



Heads Up

July 2008

Dear NAHU State and Local Legislative Chairs,

Welcome to your new positions! We are very excited that you have agreed to serve as the legislative liaison for your chapter, and we wanted to let you know about some tools

In-District Meeting

As Congress prepares for their extended August recess, from August 11th to September 5th, we're asking all our members, especially our state and local legislative chairs, to set up meetings with their members of Congress. Members throughout your State and Chapter will need your help in getting in contact with offices, organizing members, and preparing for these meetings. Once the appointments are set up, we ask that you let us know by going [here](#) and entering your information, so we can keep track of our member's meetings.

Attached you will find a quick list of talking points we would like you to stress during your meetings, focusing on the asset that NAHU members are to both congressman and their constituents. Additional resources for these meetings can be found [here](#). If you contact Danielle Jaffee at djaffee@nahu.org ahead of time, we would be happy to ship you a small kit containing copies of some of our brochures and other information for you so that you can provide written materials to the offices you visit, along with extended information for your conversation.

We understand that August can be a busy time with the end of summer, so if you are not able to set up a time with your Congress members during this recess please try to meet with them when they return to their districts after the Congressional adjournment in late September, early October.

Legislative Reports to Your Chapter

Attached to this message is a summary of top legislative issues our national staff has been working on over the past few weeks. If you have time on the agenda at your next chapter meeting to give a brief legislative report, you could use this document as a reference. We'll attach a similar report to each monthly newsletter.

Legislative Chair Training Calls

Every second Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm EST we will be holding a Legislative Chair training call, I have attached the yearly schedule along with call-in information. These calls will address an overview of State and Federal issues most prevalent at that time. For each call we will provide you with a power-point presentation and give you an in-depth analysis on these issues. The power-points will not only serve as a resource for you but you can also use them for your own presentations with your chapters and elsewhere.

Remember, participation in these training calls gives your chapter credit towards their Legislative Excellence Award. Along with credit towards your award, you can receive bonus credit by participating in the upcoming training call for General Legislative Chair Training which will be held on Thursday, August 21st at 1:00pm EST and repeated on Thursday, September 18th at 1:00pm.

If you're unable to attend one of the Legislative Chair Training Calls, don't worry, each call will be recorded and posted on our website for you to listen to at your convenience.

NAHU Government Relations Staff

The NAHU national government relations staff is always here to help you, answer questions and develop resource materials for you and your chapter as needed. We have two new staff members, Michael Keegan is the new Director of State Affairs for Regions 5, 7 and 8, and Danielle Jaffee is our new Government Affairs Coordinator. Attached is a list of all of our contact information, as well as a brief overview of each staff member's primary areas of responsibility.

Website

During the course of the next few weeks we will be working on updating the Legislative Tools section of our website. By next month you should be able to find the most up-to-date resources from the Legislative Council Handbook to various other resources. Stay tuned!