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## FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

For What It's Worth (FWIW) is a service for members of the Oklahoma Homebuyer Education Association. We welcome your responses or other information you would like to share with us. Send items to Tricia Auberle at [HomebuyerEd@okacaa.org](mailto:HomebuyerEd@okacaa.org)

**The OHEA Executive Committee** has voted to endorse the National Industry Standards for Homeownership Education and Counseling, and we will be working through that process over the winter. Some of you may recall that we did not adopt the standards when they were first issued because we do not perform direct services. There were also reservations because the industry standards are not as high as our own Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct. However, other organizations are listed as endorsing the standards rather than adopting them, so we are now looking into that process.

**The Annual Membership Meeting** voted to accept the continuing service of our Secretary, Ruby Gann, from Little Dixie Community Action Agency Homeownership Center in Hugo, OK. We greatly appreciate her willingness to continue serving.

**2017 OHEA Events.** Here is our new schedule of OHEA trainings, continuing education, and the OHEA Conference. Activities may change and are subject to funding and minimum participation.

April 24 – 28	OHEA Train the Trainer classroom session
May 10 – 11	Comprehensive Continuing Education
October 2 – 6	OHEA Train the Trainer classroom session
November 15	14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Homebuyer Education Conference
November 16	Comprehensive Continuing Education morning workshop

All events will be held at the Oklahoma Weatherization Training Center, 605 Centennial Blvd., Edmond, Oklahoma 73013. Watch for details and registration forms in future issues.

**Another free continuing education opportunity** is available through The Counselor's Corner.

- "Housing Affordability" provides a basic refresher on what housing educators need to know to build or maintain competency on this topic. The webinar is Wednesday, January 25 at 1:00 – 3:00 Central Time. Go to the website for registration and additional information: [www.thecounselorscorner.net](http://www.thecounselorscorner.net).

**Down Payment Assistance for Veterans.** Up to \$5000 in down payment assistance is still available for veterans whose income is 80% or below the Area Median Income. The borrower must contribute a minimum of \$500 out of pocket unless utilizing the Rural Development Direct Loan Program. Contact the BancFirst Mortgage Loan Officer nearest you or REI Oklahoma at 800-658-2823.

**Heads up!** You should have seen an email regarding your membership dues for 2017 this week. This is the first notice for the new year.