

# NDMHA News

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## Letter from NDMHA President

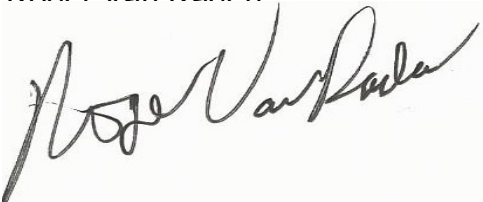
I am honored that I have been nominated to serve the North Dakota Manufactured Home Association as President. I have been involved in manufactured housing for over 40 years. I started in sales, I was involved in repair and helped build and manage three parks. In short with the exception of manufacturing I have played a part almost every aspect of this industry.

I strongly feel North Dakota is in need of this housing opportunity and feel as an association we can help make a difference. I feel that a strong association can help the buyers of affordable housing, the parks which the homes are located in, the sales outlets that offer these homes to the buyers and help make North Dakota a place for the manufactures of affordable housing an exciting place to do business in.

For my year as President of the NDMHA I hope we can make an assertive effort to increase membership, be supportive of that membership and help create stronger manufactured home ownership communities.

I am looking forward to working with all who are involved in this endeavor. I will always be open to new ideas and try to make this a very good year for our efforts.

Roger Van Raden



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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING**  
**NORTH DAKOTA MANUFACTURED HOUSING ASSOCIATION**  
**JANUARY 14, 2015**

The Annual Meeting of the North Dakota Manufactured Housing Association was held at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck, North Dakota on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

President Corey Theis presided as chairman of the meeting.

*The meeting was called to order. A quorum was present. The meeting was open for business.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Chad Evans, seconded by Glenn Bender, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held January 15, 2014 be approved.

Corey Theis presented the Treasurer's Report, attached as Exhibit A. It was moved by Chad Evans, seconded by Larry Gullickson, and unanimously carried that the Treasurer's Report and all disbursements made from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 be approved.

Corey Theis presented the nominations from the Nomination Committee for the Board of Directors positions expiring this year. The nominations were Chad Evans, Tom Wilkie and Roger Van Radon for At-Large Directors. Kent French was nominated for the Governmental Affairs position. Glenn Bender was nominated for the Financial Director position. Ron Mitzel was nominated for the Manufacturer position. The floor was opened for further nominations.

It was moved by Ron Mitzel, seconded by Chad Evans, and unanimously carried that nominations cease and unanimous ballots be cast for Chad Evans, Tom Wilkie and Roger Van Raden for At-Large Directors, Kent French for Governmental Affairs, Glenn Bender for Financial Director and Ron Mitzel for Manufacturer Director of the North Dakota Manufactured Housing Association for a two-year term.

Corey Theis asked for volunteers to serve on the Board in the event a Board member could not fulfill the full two-year term. Joe Wager nominated Tim Heptig from *Iseman Homes* and Mike Dodds from *Homark Homes* volunteered.

Corey Theis reviewed membership numbers and encouraged members to promote membership within the industry.

Corey Theis reported the Board has been considering moving NDMHA's Membership Meeting to a different time of year, due to dwindling participation. After much discussion and a unanimous show

of hands it was decided to move NDMHA's Membership Meeting to the fall, beginning in 2015. The Board will discuss date, time, expense and location. Corey indicated the Board is researching the possibility of holding the fall meeting in Medora, North Dakota.

Lance Kennedy reviewed NDMHA's online advertising campaign, attached at Exhibit B.

Overall website traffic is down by 40% compared to 2013. Lance reported that NDMHA did add Mobile website access to the website this year. NDMHA would like to continue with the adwords campaign in 2015.

### GENERAL SESSION

Jim Farnsworth reported the *Bismarck City Commission* is currently accessing manufactured home parks as commercial and not residential, which has caused special assessments to be double that of a single family home. Jim indicated a meeting was held with the *Bismarck City Commission* to change this situation, however the attempt was unsuccessful. Jim has reached out to Todd Kranda with the *Kelsch Law Firm* to see if NDMHA can introduce legislation which would treat manufactured home parks the same as single family residential land.

Rory Hoffman with the Department of Commerce indicated that he is currently in the process of setting up refresher courses for inspectors and installers. They are planning on running separate courses for inspectors and installers. Individuals who completed the online course will be asked to attend a new installer training course to become familiar with State Rules and Regulations.

Rory reported he received approximately fifteen complaints which he had to file with the home manufacturer. Most complaints are against the dealer or manufacturer. The current complaint program only allows for complaints within the first year after set-up.

There being no further business to come before the membership, it was moved by Tom Wilkie, seconded by Tom Erie, and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Dated this 15th day of January 2014.

Date of certification of these minutes.



Corey Theis  
President

# **ACTION!!!!!!!!!!**

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 1392**

### **(Special Assessment Fairness Legislation with Affordable Housing)**

#### **(9-4 Do Pass recommendation by House Finance & Taxation Committee)**

- HB 1392 tries to create a fair and consistent approach across the state for special assessment of manufactured home park property, applying the same rate as single family residential property.
- In some cities manufactured home property has special assessments that are charged double the rate of single family residential property.
- In many other cities manufactured home property are treated in a fair and reasonable fashion the same as single family residential property.
- HB 1392 is necessary to establish fair, reasonable and consistent treatment of manufactured home park property when special assessments are being made within cities across North Dakota.
- HB 1392 is a common sense bill that will help the poorest of homeowners. This is an issue of affordability and fairness.

As many of you know a number of people have been working a lot of hours on this issue—**THANK YOU!!!!!!**

**However**, more work needs to be done! In anticipation of crossing over with HB 1392 into the Senate for a hearing in the near future, Please start to contact your individual Senators informing them of the concept of HB 1392 regarding fairness of special assessments for manufactured homes and single family residential property. If we can start to generate familiarity and support it will be easier to get HB 1392 passed in the Senate despite anticipated resistance by the cities. For a list of Senators please visit the following website:

<http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/64-2015/members/senate>

### **2015 Manufactured Home Installation (MHIP) Training Dates & Locations**

Any new manufactured (mobile) home installed anywhere in North Dakota must be installed by a licensed installer, and inspected by a certified inspector to assure that it is installed according to the manufacturer's installation instructions. The primary purpose of the program is to assure that all new manufactured homes are properly installed and to assure that any problems found are corrected by the registered installer.

North Dakota has trained and registered installers from across the United States. Once a new manufactured home is inspected and found to be in compliance with the manufacturer's installation instructions, the certified inspector will affix a state insignia on the exterior of the home. A homeowner who elects to install his own home is not required to hire a registered installer, but must arrange for the inspection of the installation from a certified inspector. The state requires a minimum of one inspection for a single-wide unit, and two for a double-wide unit, but an inspector may conduct as many inspections as deemed necessary.

#### **March 31, 2015 (Central Time) Fargo at Baymont Inn & Suites (Formerly Doublewood Inn)**

Installer Refresher - 9:00 to 12:00; Inspector Refresher - 1:00 to 5:00

#### **April 15, 2015 (Mountain Time) Dickinson at Dickinson Elks Lodge**

Installer Refresher - 9:00 to 12:00; Inspector Refresher - 1:00 to 5:00

#### **April 28, 2015 (Central Time) Minot at Sleep Inn & Suites**

Installer Refresher - 9:00 to 12:00; Inspector Refresher - 1:00 to 5:00

#### **May 19, 2015 (Central Time) Bismarck at Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel**

Installer Refresher - 9:00 to 12:00; Inspector Refresher - 1:00 to 5:00

**May 20, 2015 (Central Time) Bismarck at Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel**

New Installers, New Inspectors, & Online Training Recipients - 9:00 to 5:00

**Any person who took the online course this past year MUST take this class**

All participants must complete the appropriate registration and training forms whether you are a new or an existing registered installer or certified inspector. The applications must be completed and returned to the Division of Community Services by the close of business on **March 23, 2015**. Both the State Registration Form and Training Registration Form must be completed and returned along with payment.

**A late fee of \$25 will be assessed for all registrations after the March 23, 2015 deadline.**

Installers, Inspectors, and Online Training Recipients will need to complete the required forms listed below and return to Division of Community Services.

SFN 58300 Certified Inspector Application

SFN 58299 Registered Installer Application

2015 Manufactured Home Training Registration Form

Should you have any questions, please contact Rory Hoffmann at (701) 486-3330 or Sue Kobilansky at (701) 328-2819.

For more information and to obtain the required forms please visit the below website:

<http://www.communityservices.nd.gov/manufacturedhomes/>

*From: <http://www.communityservices.nd.gov/manufacturedhomes/>*

**Homes Shipped into North Dakota 2014**

	Single Section	Multi Section	Monthly Total
January	20	20	40
February	9	14	23
March	44	23	67
April	61	39	100
May	29	32	61
June	46	32	78
July	35	39	74
August	73	35	108
September	59	28	87
October	100	34	134
November	48	28	76
December	33	33	66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>914</b>

**Manufactured Home Shipments per Year**

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Shipments	166	203	300	449	600	707	897	940	775	671	503

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Shipments	308	311	297	258	288	287	315	403	261	739	1867

Year	2012	2013	2014
Shipments	1468	774	914