



Who We Are

The Chicagoland Apartment Association (CAA) is a trade association representing the multifamily housing industry in the City of Chicago, its suburbs, and the entire state. Founded in 1982, CAA is the only affiliate of the National Apartment Association (NAA) in the state of Illinois. The CAA hosts cutting edge education and training programs and networking opportunities, guides the industry in the legislative arena, and encourages meaningful partnerships within the community. Our goal is to be a credible and reliable source of information and training to all owners of apartment homes, large or small, and their partners.

Our Mission

To advance the rental housing industry by providing education, legislative and informational support, enabling members to operate successfully while contributing to the community around them.

Our Members

Our membership currently represents 250 companies who own/manage 1,620 apartment communities with over 245,000 units, and 210 supplier partners who support their efforts by providing products and services to the industry. Our member companies range from owners of single-family homes and two-flats to the largest multi-family owners in the country. Our goal is to be a credible and reliable source of information and training to all owners of apartment homes, large or small.

CAA Board Members are encouraged to advance the mission of CAA by participating in our committees, supporting our events and contributing to the CAA/NAA Political Action Committees. Members should attend all board meetings and could lose board member status if they fail to attend at least half of the scheduled meetings.

In addition, board members should:

- Be willing to acquire the knowledge necessary to cope with the issues of a membership association, its finances, operations, programs, services and public issues
- Subordinate personal and other business interests to the needs of the association when making decisions
- Be an independent thinker, but open to others' positions and opinions
- Be one who can accept change and even direct change
- Be willing to commit adequate time to the work of the board in order to be an effective member and properly discharge the duties of the board
- Exhibit character and demeanor that will reflect favorably on the association
- Support the Executive Director's role of utilizing and overseeing CAA staff, to implement policy with latitude in determining means to achieve Board directives and goals
- Help develop and support CAA's legislative agenda by providing information to determine positions, participation in calls for action, and financial support of the CAA PAC.