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MHA - Message from President

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Message From the President

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season. Best wishes on a New Year and may all of you have a productive and prosperous 2014 season.

Recently several of our members were in Washington D.C. for the Design Contest held by Alliance for Green Heat. Norbert participated as one of the judges and was involved with testing. Meanwhile, Ron Pihl (board member and technical committee member) stayed an extra day to speak with the OMB (Office of management and budget) about the NSPS (New Source Performance Standards) before they released the NSPS to the public. Personally, I would like to thank Ron and all the others, including the HPBA for their coaching in this endeavor.

On Jan.3rd, the EPA released their draft of the NSPS regarding woodburning appliances. In a few days they will open up the 90 day public comment period. You can read the NSPS by opening this link:

[EPA's New Source Performance Standard](#)

Here is a link to the section about Masonry Heaters

[Masonry Heater Summary](#)

Our technical committee has already started deciphering this document and will report to the board. Originally the goal is to have the heaters in the MHA portfolio tested. This will require testing of each unit to see if it can meet EPA's guidelines. Once we get a clearer picture we will determine if this is still the case.

The Technical Committee has been acquiring testing equipment as well as some of the members doing so on their own. The purpose is to acquire as much data while being able to tweak designs for better emissions and efficiency. This allows us to "fine tune" a heater before taking it in for testing at an expensive EPA certified lab.

So this New Year has thrust upon us an urgency unlike in previous years. We have come to the point that took years to get to, but now we have to act in the next 90 days. We are looking to the Technical Committee to give advice to the board. It may well be expensive, but thankfully former board members judiciously watched spending and we've saved some funds for testing.

Besides the NSPS, membership renewals are due, our annual meeting at Wildacres is only 3 months away and the World of Concrete Expo is a mere 2 weeks away. There's much to do and I urge committees into action, I ask members to pay their dues so the office has more time to pursue other issues and I ask everyone to think about the auction at the annual meeting. The auction is one of the major income sources of the MHA. Now more than ever we need funds as we face the high price of testing and document preparation that goes with testing. Consider donating an item for the auction or consider donating your time, much like Jerry Frisch, Marty Pearson and Tony DaSilva did when they donated their time in helping construct masonry heaters and bake oven.

Lastly, remember to enter the MHA design contest. Let's see if we can out do the terrific entries from last year. The competitive spirit is inspiring and it also showcases to the world what we can do.

Hope to see all of you in April at Wildacres to renew old friendships, make new ones and learn more about the NSPS.

All the Best,
Dan Givens, President

Membership Dues, Annual Meeting at Wildacres, HMed Class, NFI Class

The above items can all be done on one easy to use form on the MHA website. Thanks to Max Edleson, the following link can be used to renew, register for the annual meeting and register for classes.

[Membership Renewal Form and Registration Forms](#)

The form has 4 steps and you have to complete each step to the end.

If you decide to phone the office with your credit card, we need four (4) pieces of information:

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Richard Smith
Executive Director

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