International Research and Global Exchange Committee Monthly Conference Call
December 13, 2013

Committee members present: Liz Glenn; Julie Brewen; Joe Gray; Don Bibb; Tara Clifford; John Papagni; Ron Clewer; Gary Keller; Branna Lindell; David Baldwin; Miguell Del Campillo; Evette Hester; Kathy Beuthin; Marlene Hurd; Betsy Morris; Dan Trozzi; Saeed Hajarizadeh; Joshua Crites; Stella Madrid; Angela McCormick.

1. INTA Debrief
   • Thank and congratulations to all committee members who were able to participate. This was a successful first Summit and something we hope to repeat moving forward.
   • Committee members discussed the what worked and what did not work as well during the Summit:
     o What worked:
       ▪ Interactive and fruitful discussions with international guests and fellow committee members
       ▪ Cleveland proved to be a great location because of its current emphasis on urban renewal initiatives
       ▪ Speakers and tours very relevant to Summit central theme
     o What did not work as well:
       ▪ Committee members unsure what their specific role in the Summit was? Needs to be communicated with them better at future conferences
       ▪ Committee not involved in the planning process from the very beginning
       ▪ Unclear if the Summit was meant to be an exclusive event closed only to International partners and committee members or open event for all conference goers
     • Summit not integrated into the overarching National Conference
     o Moving forward:
       ▪ Any interest from international partners in coming to future National Conferences, for example, Baltimore?
       ▪ Best to begin planning any future summits much further in advance

2. Transition Report Review
   • We’ve had a number of success in the 2011-2013 term
   • Kathy Beuthin volunteered to condense IRGE committee history and committee successes into a concise executive summary based on 29 page history of the committee with the help of Julie Brewen and several other committee members
   • During 2013-2015, several questions need to be addressed or kept in mind as the committee does its work and they include:
     o How can the success of past study tours impact the future of other NAHRO IRGE study tours?
     o How do we continue to move forward and take action on previous committees’ unfinished business?
     o We must remember to be cognizant of our collective bandwidth and how best to use our time so that we continue to accomplish great things
3. **Preview of March Meeting/Strategic Planning**
   - The entirety of the March meeting will be focused on the thorough strategic planning. Julie Brewen and Betsey Martens will lead the committee in strategic planning evaluation.
   - The possibility of a brown bag lunch with former UN Representative to discuss how the IRGE members can have a bigger impact on decisions made at the UN
     - Suggestion made to invite a former U.S. State Department employee associated with a member of the IRGE Committee who is very familiar with UN policies and procedures.
   - More to come about all to be discussed at the strategic planning meeting in March in Washington D.C.

4. **UN/World Habitat**
   - Committee member Betsy Morris led the discussion about the NAHRO IRGE Relationship with UN/World Habitat. She recently attended a meeting in Calif. and found that none of the UN Millennial goals addressed housing at all.
   - A conversation is now being had to create new goals moving forward and it is the general feeling of those on Friday’s call that housing should be a part of the conversation.
   - Betsy Morris proposed two ideas:
     - 1. Ask BOG to write a litter to the UN asking that they consider include housing in post-2015 goals.
     - 2. Encourage as many NAHRO members and nonmembers to go online and vote for housing to be included in newly-defined goals. Betsey will be providing the link to IRGE committee members soon via email.
   - A question of motion was raised. NAHRO staff and committee leadership will look into whether a motion is needed. Will report back at next monthly meeting.

5. **New Business**
   - Vice Chair, Julie Brewen, will meet via conference call with incoming committee members in a new member orientation—more information to be announced before Legislative Conference in March.
   - Please note minutes will always be available on the website for review.