

The National Association of Housing Cooperatives (NAHC) was incorporated in 1960 as a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization that represents housing cooperatives and mutual housing associations across the United States. NAHC represents professionals, organizations and individuals interested in promoting the interests of cooperative housing communities. NAHC and its affiliates work on behalf of the 1.5 million families living in cooperative housing in the United States.

Members Include

- Associations of housing cooperatives or mutual housing associations organized around a special-interest and/or a geographic region
- Individual housing cooperatives and mutual housing agencies
- Organizations and professionals that provide services to housing cooperatives, such as attorneys, property management firms, nonprofit organizations, financial organizations, accountants, government agencies and consultants
- Groups and individuals that develop housing cooperatives
- Registered Cooperative Managers
- Other individuals and organizations interested in housing cooperatives

Mission

NAHC's mission is to support and educate existing and new cooperative housing communities as the best and most economical form of homeownership.

Governance

NAHC is supported and governed by its members. Its membership is represented through a national board of directors, which guides the policy of the organization. At the annual business meeting, major issues are brought before the entire membership for a supporting vote, if needed. The Board is comprised both of elected board members and appointed board members. Fifteen (15) board members are elected by the membership and up to thirteen (13) additional members are appointed by eligible member associations at a meeting of members held in conjunction with the annual conference. The elected board appoints officers and an executive committee which acts in between board meetings.

Appointed committees of members serve as functional bodies both carrying out tasks and making recommendations to the board and/or executive committee.

Membership Application

NAHC dues are based on membership categories. Cooperatives, professionals and individuals can join directly or through a member association. To join NAHC directly, fill out the membership application at www.nahc.coop and send it along with your annual dues payment.

Member Associations

A member association is an association that represents housing cooperatives in a member area. Many associations also accept mutual housing associations, condos and other forms of resident-controlled housing. The dues amount for housing cooperatives that join through a member association depends on the size of the member association. Member associations collect combined dues for their own association and for the NAHC association dues. Benefits of joining through a member association are lower NAHC membership dues, additional information and training, and the opportunity to be included with the regional organization acting as your representative.

Housing cooperatives and professionals are encouraged to join their member association. For more information on specific member association benefits and how to join NAHC through a member association, contact the member association directly on the public section of our website.

California Association of Housing Cooperatives
Council of New York Cooperatives & Condominiums
Federation of New York Housing Cooperatives
New Jersey Federation of Housing Cooperatives

Cooperative Housing Association of New England
CSI Support & Development Services
Midwest Association of Housing Cooperatives
Potomac Association of Housing Cooperatives

Purposes

- To promote through research, education, forums, and other appropriate means, the development of housing cooperatives.
- To establish standards for operation of housing cooperatives that will assure maximum long-term benefits to their owner-occupants and sustain their cooperatives.
- To develop programs and services to benefit, strengthen and improve its member organizations.
- To promote the development of other self-help activities among members of housing cooperatives.
- To act as a clearing house for the exchange of information between housing cooperatives.

- To formulate programs in the common interest of consumers in housing matters.
- To speak and act in the name of, and on behalf of, its member organizations and for their mutual aid on matters affecting housing for consumers and to ensure that cooperative housing makes the maximum contribution to housing in the United States.
- To encourage, assist and support the development and maintenance of strong regional, state and special purpose housing cooperative associations, and further, to encourage membership in the appropriate associations by qualified housing cooperatives.
- To promote the highest ethics in the development and management of cooperative housing.
- To promote and sustain the concept of the cooperative movement in the United States.

Reasons to Join NAHC

- Support the cooperative movement
- Support the legislative efforts of your national representation via the NAHC Government Relations Committee
- Discounted registration to the annual conference
- Network with fellow cooperators
- Access to Directory of Professional Members
- Access to current Cooperative Housing Bulletin newsletter
- Access to the library of past newsletters and journals with important historical information on the cooperative housing movement
- Access to past conference presentations and other resources the association has gathered over the years

NAHC Annual Awards

The National Association of Housing Cooperatives presents the following awards to members and partners in at its Annual Conference:

The Jerry Voorhis Award was established by the NAHC Board in 1984 in memory of Jerry Voorhis, the principal founding father of NAHC. A man of impeccable integrity, he believed in and did his best to teach, apply and widen the use of basic cooperative principles. This award recognizes significant leadership in both theory and practice, as Jerry Voorhis believed in and did his best to teach, apply and widen the use of basic cooperative principles. The award is conceived as a lifetime achievement award.

The Cooperative Star Award recognizes housing cooperatives that demonstrate sound leadership, management, and housing value for their members and have systems in place to ensure prudent preservation of their members' interests. Eligible candidates are housing cooperatives that honor the basic principles of cooperative housing, certify that systems are in place to provide safe, sound and valuable housing for their members, and certify that systems are in place to protect the interests of their members.

The Distinguished Service Award is given to recognize outstanding service to cooperative housing. It recognizes the achievement and contribution of a cooperative member who assisted a cooperative or association of cooperatives to better serve its members. Nominees may be an individual cooperator, professional member, or cooperative who deserves recognition from NAHC for their commitment to cooperative housing and their efforts on behalf of a housing cooperative or association of cooperatives.

The Development and Preservation Award is given by the NAHC Development and Preservation Committee to recognize innovation, creativity, breakthroughs, leadership or business judgment that improves the likelihood and volume of successful coop development or the long term viability of existing cooperatives. The recipient can be an individual or organization.

The Ida Curtis Fisher Registered Cooperative Manager (RCM) of the Year Award honors the RCM who has demonstrated outstanding dedication by devoting time, energy and talent to the RCM Program and the local cooperative housing industry. The award was established in 2013 in memory of Ida Curtis Fisher for her efforts and devotion to the cooperative housing community.

The NAHC President's Award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to NAHC and who have contributed to the success of the President's year by chairing a special committee, providing support and counsel and taking care of innumerable details.

Author of the Year Award recognizes an individual who has written for the Cooperative Housing Quarterly or the Cooperative Housing Journal.

For more award information or to nominate a candidate, submit the online form at www.nahc.coop Annual Conference/Awards.

Government Representation

Our government relations committee works to develop, advance and implement federal and state legislative and regulatory objectives on behalf of our housing cooperative members. We work with Congress, the Executive Branch and the states in providing education, policy development, political field representation, political communications and grassroots advocacy for issues that benefit our members.

We provide members with:

- Information on legislative and regulatory issues
- Policy analysis, development and implication of issues
- Education on the impact of congressional and regulatory decisions
- Notification of trends and issues of interest to the housing cooperative community

- Calls to Action notifications of urgent issues
- Ability to contact state legislation
- Tools to respond to federal and state officials

Current projects include working to enable home owners in cooperatives to have reverse mortgages and making permanent cooperative loans available through the Department of Veterans Affairs, and to work out the issues with FEMA accepting cooperatives as an entity that can receive funding through disasters. We continue to keep our members up-to-date on the latest legislation, regulations and issues that involve housing cooperatives.

Networking

NAHC provides access to a network of housing cooperatives, cooperative housing associations, and professionals through its website, e-communication and meetings. An updated list of NAHC Association Members is available on our website and Professional Directory.

Website

The NAHC website (www.nahc.coop) is an open site with pages containing a library of archived cooperative housing publications, a continually growing resource collection, and resource links to current legislative and regulatory updates.

Cooperative Housing Quarterly and other NAHC Publications

The *Cooperative Housing Quarterly (CHQ)*, previously the *Cooperative Housing Bulletin*, is NAHC's quarterly newsletter. The *CHQ* filled with articles for cooperative board members and professionals, up-to-date news on legislative issues that NAHC monitors and practical information on issues facing housing cooperatives.

The NAHC Communication Committee and Editorial Board is responsible for making available articles and updated manuals on developing, operating and managing housing cooperatives of all kinds. A publications list and paper copies of several manuals and brief skill-building papers are currently available for sale online. A more extensive program of providing updated copies in both electronic and paper form at affordable prices is being established. Some articles have already been added to the public Research Library section of the NAHC website and are available for free downloading. As the Committee's program is carried out, an updated list of available publications will be posted on the website and listed in the *CHQ*. To view available publications for purchase, visit the online NAHC Book Store. The *CHQ* is electronically forwarded to each member board. If you would like a copy of the *CHQ* mailed or forwarded through a different method, please contact the NAHC Communications Director at (202) 737-0797 or by email at info@nahc.coop

Technical Assistance

Both NAHC and its affiliated Associations offer technical assistance by telephone, email, and other means to members on the development and operation of housing cooperatives. In-depth consulting services provided by appropriate NAHC professional members can also be arranged. NAHC is currently developing a Frequently Asked Questions fact sheet to assist in answering member's questions.

Education & Training

Annual Conference

The NAHC Annual Conference is our premiere educational event! The conference is held each fall in exciting locations throughout the United States. The three day conference offers both beginning and advanced workshops on a wide range of topics. **The 57th**

Annual Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas, October 25-28, 2017. Registration will open in June 2017.



Registered Cooperative Manager (RCM) Program

The Registered Cooperative Manager (RCM) program is the only national recognized designation and certification specializing in cooperative management recognized by the Registered Apartment Management (RAM) program. RCM is a sought-after professional designation for cooperative housing managers. The RCM program builds upon the work of cooperative housing management and helps the profession achieve ever-increasing higher professional standards, expectations and rewards.



The certification is awarded to managers who meet the RCM standards of excellence, understanding and achievement in the area of cooperative housing management following participation in a series of courses, and successfully pass the certification exams. Course topics provide exciting insight into housing cooperatives and help develop skills necessary for a successful career in management. The courses refine the understanding of housing cooperatives, renew dedication to the principles of cooperative housing, codify the ethics of cooperative housing management and improve housing management practices. This certification is for all Cooperative Managers and Board Directors who are involved in the management of the cooperative.

Spring 2017 RCM Certification Course:

May 4-5, 2017

Washington, DC (NAHC Office)

Fall 2017 RCM Certification Course:

October 23-24, 2017

San Antonio, TX (Westin Riverwalk Hotel)

NEW MEMBER BENEFIT!

Cooperative USA Share Listing Program



The Share Listing program allows cooperative members to post share units available for sale on the NAHC website. 90 day share listing ads are available for a fee and provide the cooperative an opportunity to post a description, photos and contact information for the vacant share unit. More information about this new member benefit or how to obtain a share listing contract is available on the website.

Roles, Risks & Rewards (3R's) Workshop



NAHC offers a customized training workshop, "Roles, Risks & Rewards," on a fee basis. This workshop assists Boards of Directors and management of housing cooperatives with good governance practices and also presents various options to assist the Board with preparing for a variety of refinancing programs, pay off programs, renovation programs and other cooperative programs. This program is designed to meet the specific needs of each individual cooperative and is facilitated by highly skilled trainers. Cooperatives can work with other cooperatives to sponsor a class in your immediate area.

GE Purchase Discounts



Through an ongoing arrangement with GE/Hotpoint, NAHC members are eligible to receive discounts on purchases of major appliances. These discounts are available both to individual cooperatives and to individual members. Cost estimates and catalogs are available. For more information please contact Jason Lathery at GE at 1-800-782-8031.

Pharmacy Discount Program



This free program provides pharmacy discounts that make getting prescriptions simple and often more affordable. Your card will save you 10% to 60% on prescriptions at participating pharmacies. The CHS card is accepted at more than 60,000 national and member pharmacy chain stores including CVS, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Target and many more. The CHS card also provides you with a mail order option for your long-term medications.

Cooperative Healthy Savings Program The Cooperative Healthy Savings (CHS) program is available exclusively to families living in NAHC member cooperatives. This program brings meaningful discounts on dental, vision and hearing services as well as 24/7 doctor consultations. The "Consult a Doctor" service offering round the clock access to a national network of U.S. licensed physicians for telephone and secure email medical consultations.

Energy Star Program



Join NAHC and the thousands of partners who have already teamed with ENERGY STAR to save energy in homes and businesses through energy efficient products and practices. ENERGY STAR, created in 1992, is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy. Partnership offers a unique opportunity to leverage ENERGY STAR. The ENERGY STAR label appears on over 65 different product categories as well as new homes, commercial buildings and industrial plants.

Coop Domain Name Registration



Register your cooperative with a unique domain name, dot.coop! NAHC members can benefit from dot.coop since it is available only to cooperative members. It gives your cooperative a better chance of registering all the memorable, meaningful names you wanted, but couldn't get under other domains. Apply for the marquee logo and download the guidelines at www.nic.coop to see how you can get your .coop domain now.

NAHC is also negotiating with Gregory Pest Control, Lowes and Home Depot to negotiate specific programs for our members.