



Holiday Greetings from the President

As 2013 comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. During the year we tend to focus on the details and disappointments as we struggle to deal with the issues that confront us. Reflecting on 2013, EPOHOA has had several successes.

I regret that we did not get approval of the amendments to the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act past the full WV Legislature. I know how hard our members have worked the past two years to bring this to fruition and I share their frustration. The amendments, as written, were inadequate and needed additional work. These amendments, if approved by the legislature, would have provided much needed protections for homebuyers, homeowners and HOAs in WV. The EPOHOA Legislative Review Committee, led by Jennifer Syron, has continued to work very hard this past year in an effort to make this a success and it is deeply appreciated. I am optimistic that we will realize the full benefits of these efforts in 2014. Your continued support will help achieve this very important goal.

This past year we have increased our membership and expanded into surrounding counties. I wanted to thank Nance Briscoe, our Membership Committee chair, for her continued recruiting efforts as well as for her efforts in redesigning and administering our web site.

We held two very well attended training sessions, and the feedback from our members was that you want more of the same. In order to accomplish that, we established an Education Committee to organize for this much desired training. The Committee, led by RosaLee Riggins, although formed just a few months ago, has been hard at work and I understand they will be providing plans and schedules at our January meeting.

We also formed a Web Site Sponsors Committee, led by Richard Sussmann. They have also been working hard to establish ground rules for sponsors, which we will be implementing shortly. I also want to thank Richard for his contributions to the Legislative Review Committee, the Education Committee and for the sound advice he provides at our meetings.

The organization could not function without the Board members and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank them for their endeavors in support of EPOHOA. I especially wanted to thank Phyllis Smock, our Secretary. Meeting minutes can be difficult to capture accurately, but Phyllis has done a terrific job this year, providing us with a detailed record.

I want to also remind everyone about our annual meeting in January. Any organization is only as strong as its volunteers. I encourage you to get involved and voice your opinions about EPOHOA matters that are important to you. Please step up to fill any vacant positions on the Board or to help out on a committee. All committees would be happy to have more help.

The EPOHOA has become a widely recognized and respected organization, not just in the Eastern Panhandle but also throughout the state. This was made possible thanks to the dedication of our volunteer's and strong support of our members. I am indebted to you all. My deep appreciations!

As I stated in my message last year, although our name refers to Homeowners Associations, we actually represent families. Young families just starting on their journey, older families who plan to enjoy the fruits of their labors in retirement, families with small children, families with teens preparing for college, families of all shapes and sizes. As EPOHOA continues its journey, we need to always remember that this is not just about homeowner associations, but rather the families that these HOAs represent.

Wishing you and yours a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Pete Appignani President, EPOHOA

"As we struggle with shopping lists and invitations, compounded by December's bad weather, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation, and people to whom we are worth the same." - Donald E. Westlake

EPOHOA focuses on issues relating to the preservation and promotion of the present and future welfare of homeowners representing Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan, Pendelton and Tucker counties of West Virginia.

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