

new leadership

& A FULL LEGISLATIVE PLATE FOR 2015-16



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For those who don't know much about the LAC or could use a refresher the following is some basic information:

The Legislative Action Committees (LAC) exists to represent the interests of, and to provide regular communications to, the members of CAI (Community Associations Institute) with respect to state legislative, regulatory, and amicus curiae activities of relevance to the creation and operation of community associations within their chapter or state.

Currently the committee is comprised of 15 volunteers: five homeowners, five community managers, and five business partners. In addition to these volunteers, we have lobbyists and an executive director. The committee meets together monthly as well as hosts CAI day at the capitol each year.

In May, my term as the LAC Chair ended. While it was not a position I sought after, I am grateful for opportunity to participate in this capacity. My responsibilities were made much easier because of devoted, hardworking committee members.

Sarah Crawford has officially taken the reins. She is well qualified for the job and will continue to move our progress forward.



BY SARAH CRAWFORD
NEW LAC CHAIR
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I'd like to thank LaMond for his work as Committee Chair for the past three years. We are all grateful for his leadership and his continued participation on the LAC.

Our LAC retreat was held on May 20th in Fillmore. Our group solicited and reviewed suggestions and problems raised by industry partners and homeowners. While not all requests can be pursued this session, we were able to prioritize and have a full slate.

One thing we learned this past session is we need more and better communication to our fellow chapter members as well as to the legislative representatives. We've been working through the logistics of creating more volunteer opportunities within the LAC structure and hope to provide that information to all CAI members in the very near future.

Our Public & Legislative Affairs Sub-Committee is producing a welcome packet that we plan to provide to all legislators this fall. Our goal is for the LAC to be contacted with any contemplated legislation for review and suggestions prior to it reaching legislative drafting. We will be distributing a survey in the coming months to all CAI members looking for owners with legislative connections which will help us to effectively distribute these packets.

On a final note, if at any time you have suggestions or questions for the LAC please feel free to reach out to Mindy Knudsen at executivedirector@utahlac.com. All submittal will be reviewed and considered by the Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.