COMMUNITY **ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**





by Amy M. Smith, Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer Awards Committee Co-Chair

The 2023 CAI-Michigan 'Fire and Ice' Awards Gala is fast approaching. Celebrating the resilience, passion, and transformative power these elements represent, we look forward to recognizing the individuals, businesses, and communities that have echoed these qualities in their contributions over the past year. From September 1, 2023, through November 1, 2023, we will be accepting nominations for these exciting awards.

Our "Rising Star" award recognizes a vibrant newcomer, active for five years or less, who has demonstrated an exceptional tenacity and commitment to community association affairs. From dedicated managers and board members to business partners, this award is to honor those whose work has stood out during their time in this industry. By honoring this budding talent, the award aims to encourage continued growth and development, fostering a generation of innovative, committed, and compassionate leaders who will drive the community association industry forward. Criteria to consider are innovation, leadership, professional development, and positive effect on our organization and industry.

The "Board Member of the Year" award is an honor designed to highlight a community association board member who has transcended routine responsibilities to exhibit remarkable leadership. This accolade celebrates not just the fulfillment of obligations but the surpassing of expectations through selfless voluntary service, substantial contributions, and an unwavering dedication to their community. The recipient of this award will be someone who has tirelessly worked towards the best interests of residents, consistently going above and beyond to foster a community environment that is harmonious, secure, and flourishing.

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September:

September 28-29, 2023 - M-100 - The Essentials of Community Association Management (Live Virtual Class)

October:

• October 6, 2023-In-person Mini Expo-Flint, MI

December:

December 14, 2023 - Award Gala-Gem Theatre 333 Madison Detroit, MI





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Managing Risks Associated with Data Security, Cyber Space, Technology and the Internet of things: Can't Live with Evolving Technology and can't live without it.

by Joel W. Meskin, Esq., CIRMS, MLIS, CCAL Fellow, Managing Director, McGowan Program Administrators

A few things that everyone can agree upon is that the Internet of Things ("IoT"), Cyber Liability, Data Breach, Cyber Crime and Technology are touching everyone's life, both positively and negatively. Most people agree that all their devices, systems including the required software and hardware are expanding, changing and growing faster than any of us can keep up with or understand. Most everyone communicates using smart phones and/or other

smart devices. More and more, new homes are built as smart homes or existing homes are transitioned into smart homes. Many of us yearn for times gone by.

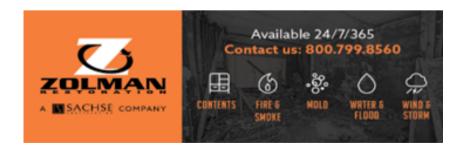
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