



# QUARTERLY UPDATE

WINTER 2019

## Upcoming Events:

### MAHCO Spring Training

Thursday, April 11, 2019

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Brookview Center  
316 Brookview Parkway S  
Golden Valley, MN 55426

### **30th Annual (AACE) American Association of Code Enforcement's Annual Conference**

October 21—25, 2019

Hyatt Regency  
3200 E 81st St  
Bloomington, MN 55425

### **Monthly MAHCO Executive Board Meetings**

*All meetings are open to our members, Feel free to attend!*

11am—March 13th  
Hyatt Regency in Bloomington

11am—May 9th  
Cottage Grove City Hall

11am—June 13th  
Duluth City Hall

11am—July 11th  
City of Minneapolis

11am—August 8th  
City of Golden Valley

11am—September 12th  
City of Cambridge

11am—November 14th  
City of Minneapolis

11am—December 12th  
City of Bloomington

## "A Few Things!" From Your President

By Greg Smith, City of Duluth

It's crazy to think that it's February and 2019! With the numerous job duties we all have it seems that time flies by while we are working hard to sustain our communities. 2018 was a great year for MAHCO and the MAHCO Executive Board. At the beginning of the year we made a declaration to increase member appreciation and engagement, continue to offer excellent educational opportunities and improve MAHCO operations and standards. We believe we have met those goals and more!

To increase member appreciation, recognition, and engagement the board created the Member and Program of the Year Awards and the Challenge Coin Award/Recognition Program. These programs highlight the hard work that MAHCO members do every day, their dedication to excellence and professionalism, and the exciting programs they offer to their communities. We were extremely proud of the submissions made by Brooklyn Park and St. Cloud.

This year's trainings were exceptional and very fun to create. Education has always been a pillar of MAHCO and we continue to make it one of our core goals. This year's training included communications, pro-active enforcement, hoarding, fire inspections and our first ever joint training event with the Minnesota Environmental Health Association. In addition, MAHCO collaborated with AMBO and ICC Region III to create several housing and code enforcement focused trainings at their annual conferences. This year MAHCO will be stepping up our educational opportunities by becoming an ICC Preferred Provider and switching to electronic registration for offered events!

The executive board made several updates to MAHCO operations and procedures in 2018. The MAHCO website has been heavily updated. Updates include modification of MAHCO core goals, the creation of "the importance of code enforcement" tab under the main page, and modification and creation of drop-down tabs including Awards, Agendas, Newsletters, Annual Conferences, and Certification. In addition, to foster and strengthen MAHCO's presences both nationally and locally, I attended the ICC Chapter Leadership Conference in Denver, I and Past President Ben Pierson attended the League of Minnesota Cities Annual conference, and we welcomed ICC President Jay Elbettar to Minnesota at the ICC Road Show stop in St. Paul.

Finally, the executive board attended a strategic planning retreat in September. The goal of this meeting was to review past and current practices, implement new strategies, and generally create a map for future boards to follow. It was a great experience and many changes came from it including the adopted Bylaw updates, creation of two new board positions, and pursuing new funding methods. Keep an eye out in future newsletters and the website for creation and implementation of these exciting changes.

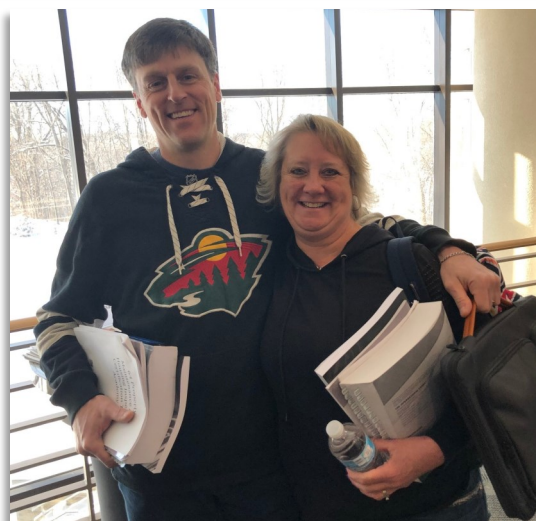
I hope that I haven't put you to sleep or taken up too much of your time with my lengthy message! Thank you for all you do for MAHCO, your jurisdictions, and our beautiful state. 2019 brings new opportunities, exciting offerings and the American Association of Code Enforcement (AACE) Annual Conference!! That's all folks.....GO MAHCO!!





## Congratulations!!

### MAHCO Member Achievement



Congratulations to MAHCO members for passing their ICC Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector Certifications at the Region III Institute! Pictured left is Karen O'Donnell (Duluth) & Duane Salinas (Austin) and pictured right is Sohn Wehseler (Duluth) and Karen O'Donnell (Duluth).

## An Interview with Jim Mlodozniec

Jim has retired from Duluth and was awarded an Honorary Membership to MAHCO. His story and advice is great for all MAHCO members!

When you became involved with MAHCO, describe the stages of the association.

*I was one of about 10 or so founding members who started MAHCO. We would meet 2 or 3 times a month in the Twin Cities at different locations to set up bylaws and ideas on what MAHCO wanted to accomplish. I was the first vice-president and the second President of the organization. I was very lucky at that time that the Duluth building official would allow me to participate as he was forward thinking in putting together a good housing inspections program.*

How many years did you serve on the Executive Committee?

*I believe I served on the Executive Committee for 15 plus years. All of the metro area inspectors were very accommodating in scheduling meeting locations and training locations. I believe two of MAHCO's biggest accomplishments was in helping in the development of the code changes to the IPMC and helping in the development of the first test for certification of "Housing Code and Maintenance Inspector".*





## An Interview with Jim Mlodozyniec

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Give us a synopsis of your career.

*I came to the City of Duluth inspection department from the Duluth Housing Authority where I was a rehab specialist in the Rehabilitation department. My schooling was in architecture. I worked for a local Duluth architectural firm for five years before leaving to the housing authority. Early in my career at the inspection department, I was lucky to become involved with MAHCO. One of the things I am very proud of is one of Duluth's building official's tasked me with putting together a housing inspection program and inspection procedures. Rather than reinvent the wheel, I networked with many of the metro area inspectors and took many of their best ideas and incorporated them into our program.*

What advice could you give current code members?

*I would tell current members to become actively involved in MAHCO to advance housing inspection careers. MAHCO is also a great organization for training and networking with other inspectors and agencies. One thing I always told the other inspectors I worked with is that I never thought you knew everything about code inspection because every working day there seemed to be some new violation or circumstance. Always keep learning. To me, housing inspection is helping people (landlords and tenants both) to keep people and buildings safe.*

## 2019 Election Results!



We are proud to announce the results of the 2019 MAHCO Executive Committee Elections! Congratulations to all and we welcome our three new board members Edmond Smith and Jeff Sands of Minneapolis and Josh Schaack of Bloomington!

Pictured left to right—Ben Pierson (Apple Valley), Past President. Josh Schaack (Bloomington), Associate Treasurer. Edmond Smith (Minneapolis), Vice President. Shannon Rohr (Bloomington), Treasurer. Greg Smith (Duluth), President. Samantha Drewry (Cottage Grove), Secretary. Jeff Sands (Minneapolis, Member-at-Large. Na Vang (Minneapolis), Member-at-Large. Not pictured—Carri Levitski (Cambridge), Communications & Marketing Officer



## Member Spotlight

# Edmond Smith

By: Shannon Rohr, Bloomington

This quarter I would like to introduce you to one of our newest MAHCO Board Members, Edmond Smith, from the City of Minneapolis. Ed has worked for the City of Minneapolis for the last 2 and a half years as a Housing Inspector. His job is to enforce the Minneapolis Housing maintenance code, being proactive in engaging residents and issuing orders for nuisance, zoning and housing issues; responding to complaints. Conducting routine rental license inspection, appearing in housing court, hearings and attending community events. He co-chairs the Department of Equity and Inclusion Team at the City of Minneapolis, working to better equip staff to work with diverse individuals. Before working at the City of Minneapolis, Ed worked for Anoka County Environmental Services as a Health Inspector for 3 years. He also worked for the State of Minnesota, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Minnesota Department of Transportation Land surveying. Ed has been a MAHCO member for 2 and a half years and was just elected the Vice President of MAHCO in January.



Ed grew up in Minneapolis and attended North High School. In high school he played Basketball and football. After high school he attended Augsburg University earning a B.A in Urban and Environmental Studies. He also attended North Hennepin Community College earning a certificate in Building Inspection Technology.

Ed currently resides in Minneapolis. He is married and has a son. He enjoys reading non-fiction books. He likes to stay active doing obstacle course events like the tough mudder and rugged maniac. He also enjoys watching sports and movies, hanging out with his son and challenging the status quo.

Ed once drove by a vacant lot that had grass that was 2 feet high. Doing research he discovered the owners lived in California so he gave them a call to inform them that they needed to maintain the lot. A year later while he is conducting a rental license inspection the owner of the rental tells him that he and his wife sold a vacant lot and had a great experience with the previous inspector. Ed found out in their conversation that he was the inspector that they had great service from and that they sold the lot earning a nice profit and that a duplex was being built on it.

When asked why do you love your job, Ed responded he enjoys having the opportunity to have a positive impact on the community that he calls home. He enjoys having interactions with numerous residents and property owners he has met over the years and being a resource for them when it comes to housing issues. He likes the challenge of going into someone's home and being able to address issues to improve the living conditions of Minneapolis residents and visitors. Lastly he appreciates the flexibility he has at the City of Minneapolis to set his schedule to best provide solutions to the community. Well said Ed!



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## In the News (National)

Originally by: Michael Bartiromo, Fox News.com—January 8, 2019

### Pho restaurant with ‘offensive’ sign claims city officials signed off on pun-filled name months ago

The French-Vietnamese restaurant, which is scheduled to open on March 1, is accusing city council members in the town of Keene, NH of “spreading a false narrative” after asking owner to remove a temporary sign displaying the name.

Pho Keene Great had originally removed the sign in late December at the request of City Manager Elizabeth Drag-



on, who told restaurant owner Isabelle Jolie that the establishment hadn’t gotten the correct permit to post it. Pho Keene Great also claims Dragon found the name of the restaurant—which is a play on the word pho (pronounced “fuh”) and the name of the town (Keene) offensive, leading to complaints from Keene residents.

In a Sunday post on Facebook, Pho Keene Great says city officials are also accusing the restaurant of violating a lease with the city—the eatery will be housed in the same building as Keene City Hall, according to New Hampshire Public Radio—and suggesting that Pho Keene Great had considered using another name altogether at the time the contract was signed.

“Keene City Councilor, Randy Filiault, is creating and spreading a false narrative,” reads a statement posted by Pho Keene Great’s team to Facebook on Sunday. “In his statement...he indicates that our lease agreement was conditional and ‘one of the conditions was that a different name would be used.’”

Pho Keene Great instead claims they never offered to use another name, and furthermore, that the name was on the paperwork that the city and state approved as of April.



## In the News (National)

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"We have reviewed our contract and studied the sign ordinance regarding temporary signs and do not believe we violated ordinance or the contract," the restaurant wrote. "As for the permanent sign, which we have never replaced on the building, inside or outside, the permit submission is pending resolve of this controversy".

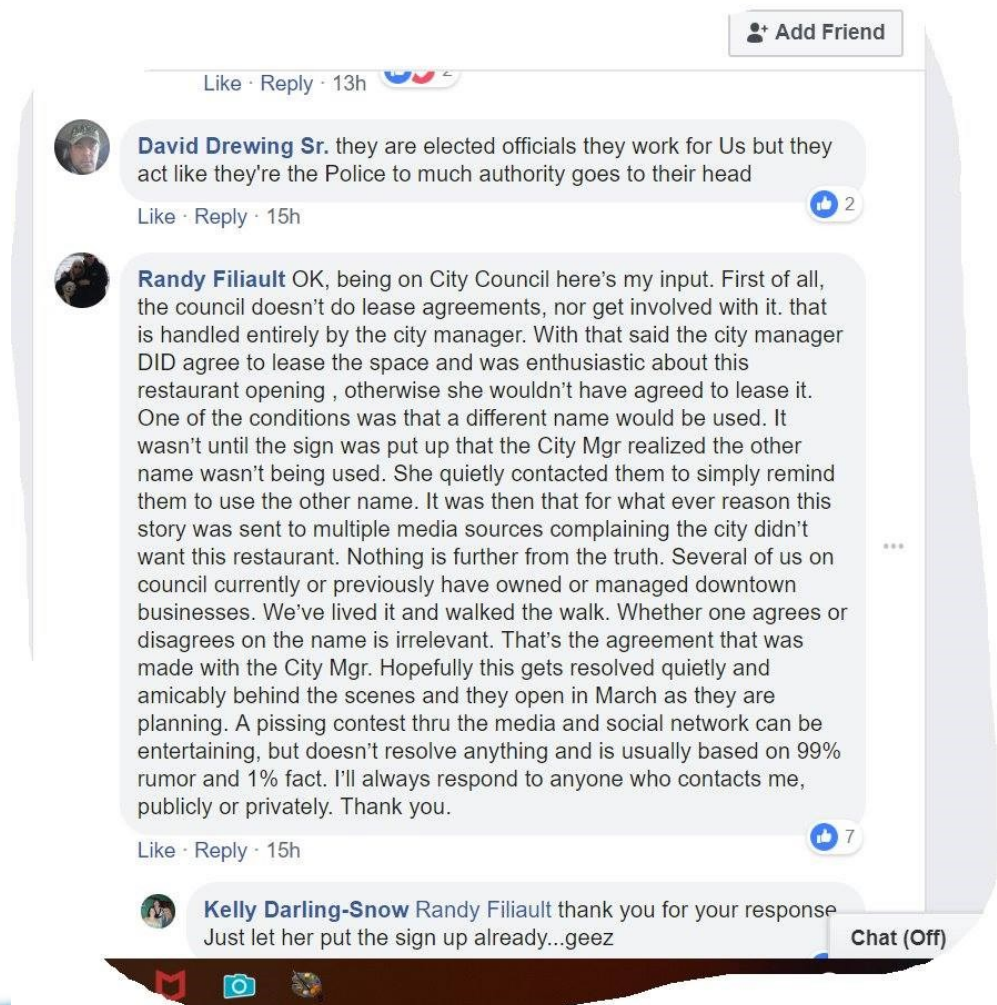
In a statement to Fox News, however, Dragon claims Jolie had not yet received a permit to put outward facing signs on the restaurant, something that Dragon claims Jolie and her lawyer agreed to long ago. Dragon further says Jolie negotiated "under her food truck name—Bon Vivant Gourmet Street Food," and "entered the lease as Pho Keene Great, LLC."

"Lots of businesses own LLC's which aren't necessarily the same name of the restaurant, store, apartment building, etc.," said Dragon.

Dragon alleged that Jolie is also postponing a meeting with city management, despite the restaurant's claims to the contrary in Pho Keene Great's latest Facebook post.

Prior to Sunday's post, Pho Keene Great had also been polling social media users, asking if they think the name of the restaurant is offensive.

A representative for Pho Keene Great was not immediately available to comment.





## In the News (Local)

Originally by: Shannon Prather, Star & Tribune—February 9, 2019

### Preventing evictions becomes a focus in fight against homelessness in Minnesota— Foundation has started legal funds for renters

Charles Donald eagerly signed a lease for a one-bedroom apartment in north Minneapolis after struggling with homelessness.

Then he saw mice climbing on the stove and squirrels chewing through the ceiling. The front door didn't lock and his heat stopped working. "When I would go to sleep, I turned the oven on low," he said. His landlord didn't return calls for repairs, so his daughter urged him to stop paying rent. That got the landlord's attention; Donald, 68, got an eviction notice.

Thousands of Minnesotans face eviction notices each year and end up in court—often without a lawyer or an understanding of their rights. Many sign lopsided settlements drafted by landlords that leave them with an eviction record that makes finding another place to live even harder.

Now, nonprofits and philanthropists are zeroing in on the issue, investing in efforts to keep renters from losing their housing in the first place. The Pohlad Family Foundation, which pivoted its focus to housing stability last year, has given money to Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, Volunteer Lawyers Network and Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services to provide counsel and representation to renters.

"Evictions can cause a downward spiral for families that leads to homelessness," said Susan Bass Roberts, vice president and executive director of the Pohlad Family Foundation. "There are concrete things we can do to prevent this." Mid-Minnesota has hired four attorneys to represent as many as 600 renters—out of roughly 6,000 total—facing eviction in Hennepin County each year. They also give legal advice to nearly 2,000 more. "Eviction prevention is us is homelessness prevention," said Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid Executive Director Drew Schaffer.

Nonprofit Volunteer Lawyers Network has opened a housing court clinic in Ramsey County and increased its work helping people expunging eviction records. Nine out of 10 people appear in housing court without an attorney, said Muria Kruger, housing program manager and resource attorney for Volunteer Lawyers Network. "If there is no one pushing back making sure landlords are following the law fairly, they are going to use those advantages and over time we know it won't be fair," Kruger said.

#### Process moves quickly

The epicenter of evictions in Minnesota is north Minneapolis, attorneys and nonprofit leaders say. According to a study completed by the city, landlords filed eviction notices against nearly half the renter households there in a three-year time span. People of color and women-led households were disproportionately faced with eviction, the report concluded.

One of the biggest challenges for Minnesota renters facing an eviction is timing, said Luke Grundman, Legal Aid's managing attorney for their Minneapolis housing practice. Evictions must be heard within 14 days of filing. Landlords often serve eviction papers via mail. "They oftentimes get just a couple of days warning that they have to be in court," Grundman said.

Minnesota counties can provide emergency financial assistance to help people pay their rent, but even that comes too late. Landlords often have attorneys or professional property managers arguing their case while tenants are representing themselves. Maintenance issues that jeopardize the health and safety of tenants are a defense for withholding rent in Minnesota, but tenants often don't know that.



## In the News (Local)

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Minnesota Multi Housing Association, which advocates for landlords, said they support better representation for tenants.

“What Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid and Volunteer Lawyers Network does is great. We know they ensure that the lawyers that are providing these services are competent...so that the tenants have the best experience,” wrote housing association President Nichol Beckstrand.

Sometimes, the issue isn't a bad landlord, advocates on both sides agree. “Most landlords are good people and they have the right to make money,” Bass Roberts said. But some landlords use tenants caught in a cycle of eviction to profit, advocates said. Landlords charge families as much as a \$4,000 damage deposit and pounce on the first opportunity to evict and keep the deposit.

“They will put three families through the same house in the same year,” Grundman said. “They do it because families are so desperate to find housing, especially families who have any kind of hurdle including large families, low income, past evictions, any kind of criminal conviction even if it's ancient.”

#### **‘An excellent job’**

Donald said he was minutes away from signing a settlement prepared by his landlords that would have required him to move out in seven days and pay thousands of dollars. Then Legal Aid attorney Jeffer Ali agreed to take his case.

Ali, a 52-year old patent attorney who had been a shareholder at the firm Carlson Caspers, joined Legal Aid in April thanks to the Pohlad grant. He said he likes helping individuals, but he's also using his position to find test cases to appeal to force greater systematic change. He said he's already filed four federal cases alleging discrimination under the federal Fair Housing Act.

In Donald's case, Ali used witness testimony, documents and photos to show the landlord initially misled the court about the amount Donald owed by thousands of dollars.

The representative for Assertive MPLS Properties conceded that point in court. The landlord did not respond to a request for comment for this story. The judge ruled that withholding the rent was justified and Donald was allowed to stay.

“I think he did an excellent job,” Donald said of Ali. “If he hadn't had that lawyer, he would be evicted and packing his stuff right now,” said Donald's daughter and trial witness Rasheeda Smith.

Bass Roberts emphasized that the legal aid efforts aren't meant to prevent landlords from evicting tenants when there's legal cause to do so. But some tenants cannot afford their rent or face financial crisis. “The Pohlad Foundation also is helping families who need one-time assistance to keep their home,” Bass Roberts said. “We are talking about working families making very difficult choices when a car breaks down or a child gets sick,” she said.





## Program of the Year Award

### Excellent Submissions for our First Year!

For the first time, MAHCO invited all members to nominate a program (s) from their jurisdiction that they believed met specific criteria to be selected as MAHCO Program of the Year. The program, technique, process, or printed material that helped to positively impact the community, educate the public on codes, or allowed codes to be enforced in a unique way was part of that criteria.

The MAHCO Executive Committee received two nominations. One from Brooklyn Park and one from St. Cloud. It was a very difficult decision, especially with this being the first year this award has been given. Ultimately, the Executive Committee voted for the St. Cloud's Health & Inspection Department (Housing & Code Enforcement Division) as Program of the Year.

St. Cloud Health & Inspections Department has battled numerous changes in recent years including an aging housing stock, a significant increase in rental properties, numerous staffing changes and limited staffing/budget resources. They identified five key areas that needed improvement through an evaluation that was conducted. They needed inspection consistency and training, they had a significant increase in rental properties, they had an increase in problem/neglected rental properties, and they had no budget or staffing increase to improve the issues.

St. Cloud established four goals which included to increase training, revise the rental inspection frequency, strategically focus efforts on problem/neglect properties, and incentivize rental property owners to proactively monitor and maintain their property.



*Pictured left to right: Jimmy Otira, Elizabeth Moline, Sagar Chowdhury, Matt O'Brien, Greg Smith (MAHCO), & Lindsay Evans*

Some of the things they did to reach achievement was to create a rental inspection checklist. Inspectors used this checklist for rental inspections. They consulted with staff to identify their needs, wants, ideas, and concerns with said checklist.

They conducted a "mock" inspection. This inspection was setup with a local property owner. The property was slated for demolition and was vacant. The goals of the mock inspection were to identify areas of improvement in the general inspection process, evaluate consistency among inspectors, observe how each inspector evaluates a property and interacts with an owner, evaluate the effectiveness and consistency of the rental inspection checklist and use the data obtained to develop future training.

St. Cloud also took data from over 200 checklists that were compiled along with their corresponding written inspection reports. This tool was used to determine their rental inspection frequency, by looking at the number of out-of-compliance checkbox items. A Routine Rental Inspection Frequency Policy was created, adding



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more inspections on problematic properties, and less on well-maintained properties.

With the rental inspection frequency increasing at problem properties, more enforcement action was taking place. In St. Cloud, properties that accrue 10 or more enforcement actions within 24-months will have their rental license revoked. To prevent the rapid accrual of enforcement actions, the property owner was forced into maintaining their property prior to the inspector arriving at the property.

According to Matt Glaesman, Community Development Director, “The Health & Inspections Department has undertaken a comprehensive policy and procedure review to prioritize its services on the highest priority objectives determined by City Administration, elected officials, and neighborhood leadership. Department personnel have demonstrated an innovative spirit and technical expertise to develop new practices establishing quantitative and qualitative methods of addressing primary inspection and code enforcement outcomes. The program model and operational tools can be replicated by municipal colleagues to improve housing conditions and quality of life in other Minnesota communities.”

Matt—The MAHCO Executive Committee couldn't agree more! What a fantastic job St. Cloud!

The Executive Committee would also like to congratulate Brooklyn Park for their submission as well!

## Regulatory Humor





## Sponsorships Open!!

### New for 2019

Market your company and support our dedicated and professional members by selecting one of our tailored sponsorship levels or sponsoring a snack table at our trainings! If you, or someone you know is interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Na Vang at [na.vang@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:na.vang@minneapolismn.gov) or visit our MAHCO website for an application.

### Why Sponsor MAHCO?

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to showcase and advertise your company at MAHCO training events, in this newsletter, on our social media sites and on our website. We have designed sponsorship opportunities to fit your needs and provide quality "face time" with members from across the state. Be our partner in promoting the health, safety, and welfare of Minnesota residents and homes, by sponsoring MAHCO today!!!

### Opportunities



#### Platinum \$1500

- Logo with hyperlink on the MAHCO website for 12 months
- Recognition on MAHCO's social media pages for 2019
- Table stand with logo at snack table at MAHCO's spring training
- Logo in all quarterly newsletters
- Full page ad in all quarterly newsletters
- Exclusive recognition by the MAHCO president at MAHCO trainings
- Complimentary attendance for two to MAHCO's Spring Training (meal included)

#### Gold \$1000

- Logo with hyperlink on the MAHCO website for 9 months
- Logo in all quarterly newsletters
- Half page ad in all quarterly newsletters
- Complimentary attendance for one to MAHCO's Spring Training (meal included)

#### Silver \$500

- Logo with hyperlink on the MAHCO website for 6 months
- Logo in all quarterly newsletters
- Quarter page ad in all quarterly newsletters

#### Snack Table Sponsorship \$250

- Table stand with company logo on snack table
- Recognition of sponsorship in MAHCO training announcement
- Per event/training

#### AACE Scholarship Sponsor \$1000 (2-available)

- Send a MAHCO member to the American Association of Code Enforcement Annual Conference
- Recognition and advertisement on the MAHCO website
- Photos of Scholarship Recipients for your advertisement
- Recognition and article in MAHCO Fall Newsletter



## MAHCO & Social Media / Information Exchanging

### Follow us on LinkedIn!

MAHCO is increasing its presence in social media. If you currently have a [LinkedIn](#) account, [please add our "company" page to your profile](#) and follow us! Just search for "Minnesota Association of Housing Code Officials". Please make sure that you "follow" the page with the MAHCO logo, not the one with The Great Seal of the State of Minnesota.

We are in the process of converting from a "profile" to a "company page" in the upcoming weeks. If you have already connected with the profile page, please search for the company page and click "follow". We will be contacting each of our connections soon to encourage them to convert to our new page.

We will also be creating a Twitter and Facebook account soon so stay posted on those social media platforms and keep an eye out for us!



The Facebook logo, featuring the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a dark blue rectangular background.

The Twitter logo, featuring the word "twitter" in white lowercase letters and a white bird icon on a light blue rectangular background.

## Questions of the Quarter

Do you have a burning question? This will be a new section in our Quarterly Newsletter! Although experience and education in our positions is vital, there is another component which is equally important:

### NETWORKING!

Each quarter we will provide an opportunity for you to send a question to us. We will post this question along with your email address. Members can respond to you directly to answer your question. Once the answers are collected by the person that asked the question, they can send it out directly to all that initially responded.

This will alleviate unnecessary "mass" emails to those members that do not wish to participate.

Our newsletters are quarterly and we strive to get them out by the first of the following months: January, April, July & October. We are blaming AIBO, Region III, and the wonderful winter weather we are getting for the delay in our winter newsletter! ;-)

Please contact Carri Levitski at [clevitski@ci.cambridge.mn.us](mailto:clevitski@ci.cambridge.mn.us) to submit your questions. We can use this newsletter as a tool to generate discussions. I have always respected the mantra "let's not reinvent the wheel".





## MAHCO Spring Training is Here!!!

Get registered by Thursday, April 4th!

We know it is hard to imagine Spring with the weather we have been having lately...but it is ALMOST HERE!!

The MAHCO Executive Committee has been working hard at bringing you the finest education this region has to offer! We hope that you will join us for a day of education in Golden Valley on Thursday, April 11th!

### **Date**

Thursday, April 11, 2019 from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm

### **Location**

[City of Golden Valley's Brookview](#)

Bassett Creek Room  
316 Brookview Parkway S  
Golden Valley, MN 55426

### **Program**

7:30am – 8am – Registration & Networking  
8am – 8:15am – Welcome & Opening Comments  
8:15am – 9:45am – Receiverships  
9:45am – 10am – Break  
10am – 11:30am – Receiverships  
11:30am – 12:30pm – Lunch  
12:30pm – 2pm – City of Golden Valley Case Study  
2pm – 2:15pm – Break  
2:15 – 3:45pm – Honeybees are Good Neighbors  
3:45pm – 4pm – Q/A & Discussion



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Get registered by Thursday, April 4th!

### Program Descriptions

#### ***“Health & Safety Receiverships: A Receiver’s Perspective on Hoarding & Nuisance Properties”***

Attorney Richardson Griswold of Griswold Law, APC acts as a court-appointed Receiver and court-appointed Partition Referee in California. Mr. Griswold has been appointed by over eighty California courts in thirteen different California counties. He serves as the 2019 Chair/President of the California Receivers Forum. Mr. Griswold’s focus is acting as a health & safety receiver, taking control of and rehabilitating substandard properties across California. Griswold is a member of the California State Bar and licensed to practice law in all California state courts, as well as the United States District Courts in the Southern, Eastern, and Central Districts of California. Griswold earned his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Davis and his law degree, magna cum laude, from California Western School of Law in San Diego.

#### ***“Cities Have the Right to Inspect: The City of Golden Valley’s Case Study”***

The Minnesota Supreme Court recently issued a decision on whether cities could regularly inspect rental properties. This case attracted interest of prominent libertarian, and privacy and tenant right groups, testing the foundations of how cities regulate rental properties. Two Golden Valley landlords and their tenants refused an inspection of their duplex apartment. At issue was whether a city must show probable cause of a housing violation to obtain an administrative warrant to enter a property. Learn how the City of Golden Valley navigated through this process and how their outcome impacted rental licensing rules by surviving this legal challenge.

#### ***“Honeybees are Good Neighbors”***

Gary S. Reuter holds a position of Scientist in Apiculture at the University of Minnesota. He has been at the U of M since 1992. His responsibilities include field management of the 150 University honey bee colonies, raising and evaluating queens for their breeding program, repair and construction of beekeeping and research equipment, data collection and assistance with data analysis, laboratory work, computer input and programming, and teaching short-courses in Honey Bee Management and Queen Rearing. He does speeches at various beekeeper meetings about research results, honey bee management and disease as well as talks to pesticide applicators, growers, and the general public. He has been a Sideline beekeeper since 1984. He is also past president of the Wisconsin Honey producers and past president of the Minnesota Hobby Beekeepers Association.



## MAHCO Spring Training is Here!!!

Get registered by Thursday, April 4th!

### Join us for Happy Hour!

When: Immediately following the training!

Where: [New Bohemia](#)  
8040 Olson Memorial Highway  
Golden Valley, MN 55427

Why: To enjoy quality networking with like minded professionals in a social atmosphere!

Details: MAHCO will cover the initial round of appetizers!

### Registration Information

Cost: MAHCO Member - \$80  
Nonmember - \$95.00  
Group of 5+ from same jurisdiction - \$70.00 each



Register  
**NOW!**

Registration is available online through Eventbrite via the following link:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-mahco-spring-training-tickets-50664405601>

If you do not have access to a credit card please send a check made payable to:

MAHCO  
Attn: Shannon Rohr  
City of Bloomington  
1800 W Old Shakopee Rd  
Bloomington, MN 55431-3027

Please list your contact number, the jurisdiction and members attending.  
This training opportunity has a limited number of participants, so register soon to ensure your attendance! Registration closes April 4, 2019



## MAHCO Spring Training is Here!!!

Get registered by Thursday, April 4th!

### **Cancellation Policy**

It is the purpose of the Minnesota Association of Housing Code Officials (MAHCO) to provide training for its members and others.

In order to continue to provide excellent training opportunities at low cost to participants we must adhere to the following policy.

For a full refund – cancellations must be received by March 14, 2019

Cancellations received between March 15, 2019 and March 22, 2019 will receive a 50% refund.

Refunds are not available for cancellations made after March 28, 2019.

### **Hotel Information**

There are many hotels within two miles of Brookview. The [Springhill Suites by Marriot Minneapolis West](#) is 1.8 miles away from the facility. Rooms are \$124 per night. The address is 5901 Wayzata Blvd, St. Louis Park, MN 55416 – 952-738-7300

Please direct questions to Greg Smith at 218-590-8954 or via email at [gsmith@duluthmn.gov](mailto:gsmith@duluthmn.gov)

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