

RHODE ISLAND LAC AUTHORIZED

With the approval of the CAI Board of Trustees on November 14, 2007, we welcome the 29th CAI Legislative Action Committee (LAC): the Rhode Island LAC.

New England Chapter members have been working hard to form this group while addressing pending and anticipated legislative issues. Additionally, Rhode Island members have made great strides in getting the CAI name and brand out to prospective members, business partners, the general public, and state legislators.

The formation of this LAC comes at an opportune time for state members addressing industry issues: Rhode Island has more than doubled the number of members from this state over the past year. The LAC is positioned to help represent the interests of, and communication to, CAI members in Rhode Island.

CAI LAC volunteers work on state legislative and regulatory activities important to the creation and operations of community associations, and the Rhode Island group has already identified advocacy objectives for the 2008 legislative session. The Rhode Island LAC has plans to spearhead a number of legislative initiatives, including:

- Communicating effectively and regularly with state legislators
- Filing legislation to clarify aspects of some current condominium statutes
- Providing advocacy on industry issues, such as real estate records, and also municipalities providing services provided to single family residences to condos or in the alternative to reimburse condos for the cost of these services.

For more information about this new LAC, or to welcome them to CAI's LAC family, please contact Erik Simard, Chapter President (esimard@78clean.com) of the New England Chapter, or Claudette Carini, New England Chapter CED (ccarini@caine.org).