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LAC is poised for an eventful 2013 Legislative Session. UCIOA Next, a Condo-reconciliation bill and a UCIOA fix-it bill will all be combined into a revised and improved UCIOA Next. (John Morris's article in this issue explains what is included in the reconciliation and fix-it bills). LAC will also be presenting a Manager Registration bill. It is anticipated that Senator Wayne Neiderhauser will again be our sponsor. He has sponsored our bills in both the 2011 and the 2012 Legislative Sessions. Senator Neiderhauser has taken significant personal time to understand the issues and has become an effective advocate for our bills.

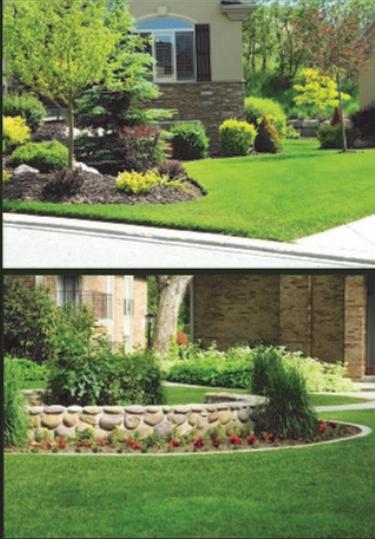
Though delays in drafting prevented UCIOA Next from being presented in committee hearing during the 2012 Legislative Session, the drafting is in all material respects complete - - with only fine tuning left. UCIOA Next will be presented to the Business and Labor Committee at one or more of the Interim Committee meetings which will be held by the Legislature on May 16, June 20 and August 15.

In preparation for Interim Committee meetings, LAC has scheduled meetings with leaders in the land use development industry, including lobbyists and representatives from developer, realtor and home builder organizations; the Utah League of Cities and Towns; and others. LAC has worked closely with these individuals in the past and during the year 2012 they participated in meetings with the LAC to refine the scope and content of UCIOA Next. Thus, we anticipate that consensus on UCIOA Next can be reached during the Interim Committee process, though, as always, there are no guarantees when making legislation.

LAC is also hopeful that the Manager Registration bill will gain support. Currently a manager of community associations is not required to have any special education or licensure. At this point, anyone can manage a community association. The intent is to require a manager of community association properties to become "credentialed" and then regulated by CAI or a similar organization.

In sum, for the past several years LAC has been able to pass more amendments and updates to legislation affecting community associations than any other organization. LAC is becoming recognized on Capital Hill for its legislative efforts and, we believe, has established credibility with legislators and those involved in the community association and land development industries.

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