International Research and Global Exchange Committee  
March 8, 2014  
9:45 a.m.-5:00 p.m. EST  

Read ahead materials to familiarize yourself:  
International Committee Guidebook  
NAHRO International Partners Links  
http://www.nahro.org/international-resource-page  

Additional recommended reading if you have time:  
INTA  
http://www.inta-aivn.org/en/about/profile  
World Urban Forum 7  
http://wuf7.unhabitat.org/news  
NAHRO Strategic Action Plan  

9:45 Welcome and opening remarks – IRGE Chair Liz Glenn  
Housekeeping and Roll Call – Emily Pasi, NAHRO Staff  
Welcome remarks from NAHRO CEO Saul Ramirez and NAHRO President Preston Prince (upon arrival)  

9:50 Committee Member Introductions and “Getting to Know You” Activity – Branna Lindell  
(Brief and not too painful ice breaker to get to know each committee member’s skills and interests related to IRGE!)  

10:20 IRGE History and Activities  
1. *In the Beginning*…..  
   - IRGE History by Mary Paumen  
2. *History of MOUs and Relationships: CHRA, CIH, CHFI and more, oh my!*  
   - Alphabet Soup by Betsy Morris  
3. “*What’s a WUF?*” -  
   - 7th World Urban Forum highlights from John Papagni  
   - INTA Highlights from Helen Sause  

11:20 Strategic Planning – Framing the Rest of the Day
a. NAHRO Mission Statement
   To create affordable housing and safe, viable communities that enhance the quality of life for all Americans, especially those of low- and moderate-income by:

   Ensuring that housing and community development professionals have the leadership skills, education, information and tools to serve communities in a rapidly changing environment;

   Advocating for appropriate laws and policies which are sensitive to the needs of the people served, are financially and programmatically viable for our industry, are flexible, promote deregulation and local decision making; and

   Fostering the highest standards of ethical behavior, service and accountability.

b. IRGE Mission Statement
   To promote and share global exchanges of information and develop relationships that assist the NAHRO membership and all those engaged in the development and operation of housing and community development programs.

c. IRGE Committee Vision Statement
   Vision
   Just as every company in the world needs research and development to be aware of emerging trends and best practices, so should professional organizations. Housing and community revitalization needs are not addressed just through programs developed within the United States. Social housing and revitalization activities are found throughout the world.

   Committee Role
   The role of the International Committee is to study these practices, with intention places on both best practices and problems faced in other countries.

   Committee Responsibilities
   The International Committee has a responsibility to serve as an ambassador and liaison to other countries. Further, the Committee has a responsibility to effectively communicate the results of research and observations to our membership and the communities we serve.

d. NAHRO Strategic Plan Review – Betsey Martens
   i. Goal 6, Strategy Statement 4
   ii. Goal 7, Strategy Statement 2
11:45  Break for Lunch

12:00-1:00  Brown bag lunch with guest speaker Assistant Secretary Frederick Barton, Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations, U.S. Department of State

http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/biog/187400.htm

Back at it!

1:15  THE GIANT BRAIN STORM:

Break-out discussion groups with small group leaders Evette Hester, Joe Gray, Saeed Hajarizadeh, and Dan Trozzi

2:30  Break time

2:45  Small groups report back

3:15  Connecting the Dots (Dot voting exercise)

3:45  Summary, Commitment and Future Steps

4:00  Enjoy your Saturday evening in Washington DC!