

Summary of 2011 Events & Activities

We sincerely thank our Annual Sponsors who have made 2011 our most successful year! We have increased our total membership by over 30% in one year and we now have over 115 members who support MAHC's mission. Your sponsorship fees fueled our legislative and advocacy activities and educational and networking events and they will continue to invest in MAHC's leadership role for affordable rental housing in Maryland.

Here are some of the highlights of 2011:

- + Annual Meeting, January 7 – Keynote speaker Carol Galante, HUD Deputy Assistant Secretary– attended by over 250 members and guests, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Baltimore.
- + Housing Day, February 16 - Speakers included important members of the General Assembly including with Del. Maggie McIntosh and Sen. Nancy King, attended by over 100 members and guests, Maryland State Senate, Annapolis.
- + Achieved several important legislative goals including: maintaining DHCD's Fiscal 2012 budget and making permanent the Waiver of Fees Bill. Published the 2011 Housing Legislative Summary, April 27 – MAHC's four key legislative priorities for the 2011 session of the Maryland General Assembly – see 2011 Housing Legislative Summary at <http://www.mdahc.org/legrep.html>.
- + Spring Mixer, April 28 – Sponsored by Bozzuto with over 100 members, The Fitzgerald, Baltimore.
- + Fall Membership Mixer, September 22– Sponsored by Monarch Mills and Harkins Builders, attended by over 140 members & guests, Columbia.
- + Educational Seminar, September 27, -- EIV System and Best Practices and REAC Inspection Tips and Basics, presented by Denise Murphy and Michael Gantt, with about 40 members, held at Fairspring Senior Housing, Baltimore.
- + Launched the Affordable Housing Outreach Initiative (AHOI) on September 28, 2011 to inform and educate our national, state and local leaders about affordable housing projects and effects on providing quality apartments, jobs, and tax revenues in their communities.
- + Emailed monthly E-Newsletters to keep members updated on recent events, Action Alerts and letter templates to the membership in response to state and national affordable housing issues and program reductions.
- + Educational Seminars in partnership with LifeSpan Network including a Full Day REAC Seminar and Mock Survey, Budgeting for Aging Properties and HUD Issues.
- + The Program, Legislative, Property Management & Service and Membership & Events committees worked diligently to promote MAHC's mission: to advocate for affordable housing; to provide events and programs for education and networking; and to develop and nurture partnerships with all government agencies.