

2010 VAHC

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

“EMBRACING A NEW
ECONOMIC HORIZON:
MOVING TO THE NEXT LEVEL.”

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel

April 26th-29th

VAHC Annual Conference

Housing Counselor Certifications

Review and Exam

Virginia Association of
Housing Counselors
c/o HRPDC
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320



VAHC 2010 Annual Conference Registration Form

April 26th – 29th VAHC Annual Conference
Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

My contact information has changed. Please update VAHC website (*email address is never included on website*)

Do not include my contact information on the VAHC website

Conference Registration Fee:

Please check one:

- \$170.00 Early Bird for members only
(*Must be received by Wed. March 19th*)
- \$195.00 Non Members and late registration
(*Received after Thurs. March 20th*)

Membership Dues:

Must be paid annually by conference date

- \$30.00 VAHC Dues

Certification Fees:

Choose only one exam, dues must be current:

- \$100.00 Certified Housing Counselor Exam
(*Exam. April 26th*)
- \$50.00 Certification Manual
- \$75.00 Certified Comprehensive Housing
Counselor Exam
(*Exam. April 26th*)
- \$25.00 Certification Manual

*Do not register for the Comprehensive Exam until
you have successfully completed the Certified
Housing Counselor exam.*

Registration Summary

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Fee | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Dues | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certification Exam | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certification Manual | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total Enclosed | \$ _____ |

Special requests (*dietary, accommodations for
persons with disabilities, etc*):

Return this form with your check made out to
VAHC for the total registration amount to:

Luanne Gallagher, VAHC Treasurer
VAHC Conference 2010
3804 Poplar Hill Road, Suite A
Chesapeake, VA 23321
fax: (757) 484-1096
lgallagher@cceva.org

Cancellation Policy:

*The deadline for the conference and certification
registration is April 15th.*

Registration is non-refundable

Scholarships Are Available!!!!

A limited amount of Scholarships are available to attend the conference and/or certifications.
Please log on to our site for more information concerning criteria and how to apply.

Visit our website: www.virginiahousingcounselors.org

Your Guide to the VAHC 2010 Annual Conference

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About the Conference

The 2010 Annual Spring Conference is sponsored by the Virginia Association of Housing Counselors. This annual conference offers a variety of sessions for both new and experienced counselors.

In addition to the annual conference, VAHC offers two certifications: Certified Housing Counselor and Comprehensive Certified Housing Counselor

This annual conference aims to bring together housing providers from across the state as well as other surrounding states that are passionate about preserving and creating affordable housing for all.

Please join us April 26th - 29th!

Some of the sessions you will enjoy this year:

- Foreclosure /Loss Mitigation Case Studies
- Fair Housing
- Universal Design
- Tools & Techniques to Prevent Counselor Burn-out
- Addressing the Needs of the Homeless
- Cultural Diversity
- Life After Bankruptcy
- Predatory Lending

Who Should Attend

- Housing Authorities
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Housing Advocacy Groups
- Affordable Housing Advocates
- Lenders
- Social Workers
- State & Local Government Agencies
- Real Estate Agents
- Financial Counselors

Certification Exam Process

This year, VAHC will offer two certifications: The Certified Housing Counselor and the Certified Comprehensive Housing Counselor certification. Review and test preparation sessions will be held on April 26th.

Conference Location and Accommodations

The 2010 VAHC Conference will be held at the

**Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel
777 Waterside Dr. Norfolk, VA 23510
(757) 622-6664**

The hotel is holding a block of rooms at the group rate of \$109.00 per night, plus taxes. This rate is good until March 20, 2010. The number of rooms are limited, so book early. To make a reservation, call toll-free 1-888-627-8042 or visit our website for a direct link to hotel reservations.

www.virginiahousingcounselors.org

Be sure to mention the "Virginia Association of Housing Counselors Conference" to receive the discounted group rate.

For more information concerning hotel accommodations, please contact Paul Harper, VAHC Conference Coordinator at **pharper@albemarle.org**

Conference Registration Deadline

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VAHC 2010 Member Information

VAHC Board of Directors Elections

We are looking for a combination of fresh ideas, experience in the housing industry, and a desire to serve your fellow Association members. Consider nominating yourself or one of your colleagues!

During the membership meeting, elections will be held for the following offices:

- 1st Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- Treasurer
- Member At Large (Western Region)
- Conference Coordinator

Each nominee must be a current member of VAHC, in good standing, and be a certified housing counselor. A brief description of candidates will be provided before the elections. Log on to our site to download a nomination application.

2010 VAHC Awards of Excellence

Each year VAHC honors individuals throughout the state of Virginia that have demonstrated their commitment to improving the lives of families and the well-being of communities. Through recognition that households of all income levels deserve a fair opportunity to buy or rent housing that is safe, decent, affordable and suitable for their needs. Nominations are now being accepted for these awards that will recognize individuals from all four regions of the state. Individuals are encouraged to nominate themselves or other VAHC Counselors for outstanding service in any of the following categories:

- Advocacy
- Housing Counseling/Education
- Foreclosure Prevention
- Homelessness Prevention & Assistance
- Affordable Housing Initiatives

Log on to our site to download a nomination application.

Log on to our site to download a nomination application. The winners will be honored in a ceremony during the upcoming 2010 Conference. For more information, please email: Melissa Yuille, Awards Chairperson at: myuille@lyncag.org.

2010 Scholarship Information

Scholarships will be available for the 2010 Annual Conference. All scholarship requests must be made online between February 22, 2010 and February 26, 2010. Scholarship can be used for the following: certification cost, certification manuals, conference registration and conference hotel room rental.

Sponsorships

Give your company or organization maximum exposure at the 2010 VAHC Conference by sponsoring the event and having your name and/or logo published in this year's Conference Booklet. This booklet is distributed to all conference attendees. Different levels of sponsorship are available with a variety of benefits. Please visit our site for more information or contact:

Earl Howerton, First Vice-President

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General Questions Concerning the Conference?

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Please visit our website for more information about the conference:

www.virginiahousingcounselors.org

You will find:

- Tentative Conference Agenda
- Registration form available in a PDF
- Scholarship Information
- Board of Directors Nomination Application
- Award of Excellence Nomination Form
- Sponsorship Information
- Membership Meeting Agenda Items