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## JOE STEGMAYER TO BE INDUCTED INTO RV/MH HALL OF FAME

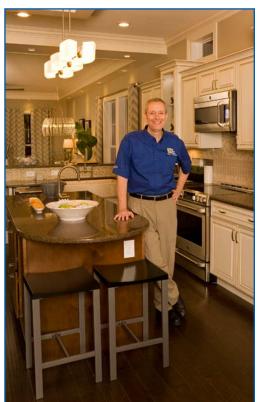


Joe Stegmayer

ast month, Darryl Searer, President of the RV/MH Hall of Fame, announced that Joe Stegmayer, Chairman of the Board, President and CEO of Cavco Industries, Inc., will be inducted into the RV/MH Hall of Fame on August 1, 2016. Joe Stegmayer is only the second MHIAZ member from Arizona to be inducted into the prestigious Hall of Fame.

Joe began his career in 1973 with Worthington Industries supplying LP gas cylinders to the RV industry. Since joining Cavco in 2000, he has led the Cavco team to grow from \$95 million in annual sales to \$600 million annually and expanded the firm from three factories in two states to 19 factories in 11 states. During his tenure as chairman, the company's park model business has grown to number one nationwide. Cavco has also been the recipient of MHI's Manufacturer of the Year for 6 Years Running (2010 – 2015). Prior to joining Cavco, Joe held executive positions with Champion Homes and Clayton Homes, Inc.

Joe Stegmayer has received the Manufactured Housing Industry of Arizona's Chairman's Award (pictured with Ken Anderson on the right), the Jack E. Wells Memorial Award from the California Manufactured Housing Institute, and the Chairman's Award from the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI). Joe served



as Chairman of the Manufactured Housing Institute in 2010 through 2012 and currently serves as vice chairman of the RV/MH Heritage Foundation.

Joe holds degrees in finance and marketing from the University of Louisville. He did graduate work at The Ohio State University and is also an

alumnus of The Center for Creative Leadership.



Joe is active within the industry as a member of the board of the Manufactured Housing Institute and of several state associations, for many years. Joe serves as a director of Desert Voices Oral Learning Center, the Stardust Center for Affordable Housing at Arizona State University and was appointed by the Governor of Arizona to the state's Board of Manufactured Housing.

The ceremonies will be held at the RV/MH Hall of Fame in Elkhart, Indiana during the annual induction dinner on Monday, August 1, 2016. Please join us in congratulating Joe Stegmayer on this honor and achievement.

## Announcing the 2nd Annual Joint MHIA & MHCA Conference in June

e are very proud to announce that MHIA is once again teaming up with Manufactured Housing Communities of Arizona (MHCA) for a joint Conference and Golf Tournament to be held on June 7 - 9, 2016 at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino in Chandler, Arizona.

Last year's event brought the entire manufactured housing industry together for an awesome networking experience. Many described the Conference as the best they had attended in years. This year's program will feature several speakers on a variety of topics and will include a special networking Welcoming Reception with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on June 8th.

We're still in the early planning stages of the Conference and will share additional details in the coming weeks and months, but this is shaping up to be an event you won't want to miss.

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Don't miss the Manufactured Housing Communities of Arizona and the Manufactured Housing Industry of Arizona 2nd Annual Joint Conference June 7 - 9, 2016 at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel!

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## U.S. Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake Co-Sponsor MH Bill S.682

This past week, President Ken Anderson and Chairman Cody Pearce attended MHI's Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. During their time in the Capital, they visited the office of Senator John McCain and secured his Co-Sponsorship of Senate Bill 682 - The Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act. Last month, Senator Jeff Flake signed on as a Co-Sponsor. In addition, Ken and Cody, along with other MHIA leaders achieved Co-Sponsorships of the House version of the bill by 6 of 9 of the Arizona Representatives, including Kyrsten Sinema, Ann Kirkpatrick, Paul Gosar, Matt Salmon, David Schweikert, and Trent Franks. The photo below with Senator McCain was taken during their 2014 Capital Hill Visits. Please consider voting for these candidates that have been supportive of our industry.





## MHI WELCOMES TOM HEINEMANN TO ITS GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS TEAM



Tom Heinemann VP Federal Government Affairs Manufactured Housing Institute

Affairs team. Tom will serve as Vice President for Federal Government Affairs where he will help advance MHI's federal policy priorities. Tom comes to MHI after serving over six years in the Obama Administration where he helped shape the response to the housing crisis and advanced policies that strengthened the housing market's recovery. During his time at Treasury he helped launch the Making Home Affordable Program which helped millions of homeowners avoid foreclosure. Following his time at Treasury, Tom served as a Senior Legislative Advisor at HUD where he advanced HUD's housing finance and FHA policies on the Hill. Tom's excellent reputation on both sides of the aisle in Congress, the Administration, and at the relevant agencies (HUD, CFPB, FHFA, Treasury), and his extensive experience with federal housing policy over the past 20 years will be extremely beneficial to MHI and

the industry in advancing policies that strengthen the industry. Click here to view Tom's complete bio. Tom will be working from MHI's headquarters in Arlington, Virginia and will report to Lesli Gooch, MHI's Senior Vice President for Government Affairs.

## THANK YOU FOR RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP...

Would Like to Thank and Recognize the Following Companies for Renewing their Membership for 2016! If you have not already done so, please send your membership dues renewal ASAP to ensure continuation of your membership benefits. *Thank You for your continued support!* 

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## Fannie and Freddie Have Duty to Serve Manufactured Housing Borrowers



Lesli McCollum Gooch Senior VP Government Affairs Manufactured Housing Institute

For lower-income families that want to own a home, manufactured housing is the single most affordable option, particularly for families in rural areas. The average price of a new manufactured home is \$64,000 — compared to an average home price of \$374,100 for new site-built homes and a median price of \$296,900 for such new homes.

Housing policy should be opening doors and facilitating access to mortgage credit for families priced out of the site-built and rental markets. The demand is there. The Manufactured Housing Institute believes this can be accomplished while fully protecting consumer rights.

Despite its affordability, manufactured home loan volume for loans under \$75,000 decreased by 5% in 2014 even though the housing market as a

whole improved (Home Mortgage Disclosure Act data). Additionally, just 12.8% of the 440,000 new single-family home sales in 2014 were manufactured homes. In the same year, manufactured housing shipments represented 9.1% of new single-family housing starts and 6% of all new home starts, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Seven years ago, Congress identified manufactured housing as one of three underserved markets that the government-sponsored enterprises, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, should have a duty to serve. The GSEs' regulator, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, proposed in December a new DTS rule, which MHI believes must include a substantive commitment from Fannie and Freddie to purchase chattel loans, which can be safely and profitably done.

The proposed rule would require the GSEs to adopt plans to improve the distribution and availability of mortgage financing in a safe and sound manner for manufactured housing, an identified underserved market. The proposal would provide DTS credit for eligible GSE activities that facilitate a secondary market for mortgages on residential properties.

Quite simply, manufactured housing, particularly for chattel loans, does not enjoy the same level of federal support that site-built housing does. There is no secondary market to promote access to credit for chattel lending, and there is no meaningful Federal Housing Administration insurance for chattel lending (only \$24 million in endorsements in 2014). As a result, although manufactured housing presents an affordable option, it is at a pricing disadvantage to site-built housing.

Chattel loans can pose certain challenges. Because land does not serve as collateral for the loan, some argue that consumers lack full consumer protections. MHI believes these well-meaning criticisms represent, at heart, generic opposition to chattel loans — a position MHI does not believe is in the interest of consumers, since these homes represent a critical source of affordable housing at a time when potential buyers are being priced out of other options.

Including chattel loans in duty-to-serve would help by providing a secondary market for those loans and help provide more access to credit to many moderate- and lower-income consumers. A robust secondary market for chattel loans is critical to ensure sustainable access to affordable housing.

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## **DUTY TO SERVE** (Continued)

Manufactured home borrowers and buyers have a broad degree of protections under the Dodd-Frank Act, including ability-to-repay, anti-steering, and the prohibition against mandatory arbitration. These all apply to manufactured homes, including chattel loans. And MHI also supports reasonable standards for land leases in conjunction with such homes.

The echoes of the housing crisis still ring loudly. The national homeownership rate is down to a 22-year low of 63.7%, home prices in key markets are skyrocketing beyond buyer reach, and multifamily rental rates are rising faster than home prices. Rising home prices and rental rates are squeezing American buyers, and manufactured housing provides a key alternative. To restore the American dream of homeownership for these creditworthy families, housing policy must be fixed to ensure this underserved market receives the same.

## U.S. House of Representatives Passes Amendment to Support Purchase of MH

The U.S. House of Representatives has approved an amendment by Rep. Peter Welch (D-VT) to increase the flexibility for low income families to use a Section 8 voucher to purchase a manufactured home. The amendment was approved by voice vote. MHI commends Congressman Welch for his leadership in passing this important policy through the U.S. House of Representatives.

MHI had played a major role in first getting an identical provision passed nine years ago in the 2007 Section 8 reform bill (H.R. 1851) and in Section 8 reform bills in subsequent Congresses. Most recently, last October MHI submitted this

policy recommendation to the House Financial Services Committee in response to the Chairman's request for "Ideas on Poverty and Housing Affordability." MHI asked for Congress to allow Section 8 voucher recipients to choose manufactured housing.

Under current law, a Section 8 voucher can be used to pay for some of the costs of living in a manufactured home in a community - such as lot rent, tenant paid utilities, and management charges. But since the law does not allow the housing voucher to be used to pay the actual financing costs of owning the home itself, this authority is seldom used.

This amendment, which was supported by Financial Services Committee Chairman Hensarling (R-TX) and Ranking Member Waters (D-CA), allows vouchers to be used not just for the cost of leasing the land (which is currently permitted) but also for other monthly costs of purchasing a manufactured home loan, including mortgage payments, property tax, and insurance. The change would allow families that receive a tenant-based Section 8 voucher to help pay for an alternative to renting an apartment - allowing them to actually purchase a home. The amendment does not provide any direct funds or require anyone to use a voucher to live in a manufactured home. However, with this change the approximately 2.1 million Section 8 voucher holders in America will now have the option to use their Section 8 voucher to buy a manufactured home.

The broader bill that now includes this provision, H.R. 3700, the Housing Opportunity through Modernization Act, was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 472-0. It will now be sent to the U.S. Senate for consideration.

## FHFA Issues Proposed Duty to Serve Manufactured Housing Rule



The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) today released a proposed rule identifying Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's responsibility under their statutory Duty to Serve (DTS) Underserved Communities. Duty to Serve and the proposed rule cover manufactured housing, affordable housing preservation and rural housing. The FHFA has established a 90-day comment period. MHI plans to extensively review the specifics of the rule and submit detailed comments on the proposal, including how it could be strengthened.

The rule represents a significant victory for MHI's extensive efforts over the least two years to recommend that FHFA use its discretionary authority under the statute to require GSEs to purchase chattel loans. Many had speculated that

FHFA would exclude these loans from the rule; instead, FHFA is inviting comments on whether the final rule should authorize Duty to Serve Credit for the purchase of qualified chattel loans.

The challenge is still there - FHA noted its concerns that real property manufactured homes "perform better, have greater borrower protections, and have lower default rates than chattel financing." Therefore, MHI will lead the effort to respond to this challenge and submit comments that clearly show that chattel loans can be purchased

safely, that such purchase is consistent with the intent of Duty to Serve, and that chattel loans are a critical option for consumers to buy an affordable home.

The proposed rule also lays out a clear requirement for the GSEs to purchase real property manufactured homes. It also requires the GSEs to undertake regulatory activities related to purchasing blanket loans on the following types of manufactured housing communities: (a) small communities with 150 rental sites or fewer, (b) communities owned by their residents, (c) non-profits or governmental agencies, and (d) communities where tenants' site leases include certain tenant protections.

Separately, the rule sets out GSE DTS requirements for purchase of affordable rental housing loans and for loans in rural areas. MHI will also submit extensive comments on these proposals.

For more information, please view the following links: press release, proposed rule, and fact sheet.



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## CALL FOR ENTRIES 2016 NATIONAL INDUSTRY AWARDS

2016 Land-Lease Community and Retail Sales Center of the Year, Manufactured and Modular Home Design and Interior Design/Home Merchandising Awards

Deadline for entries, fees and entry materials: March 25, 2016

**CLICK HERE** to enter or view information on the following 2016 National Industry Awards:

- Land-Lease Community of the Year (includes four regions of the country)
- Retail Sales Center of the Year (includes four regions of the country)
- Design Awards for Manufactured and Modular Housing (Production home award categories by square footage and includes a Green Home Award, Small Home and an Age in Place/Universal Design/ Accessibility Award).
- Manufactured or Modular Home Interior Design/Home Merchandising (includes four categories retail sales center, land-lease community, manufacturer and clubhouse)

Through the online system, you can enter the National Industry Awards competition, find eligibility information, criteria for each award and submission requirements, view the contest rules, pay entry fees, and upload all of your entry files for judging. The deadline for submitting entries, paying the fees and submitting materials online for judging is **March 25, 2016**.

The National Industry Awards are presented each year at the National Congress & Expo for Manufactured and Modular Housing, bringing recognition to the best manufactured home communities and manufactured home retail sales centers in the country and the industry leaders in new manufactured and modular home designs. The Congress & Expo will be held May 3-5, 2016 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Visit <a href="https://www.congressandexpo.com">www.congressandexpo.com</a> for information on the 2016 Congress & Expo. Awards will be presented on Wednesday, May 4th. Each award winner receives a personalized trophy and the entry will be placed in MHI's online Photo Gallery.

Please note the following membership requirements for entering the competition:

- The Manufactured and Modular Home Design Awards competition is only open to manufacturers that are members of the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI).
- The Land-Lease Community of the Year and Retail Sales Center of the Year Awards competition is
  only open to retail sales centers or communities that are members of the state manufactured housing
  association where the sales center or community is located.
- The Manufactured or Modular Home Interior Design/Home Merchandising Awards competition is only open to retail sales centers and land-lease communities that are members of the state manufactured housing association where the sales center or community is located. Manufacturers must be members of the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI).

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Berard at 703-558-0668 or cheryl@mfghome.org.



## MHCC MEETING RECAP

The Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC) held its first meeting of 2016 last week in Louisville, Kentucky. Below are the highlights of the meeting:

#### **On-Site Completion of Construction Rule:**

The liveliest highlight of the two and a half day meeting was discussion of the new On-Site Completion of Construction Rule, effective March 7, 2016. At MHI's request, HUD agreed to put this issue on the MHCC agenda because of the considerable impact it is going to have on manufacturers, retailers, and consumers.



At its October 2016 meeting, the MHI Technical Activities Committee (TAC) reviewed in detail, the final rule, published in September 2015, and numerous concerns and questions were raised. These concerns were subsequently conveyed to HUD with a request that HUD bring the matter before the MHCC.

After presenting a detailed Power Point presentation describing the new rule (click here to view) there was lively discussion and virtually all members of the MHCC, including consumer representatives, expressed concern about the cost and paperwork burdens imposed by the rule, as well as potential delays in the home buying process. Although HUD, during its presentation, said that it would provide for a six month transition period for implementation of the rule, the MHCC voted to extend implementation of the rule to 12 months (January 2017). In addition, the MHCC voted unanimously to direct its Regulatory Subcommittee to review the final rule; make recommendations regarding implementation; develop a cost analysis; review the impact on sales; and consider whether the rule expands HUD's authority into areas traditionally under the purview of state and local jurisdictions.

The MHCC also recommended adoption of an important regulatory change to the on-site rule that was proposed by MHI member, John Weldy, Clayton Homes. The proposal would clarify language to ensure that homes designed for attic access only (not storage) need not meet attic live load requirements of the HUD-Code. The language as written in the final rule would require virtually every roof truss to be redesigned.

The MHCC also voted unanimously to recommend that HUD provide an interim solution until the rule can be clarified under rulemaking. HUD said it will be conducting a webinar for industry, and a series of conference calls with IPIAs and DAPIAs and discuss the rule further.

MHI will be sending a letter to HUD in support of the MHCC recommendation, including suggestions HUD the MHCC to improve the MHI also will ask HUD rule. to delay enforcement until the implementation concerns can be addressed and a thorough cost analysis completed.

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### Other Proposals to Change the HUD-Code Considered:

In other actions on standards, the MHCC completed work on updating a long list of reference standards; rejected for the third time, a proposal to mandate wider hallways in manufactured homes; and approved after two previous rejections, a proposal submitted by MHI to eliminate redundant and unnecessary DAPIA approval of Alternative Foundation Systems.

### **HUD** provided a status report on several pending HUD rules:

- The Recreational Vehicle Exemption proposed rule is completed and has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget and is expected to be published any day.
- A "third" set of comprehensive updates to the HUD-Code which will include requirements for carbon monoxide alarms, new vent termination and fire separation requirements, an optional whole house ventilation provision, and a multifamily housing provision is in departmental clearance with a proposed rule expected by March 2016.
- A "fourth" set of comprehensive updates is currently being prepared by the Office of Manufactured Housing Programs (OMHP). It will included a voluntary fire standard, whole house ventilation provisions, standards for water resistant barriers, air duct connections, exterior siding, and a number of updated
  - reference standards.
- DOE is expected to publish its proposed rule on energy efficiency standards any time, and the MHCC will have a chance to review and comment as well as all members of the public. HUD will need to determine how it plans to incorporate the standards into the HUD-Code.
- EPA plans to publish a final rule establishing new formaldehyde emission standards for all wood products, and HUD will have 180 days to incorporate those standards into the HUD-Code.

Tour of Louisville Show: At the end of the meeting, members of the Louisville Show Committee, state association executives, and MHI staff, took MHCC members on a tour of homes displayed at the show.



### **MARCH**

- Northwest Division Meeting, 6:00 pm Calico's Restaurant, 418 W Bealle, Kingman Shane Willson, Division President shanewillson@citlink.net
- Tucson Division Meeting, 6:30 pm 9th Mimi's Cafe at The Tucson Mall Scott Townsend, Division President stownsend@westernamericanhousing.com
- 16th Government Relations & Zoning Committee **Board of Directors Meeting**
- 22nd Phoenix Division Meeting, 12:00 pm MHIAZ Office, Tempe Kory Beickel, Division President kbeickel@countryplacemortgage.com

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