

AN ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURED HOMEOWNERS IN WASHINGTON STATE

Greetings members and friends,

On September 20, close to 100 members and friends gathered at the Bow Lake community in SeaTac for WAMHO's Annual Membership Meeting. It was a lively and informative gathering, and we wanted to share a quick recap for those not in attendance, and pass along some helpful resources from a few of our featured speakers.

After votes to confirm new board members, and a welcome from host Will Booth and President Robin Zorich, the first speaker of the morning was Sebastian Miller, formerly of the Washington Attorney General's Office and now in private practice. He provided a lot of context for how housing policy shakes out in the legal sphere, and answered various questions about manufactured housing community disputes between land owners and tenants. He encouraged those with questions to contact his office, either via email (info@rivercrestlaw.com) or at this number: 206-414-1964. His homepage can be found here.

Next we heard from Lisa Sohni and Brigid Henderson, of the Washington Department of Commerce. They walked us through the process of manufactured community ownership if and when a manufactured housing community is up for sale. If you would like the full slideshow, it's located at the bottom of this page under "Other Forms and Resources."

After a break for lunch (featuring music from WLIHA's Po Leapai and our own Arthur Garza!) attendees regrouped for a great talk from Po about effective community organizing. He shared his own philosophy regarding this, summed up in an easy to remember acronym: "R.E.M." for recruitment, engagement and maintaining relationships with members. Something for all of us to consider as we try to grow AMHO going forward!

We wrapped up with a speech from AMHO co-founder Ishbel Dickens about the next steps in our fight for housing justice as we gear up for another legislative session this coming January.

For those of you who managed to make the trip out to SeaTac - thank you for helping make it a successful Annual Meeting! For those who couldn't make it out, we hope you will take advantage of the resources these speakers provided and perhaps we will see you next year!

Robin Zorich

President, Association of Manufactured Home Owners