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Game On! Summary of the NDAA State Convention 2023 By Gail Renwick, BMAA Board Member

Well Mother Nature didn't disappoint this year! She took a "hold my beer and watch how I roll" attitude and decided to drop about 6 inches of snow on us right before the conference. Good thing she let up late evening Tuesday evening so that Toni Blake could make it. The airline nearly diverted her plane to Sioux Falls at 10pm at night!!

And thank goodness Toni made it to the convention! She was a breath of fresh air for our tired souls. She made us laugh and energized us with her wonderful topics — Building a MacGyver Culture, 5 Sensory Impacts, and Value Stacking. I hope everyone remembers the resounding "BOOYAY!" as we were agreeing with Toni. I personally have my butterfly right next to my computer monitor so that I can look at it and remember all the wonderful things she taught us. That butterfly also reminds me of her terrific butterfly wings she wore and how she just sparkled! It is a great reminder to pour energy into those around us.

One of my favorite takeaways from Toni's energized topics was that our residents just want to be heard. That everyone is busy in today's world, and no one will listen. So, if we simply give them time to be heard, it can make an impactful difference for our residents. We can start the ripple and reconnect to people that have been missing in the past 3 years.

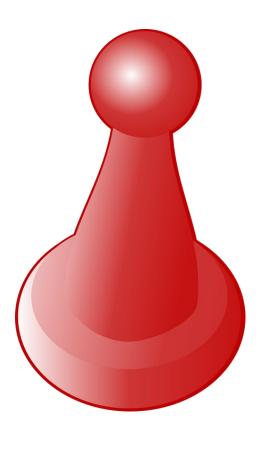


















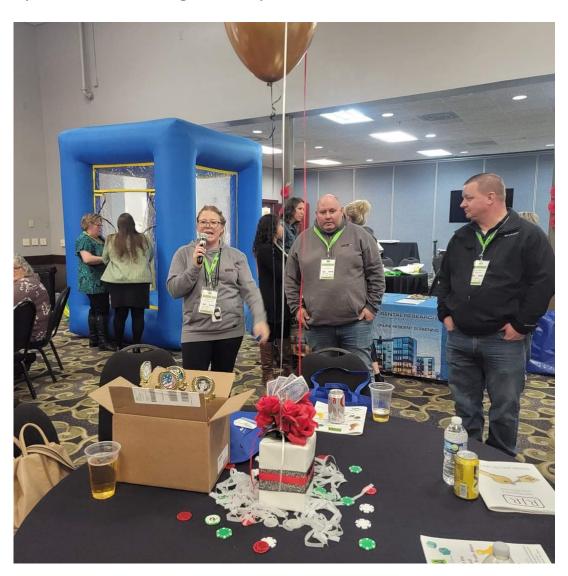








New this year was our very own NDAA Maintenance Competition sponsored by the Arrow Service Team. The feedback from this addition to the conference has been very positive. Experienced maintenance technicians said they came away learning something new and had a blast completing for the "best of the best" in drywall patching, doorknob & dead bolt installation, and resetting a toilet. Congratulations to the following: Master of Materials – Shawn Rubbelke, Supreme Technician – Branden Hoffner, Drywall Master – Angelo Campbell, and HVAC Pro – Mark Shenkel.





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We had some informative mini-sessions from NAA Linda Snell, High Plains Fair Housing, ND Rent Help, ND Bureau of Investigation and Drug Task Force, and Jeremy Petron about Legislative Updates. Thank you to everyone who took time to talk to the 167 registered attendees.

Wednesday evening was jammed packed with vendors, yummy food, fun games, better drinks, and so much laughter! Our entertainer Encore Entertainment did not disappoint with Family Feud and Name that Tune. There were a few times I was laughing with tears in my eyes over some of the answers during the Feud. All fitting for our "Game On" theme for the year.









Toni Blake mentioned that she wanted to "kiss you back to life today". I know for myself and many others, we left NDAA Conference feeling just that! Fueled with the energy of connecting with people and new knowledge to take back to our offices. Can't wait to see everyone again in Fargo's conference in October 2023.





TUESDAY VIRTUAL TRAININGS with MFP

April 2023

April 18th 1:30-3:30 pm (*note extended time)
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April 25th 1:30-3:00 pm (*note extended time)

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Here are the highlights as we see them:

- There are no "caps" placed on any of the 3 inspectable areas (outside, inside, units). Theoretically, you could lose all 100 points on the "outside" alone.
- There are also no "caps" placed on any unit. In theory again, you could lose dozens of points in a single unit.
- Duplicate defects will deduct points continually. Example: If multiple doors are damaged within the unit, each damaged door will deduct points from your score.
- REAC inspections will generate 2 "actionable" scores. Your typical overall score and a new "Unit Performance" score.
 - Unit Performance: If you lose 30 points or more within the unit portion of the inspection, you will automatically fail the REAC inspection (regardless of the actual overall REAC score).
- Smoke and CO detectors will not deduct points (although repairs will continue being required within 24 hours)
- Other defects will also not impact score during first 12 months only. The list HUD
 provided basically only included GFCI requirement within 6 feet of water source
 and quardrails for elevated walking surfaces.
- For a typical property, a "Life-Threatening" unit defect (i.e., dryer vent damage, electrical hazard, etc.) will deduct nearly 3 points while an "Low" outside defect (erosion, litter, etc.) will reduce your score by only 0.10 points!

There is much more to discuss in both this scoring notice and the inspection standards, so please plan to attend one of our upcoming training classes. We are coming to over <u>60 cites</u> during the next several months as well as having multiple <u>online opportunities</u> for training (not to mention our private training options).

As always, if we can be of service to you please let us know.





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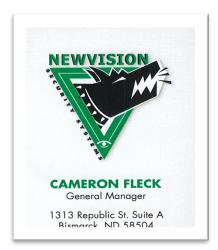
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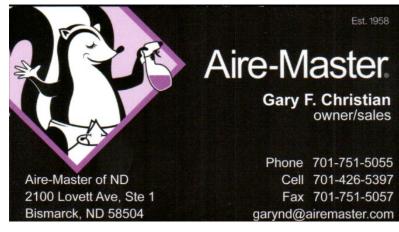
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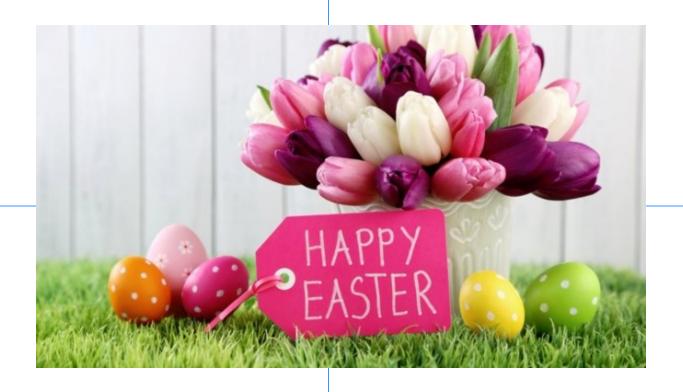
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