

COOPERATIVE HOUSING ASSOCIATION of NEW ENGLAND, INC.
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Dear

We have a *new name* as well as a new fiscal year ! Our friends in the National Association of Housing Cooperatives (NAHC) – all CHANE members are also NAHC members – have noticed that we already have Massachusetts members and potential members in Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. So we decided it was time to change our name and expand our mission..

We are also changing our website. Hopefully its new name will attract more members. It's: www.CoopHousingNewEngland.org.

Many events these days are or will affect us as cooperative home owners. Widespread economic and employment difficulties, rising costs of taxes, utilities and insurance, new government regulations – you name it! One sure thing is that there will be changes.. One of the best ways to learn about new ways to deal with new challenges is to join with other cooperatives facing the same challenges.

One personal service we as CHANE officers have learned, our members really appreciate our ability to provide answers and assistance in time of need. We have access to dozens of housing co-op professionals and if we do not know good answers to questions, we know who to call. We also can arrange for Board and member training. .

Check our new website and the NAHC website, www.NAHC.coop. Since CHANE is an affiliate of NAHC it has tax exempt non profit status and can help our members obtain and administer grants. Also, we welcome every member co-op to give us a paragraph or a page to be added to our website so that others can learn more about our members and what they offer! That's a free service to members.

We hope you will consider joining CHANE and NAHC. Attached is an Application Note that our dues have not increased although NAHC increased its dues again this year. Also note we and NAHC now depend on email for most communications, so inclusion of more email addresses on Applications is a good idea! The *Cooperative Housing Bulletin* is now distributed electronically to all members for whom we have email addresses ! The latest edition is available on request. Members can read and download earlier editions and many research library items on www.NAHC.coop

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Enclosures: Application

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CHANE CO-OP APPLICATION and ANNUAL RENEWAL FORM

Annual CHANE and NAHC Dues: \$3.25 per unit with a minimum of \$80.. Dues for larger co-ops reduced to \$2.25 per unit for all units over the first 150 with a maximum annual dues payment of \$1,500. The fiscal year for CHANE starts July 1st. NAHC is now on a Calendar Year. **PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT !**

Co-op Corporate Name: _____

Number of dwelling units: _____ **Total Annual Dues:** _____ **Date:** _____

Name of Primary Contact Person: _____

The Contact Person receives all NAHC and CHANE correspondence, emails and publications. Unless and until a member cooperative makes other arrangements, this person will be considered as the Cooperative’s Board member on the CHANE Board. Most Board Meetings are by “telecon”.

Co-op Street Address and Mail Address if Different: _____

Co-op Phone: _____ **Co-op FAX:** _____

Co-op Email: Most CHANE and NAHC correspondence is by Email: _____

Co-op Website: _____ (Information on your Co-op can be put on the CHANE Website shown above without charge. Send text and photos to willcoxr@juno.com.)

Names, Mail and Email Addresses for at least four (4) more persons to receive all NAHC and CHANE mailings including The Cooperative Housing Bulletin and the Cooperative Housing Journal. We encourage Co-ops to attach a list of email addresses for all interested members.

Name _____ Address _____ Email _____

Authorized Signature for Cooperative _____

Is your Cooperative: Market Rate: () Limited Equity () Other – () please explain on back of form

Does your Cooperative have a ‘blanket’ first mortgage? Yes () Paid off () Never had one ()

If “yes”, is it provided by or assisted by HUD () or a State Agency ()?

Do any of your members receive assistance under the HUD Section 8 program? Yes () No ()