

President's Message



By Pat Gaver
President, MBA of Florida

Welcome to the 2017-2018 year for MBA of Florida. It is truly an honor of a lifetime to serve as your President this year. With a little luck, a little work, and a little patience we can have a great year!

Kevin Strickland did a great job as our President last year. He is a shining example of a visionary and ethical leader. Our association is so fortunate to have benefited from his service. His work is also not finished. Last year MBA of Florida conducted a strategic planning meeting. Our objective of leveraging the local and state MBA relationships to help deliver our mission is critical. Our drive to involve more members in our committees and conventions will pay huge dividends in our future. Finally, expanding our membership at the local level will bring great rewards as we execute our conferences each year. All of us can help deliver these concepts at our local chapters.

Secondly, the Vision for building a better Florida through leveraging the opportunities in the Green residential space is a true opportunity. Our Secondary Conference and our Annual Convention will be filled with speakers on green financing through Fannie and Freddie, HERS inspectors to teach us the value in Home Energy Rating Systems. With our focus on green, HERS inspections may be able to take the pathway of home inspections 15 years ago. The goal is not to radically change our environment, but to make measured alterations in our path. If we use less energy, everyone wins. We include several links directly below for your review.

Finally, this past year we made terrific progress with guidance and policy as it relates to the continued management of our Association. Brenda Thomas, as always, led the progress for assuring a great MBA of Florida today and tomorrow.

Let's move forward, together.

GREEN LINKS

Fannie Mae HomeStyle Energy

<https://www.fanniemae.com/singlefamily/homestyle-energy>

VA Energy Efficient Mortgage

<http://www.veteranloancenter.com/va-loans/energy-efficient-mortgage/>

Energy Star - Energy Efficient New Homes

https://www.energystar.gov/newhomes/mortgage_lending_programs/energy_efficient_mortgages

US Department of HUD Energy Efficient Mortgage Program

https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/eem/energy-r