International Research and Global Exchange Committee  
*April 11, 2014 - Monthly conference call*

**Attendance:** Liz Glenn, Julie Brewen, John Papagni, Gary Keller, Kerron Barnes, Alan Zais, Dave Baldwin, Miguell Del Campillo, Kathy Beuthin, Marlene Hurd, Betsey Martens, Pat Gustafson

NAHRO staff update: Since our March meeting, we sent a thank you to Assistant Secretary Barton of the U.S. Department of State for his presentation during our brown bag lunch. We also have been communicating with the Israeli Housing and Construction Minister Uri Ariel about extending our expired MOU with them. At this time, there is no one in the Housing and Construction Ministry responsible for the upkeep of foreign affairs. NAHRO does have a contact in the Ministry that is keeping us up-to-date on the situation.

1. Recap of the March meeting
   a. Feedback from the March conference:
   b. Julie was able to fit all of the ideas from the March conference meeting into NAHROs full business plan. We are currently on draft 4 and are reviewing with a smaller group of representatives from the regions. We will be meeting with that small group next week to continue talking through the draft and revise as necessary.

2. Preparing for Summer/National Conferences
   a. John Papagni and Nola have been discussing logistics surrounding the arrival of the SAHF to Baltimore for the national conference and what their involvement might look like.
   b. Phil Brown from Canada—have a session on mental health and housing from the Canadian perspective? Liz Glenn has reached out to Phil Brown in an effort to discuss the report in closer in detail.
   c. Are expecting INTA guests at national conference in Baltimore and want to make sure we thoughtfully integrate them into the conference. Be it weaving into other session panels, own sessions, plenary, HCD tours, etc.
   d. The closing plenary session at the national conference will have an international focus with John Hopkins as one of the headline speakers and the John D. Lange award will be given during this time. This is an opportunity for international speakers to reach out to NAHRO membership they might not have otherwise had an opportunity to reach.
      i. The deadline for session proposal submissions for the national conference is April 25, 2014. Go online to the [NAHRO website](http://nahro.org) for details on how to submit a proposal.
   e. At this time, we have not heard whether or not there will be international guests at the summer conference. Focus for international guests has been placed on national conference.

3. New Business—Focused on brown bag lunch ideas for summer conference and possible committee research ideas:
   a. Kathy Beuthin- Suggested picking a topic for the brown bag lunch at summer conference in Tampa, Fla. and inviting people to share ideas on solutions to a particular problem. Ask people submit solutions in advance and base discussion around it in. Topic: regional engagement in international issues via NAHRO. If not lunch, maybe a topic for committee work on Saturday.
   b. Pat Gustafson- Suggested brown bag lunch should focus on lessons learned of past exchanges. Look at it through the new lens to see what we actually pulled out of those trips. Each presentation should be no longer than 10 minutes. Presentations could focus on trips to Israel, South Africa, China, Brazil and Mexico.
   c. Idea of research for the committee:
i. Asset management and the growing trend of selling public housing in Europe. Betsey Martens is independently working on research exploring the conversion of social to private housing. Betsey committed to writing an abstract about the conversion of social housing to private housing research. She will have it to us by the summer conference. The IRGE committee will decide based on the abstract how best to incorporate research into the committee.