

THE VALUE OF THE DEDICATED COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LEADER (DCAL)

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The Nevada Chapter of CAI has an earned recognition for directors who submit to a code of ethics along with obtaining education, which also requires continuing education to maintain the recognition. We are now up to 80, and possible more now, recognized individuals with many more on the track to achieving this coveted recognition.

These individuals continue to impress me with their dedication to the industry by continuing to offer more of their time, as needed, to industry organizations.

Our first DCAL to complete the process was Jan Porter a dedicated industry professional who since that time has served on the Commission for Common Interest Community and Condo Hotels representing the homeowner, has worked for a developer in their HOA division and is now the on-site manager for Peccole ranch, whose whole board consists of DCAL's as well. Jan event went as far as to fly to Reno on her own dime to take the ethics class since it is only offered once a year in each of the North and the South.

Several complete other association's boards have obtained this recognition, which obviously allows the directors to eliminate much of the in-fighting and differences of opinions in those areas at least dictated by the laws. The first Association where the directors all achieved this recognition was the Sun City Aliante association, Las Vegas, NV. It would be wonderful if the Ombudsman's Office would recognize this achievement as well since having this type of educated board could potentially eliminate many of their incoming calls.

Many other states across the county have started to copy the breaking trend to recognize those individuals who dedicate their personal lives for others who live in the associations, but also take it one step further by giving up more time to get and keep the DCAL Recognition though education and continuing education.

If you are a CAI Member, you will also see these dedicated volunteers writing articles for the Chapter Magazine and attending Commission meetings. This is also part of their role as a DCAL, which shows dedication to education and leadership in our industry in Nevada.

Andrea Behrens, was the first CIA Business Partner to receive her recognition with many more of our Business Partners in line to take a final class to be eligible.

As a member of CAI, I am sure that the Chapter could use your help in supporting these individual's who have gone over and above what should be asked of our volunteer members. If you see the little DCAL pin on the lapel or collar at a meeting, thank the individual for their time and dedication to our industry. It will go a long way towards helping them understand how unique they are and how we appreciate their dedication and service. The pin looks just like the logo on the fliers that the Chapter puts out advising its members of DCAL classes. DCAL's are wearing their pins with pride and rightfully so. Watch for the pin and help make someone's day by congratulating them.

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