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Mortgage Lenders Association of Greater Charleston

The President's Corner

Greetings!

On behalf of MLAGC, let me begin by expressing our fervent hope that you are each well and safe. The global COVID-19 pandemic has rocked us all, and we are continuously monitoring the latest updates from global health officials, along with recommendations and guidance from industry experts, in order to promote sound lending practices that protect both you as lenders and the customers you serve.

Toward that end, we have made some significant changes to the 2020 MLAGC calendar, and we want to be sure that you are aware of all rescheduled events. Our annual golf tournament at Shadowmoss was postponed back in March, though we are looking ahead to determine whether we can host this event in September. We also postponed the ARCH MI and MLAGC Professional Development Lunch and Learn previously scheduled for April 8th, and we will address a proposed new date of July 22nd at the June 2020 MLAGC Board Meeting. The Bowling for Bankers night originally scheduled for this month has also been postponed, with a tentative new date of August 19th. Planning is underway for a summer social at Bohemian Bull, and we are eager to provide as many other educational, networking, and community service events as circumstances allow. While we lament the inconvenience of rescheduling, our primary concern is the safety and wellbeing of all of our members. Please know we will apprise you of confirmed dates and events just as quickly as those decisions are made.

I hope that you all continue to find your membership in MLAGC rewarding in the interim, and will take advantage of the many benefits offered to you as a member. Please follow our Facebook page and newsletters for updates, and share them with your colleagues. If there are topics or issues you would like for us to cover, do not hesitate to reach out. We remain committed to advocating for the interests of the real estate finance industry and the consumers we serve by lobbying and communicating with our



Tracy Searson Causby
The Bank of South Carolina

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legislators. The MBA's website is also home to a host of complimentary resources, recorded webinars, publications and online courses and certifications.

As you may have seen on our Facebook page or newsletter, MLAGC is once again accepting applications for our Wilma Adams Scholarship Award. As a benefit of membership, this scholarship program is open to any student who is enrolled in an accredited 4-year college or university, and who is employed by an MLAGC member *or* is an immediate family member of any MLAGC member. Please take a moment to review the Scholarship information and application available on our website, and share it within your company. Applications will be accepted by the Scholarship Committee through June 30th.

Our chief aim in these times is to continue serving as a resource that equips you, our members, to deliver the exceptional service and expertise your clients rely on. We are so grateful for your continued investment in MLAGC, and we thank each of you who have already renewed your membership. If you have not yet done so, please consider renewing today, and encourage others to do the same.

We cannot wait for the opportunity to see you all again, and to deliver more of the educational, networking and community service events that strengthen and celebrate all that MLAGC is. Thank you, and please stay safe and well.

With Kind Regards,

Tracy Searson Causby

Sunset on Lake Strom Thurmond
Hamilton Branch State Park
Plum Branch, SC



Scholarship

Your membership allows the MLAGC to provide scholarships every year to deserving and qualified applicants within our community through the **Wilma Adams Scholarship**.

The program is designed to assist those students whose studies are directed towards the fields of mortgage lending, banking, real estate, finance, economics or a related field, and are currently enrolled as rising juniors or seniors at one of our three area colleges or universities - College of Charleston, The Citadel and Charleston Southern University.

Students enrolled in other colleges or universities that have parents or guardians employed with an MLAGC member are also eligible for scholarship assistance.

Winners are selected by a panel of MLAGC Past Presidents.

\$2000!



For more information on eligibility and applications please contact our 2020 Committee Chair, David Bates of Beresford Appraisals via email at david@beresfordappraisals.com

Deadline June 30, 2020

Apply Scholarship

Membership/Public Relations

MLAGC Mission Statement

"...The objective of this Association shall promote the welfare of The Mortgage Lenders of Greater Charleston and improve their service to the community. Our challenge is to maintain and/or increase our membership while providing training, education, scholarship opportunities and community involvement..."

If you know anyone who may be interested in joining the MLAGC as a member or associate member, please contact our Membership Chair, Molly Buckles, at mbuckles@loandepot.com so that she can send them a membership package.

And don't forget to bring them to the next event!

More Members = More Influence

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MLAGC 2020 Event Calendar

| | DATE | EVENT | LOCATION |
|------------------|------|---|---------------|
| | | Board of Directors meet every 1st Tuesday of the month | |
| February | 6 | Installation of 2019 Board | CCC |
| July | TBD | Education Lunch & Learn | Charleston CC |
| August | TBD | Insurance/Attorney Round Table | TBD |
| | TBD | Summer Social | Bohemian Bull |
| | TBD | Bowling with Bankers - Tentative 8/19 | Elks Lodge |
| September | TBD | CTAR Legislative Mixer | TBD |
| | TBD | Golf Charity Event | Shadowmoss |
| October | TBD | Chili Cook-Off | TBD |
| | TBD | Appraiser/Insurance/Attorney Round Table | TBD |
| | 4 | MBAC 65th Annual Convention - Click Here | Wilmington NC |
| November | TBD | Veteran's VA Education & Community Outreach | TBD |
| December | TBD | Holiday Party | TBD |

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