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Cloverdale Executive Board unanimously voted to join Community Associations Institute (CAI) – a national organization of homeowners. The Board appointed homeowner, Nance Briscoe, as their representative.

In the mid 1990s Cloverdale was a member of CAI and thru the years renewal of our membership fell by the wayside.

WHY did this happen?

The newly elected officers during our Annual Meetings had not received pertinent information regarding annual activities or association business guidelines - officers had not been provided with a standard operating procedure.

By 2000 this difficulty started to change. Homeowner Cully Rinaldi initiated the use of a notebook for elected officer duties & procedures specific to handling the business of the association. A key instrument to be passed on to those elected each year.

In 1998 homeowner Nance Briscoe developed an unofficial Cloverdale website due to the need for easily accessible information by our members. By 2011 the Cloverdale website became official, containing our governing documents as well as specific information & dates to accommodate the business of the association. <http://CloverdaleHOA.com>

Together with the procedures and website Cloverdale HOA Executive Board will be in a much better position to effectively support the homeowners and provide the expected representation for Cloverdale HOA members.

WHAT IS CAI?

Founded in 1973, Community Associations Institute (CAI) is the national voice for an estimated 60 million people who live in more than 305,000 community associations of all sizes and architectural types throughout the United States. Community associations include condominium associations, homeowner associations, cooperatives and planned communities.

CAI is dedicated to fostering vibrant, responsive, competent community associations that promote harmony, community and responsible leadership. CAI advances excellence through a variety of education programs, professional designations, research, networking and referral opportunities, publications, and advocacy before legislative bodies, regulatory bodies, and the courts.

In addition to individual homeowners, CAI's multidisciplinary membership encompasses community association managers and management firms, attorneys, accountants, engineers, builders/developers, and other providers of professional products and services for homeowners and their associations. CAI represents this extensive constituency on a range of issues including taxation, bankruptcy, insurance, private property rights, telecommunications, fair housing, electric utility deregulation, and community association manager credentialing. CAI's over 30,000 members participate actively in the public policy process through more than 60 local, regional and state chapters and 33 state Legislative Action Committees.

For additional information, please contact CAI's Government & Public Affairs Department by phone (703.970.9220), fax (703.970.9558) or e-mail (g&pa@caionline.org).

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What is the difference between CAI and EPOHOA?

- ❖ CAI is a 501(C)4 non-profit organization which permits representation of homeowners for example, political and legislative action(s) as the key to HOAs. At this writing West Virginia has no homeowner organized representation. A minimum of 50 (fifty) CAI members must be enrolled to open a WV CAI Chapter.
- ❖ EPOHOA is a 501(C)3 non-profit and is NOT permitted the same opportunities. The organization is made up of homeowners without state representation. Those homeowners meet monthly, discuss issues, problems and develop strategy to be successful in the preservation and promotion of the present and future welfare of homeowners to conduct the business of their respective associations. At this writing EPOHOA is promoting a membership drive to gain CAI's extensive resources for the first WV Chapter.

REFERENCE:

501(C)4 non-profit organization: organizations may lobby for legislation - they may also participate in political campaigns and elections, as long as its primary activity is the promotion of social welfare

501(C)3 non-profit organization: organizations are subject to limits or absolute prohibitions on engaging in political activities and risk loss of status as tax exempt status if violated.