What has CARH done for you lately?

CARH continues to push for legislative and regulatory initiatives that benefit all sectors of the rural housing industry. CARH actively supports:

- Creation of new affordable housing production programs
- Advocating for the continuation of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit) program
- Creation of a permanent program within RD that would lead to long-term capital improvements and preservation of the aging portfolio
- Expanding the investor pool for the Housing Credit in order to spur investment in rural housing
- Advocating for additional funding for all affordable housing programs
- Better targeting of programs such as HOME
- Expanding CRA requirements so as to increase investor pool for the Housing Credit
- Better targeting of programs such as HOME
- Expanding the investor pool for the Housing Credit

Members have access to CARH’s executive directory and updated information.

INVALUABLE RESOURCES

The members only section of CARH’s website, www.CARH.org, provides legislative updates, membership and vendor directories and detailed information about all membership benefits. The website provides current tax-credit rates, industry news briefs, links to Congress, and other industry related news, in order to ensure that our members receive the most thorough and updated information.

Through Broadcast E-mails, members are informed, literally up-to-the-minute, on breaking legis- lative and regulatory news from our national office.

Electronic AN Express, CARH’s bi-monthly electronic newsletter for years. As CARH members, congressional staff and HUD and Rural Development officials have relied on CARH News for timely, thoughtful information on essential rural housing issues.

The Electronic AN Express, CARH’s subscription-based publication, contains key Federal Register excerpts from the RD, HUD, FEMA, Department of Treasury, IRS and other agencies that impact the industry. It also includes RD Administrative Notices (ANs), procedure manual changes, data sets, such as the Income Limits and Difficult Development Areas.

The Electronic AN Express sends these documents to your e-mail inbox the day they are released.

CARH MEETINGS

CARH’s mid-year and annual meetings allow you to hear directly from industry leaders, who have the most up-to-date information on important policy issues. CARH’s reputation attracts the industry’s most influen- tial speakers. CARH speakers often include people who oversee state level- Housing, Planning, and tax assistance programs; officials from federal agencies and key members of Congress.

Meeting these industry representatives and other CARH members also ensures that your voice is heard where it matters most. At these events, you can also participate in committees which help establish CARH’s policies and priorities.

EDUCATION

Members enjoy the knowledge and skills necessary for success by attending training programs and sem- inars and participating in online training programs. Courses available to members include tax credit certification, Section 515 certification, fair housing compliance and Basic Apartment Management.

CARH is fortunate to have nationally recognized train- ers as members. By being a member, you and your employees can receive discounted rates from the national speakers and avoid fees. CARH members receive reduced rates when attending these training programs.

Receive the industry recognition you deserve. CARH rewards you for your training and experience with the nationally-recognized education designations: the Rural and Affordable Housing Executive (RAHE) for supervisors and executives; the Rural and Affordable Housing Professional (RAHP) for housing professional and on-site property managers; and the Rural and Affordable Housing Maintenance Professional (RAHM) for on-site maintenance personnel.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDATION

In 2006, the CARH scholarship foundation was created as a separate 501(c)3 to organization. The foundation provides scholarships to residents of member properties to assist with higher education costs.

Please visit the CARH’s website for additional membership benefits and log into your account for a complete list of recent CARH accomplishments.

Membership Benefits

EXPERT STAFF AND LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION

Members have access to CARH’s executive direc- tor, with years of experience in Washington, and staff who are well versed on industry related issues. CARH’s National Office responds quickly and accur- rally to your questions and concerns.

Members are formally represented in Washington, DC. The executive director, who receives input from CARH’s Board of Directors, committees and members, is a skilled communicator and negotiator with years of experience in working effectively on Capitol Hill.

The nationally respected law firm, Nixon Peabody, LLP, which is also a leader in affordable housing advocacy, for federal tax credits, HUD and USDA programs, provides general counsel and legislative representation to CARH.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

CARH is comprised of a dedicated, intelligent membership base, which is motivated to share professional ideas and resources. CARH members gather at least twice each year during CARH’s annual meeting and legislative conference in Washington, DC, and CARH’s mid-year meeting held in locations ranging from coast to coast. Exclusive access to an online member directory allows quick access to the membership.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

For management companies, owners, developers, equity financiers, lenders, syndicators and non-profits who manage and own rural or mixed-use properties and are members of a CARH State or Multi-State Affiliated Association: Choose one of the following three categories:

-  $515 Basic Membership
  - Subscription to CARH News
  - Access to local and national association’s website
  - Access to mid-year and annual meeting

-  $2,515 Associate Plus Membership
  - Access to the Income Limits and Difficult Development Areas
  - Eligibility for CARH’s nationally recognized education designations
  - Voting rights
  - Access to local and national association’s website
  - Access to CARH’s online subscription
  - Discounts on CARH’s meetings, seminars and training courses.

-  $4,015 Advisory Trustee Membership
  - Benefits of "Associate Plus" Membership, plus:
    - Free attendance at an annual board of directors and membership event
    - Participation in CARH’s Advisory Trustee Program
    - Special invitation to Advisory Trustee Meeting and CARH’s Spring Conference
    - A complimentary board seat on our website (www.CARH.org)

For additional membership information, please visit our website at www.CARH.org.