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FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

For What It's Worth 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

Train the Trainer set for September 24-28. Registration information for OHEA Certified Homebuyer Education Professional training and exam preparation is attached to this newsletter. Please share the information with appropriate colleagues who need to be certified.

What is happening to Affordable Housing in Oklahoma? Is housing available for first-time buyers and is there financing? How are the sweat equity programs doing? Does Oklahoma have any housing policy? These and other related questions will be addressed at the **9th Annual Homebuyer Education Conference, October 30-31 at the Oklahoma Weatherization Training Center in Edmond.** The conference will include panels and breakout sessions with guest speakers, as well as the OHEA Membership Meeting. You will come away prepared to share with your community exactly how housing is doing in Oklahoma. Those of you who are Certified Homebuyer Education Professionals (CHEPs) will earn six hours of continuing education for the conference, which also will count as Day One of the Fall Comprehensive Continuing Education Program. Then on the 31st we will provide the option of an additional morning of sessions to complete the 10-hours for Comprehensive Continuing Ed. We have put the training and conference together to reduce travel costs and time away from the office. Look for registration materials and a more complete agenda coming in September.

We need leadership! I said that last month but maybe no one believed me. So here are the facts. In December 2011 the OHEA Advisory Board strategized a future for OHEA, but there is no one to implement their ideas. There was no Member Meeting last year because OHEA activities were suspended. Technically all offices are vacant. Committee chairpersons have not been appointed and no Advisory Board meetings have been held. We have been in a holding pattern, providing certification, continuing education training and a newsletter. While these are our core functions, we cannot engage and retain the membership without involvement from the members, as evidenced by a drop of 31% in membership and over 50% in active certified trainers from 2011 to 2012. We need people who are willing to revitalize this organization. Two meetings per year would get us back on track. Contact us with your ideas or if you are willing to hold office or serve on an OHEA committee.

Second Notice. OHEA's Annual Membership Meeting and Elections will be held in conjunction with the Annual Homebuyer Education Conference on October 30 at the Oklahoma Weatherization Training Center in Edmond. We invite you to attend. You do not have to register for the conference to attend the meeting – extra seating will be provided. Also, please propose agenda items in advance if you have something you feel should be discussed. Send your items to HomebuyerEd@okacaa.org

Continuing Education Opportunities

October 30 - 31: OHEA 9th Annual Homebuyer Education Conference at the Oklahoma Weatherization Training Center, Edmond, OK. Watch this newsletter for additional information.

November 3: Oklahoma Jumpstart Coalition Financial Education Conference. OHEA Continuing Education credit hours will be determined after the agenda has been announced.

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