managers for managers to ensure they

have attained the knowledge, experience and competence required to excel in the housing credit property management profession.

## NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING **PROFESSIONALS (NAHP)**

Property managers certified as National Affordable Housing Professionals (NAHP) are capable of managing a quality property in an unpredictable environment. This takes dedication to continually improve and update management skills. The program is a stringent, forward thinking plan for our professionals and executives committed to constant improvement in management skills.

## **CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL OF OCCUPANCY (CPO)**

The Certified Professional of Occupancy course is a comprehensive three-day program for affordable housing management staff that focuses on HUD Handbook 4350.3.