International Research and Global Exchange Committee Monthly Conference Call
January 3, 2013

Committee members present: Liz Glenn, Julie Brewen, Dave Baldwin, Kathy Beuthin, Ron Clewer, Miguell Del Campillo, Joe Gray, Saeed Hajarizadeh, Evette Hester, Marlene Hurd, Gary Keller, Betsey Martens, John Papagni, Helen Sause, Dan Trozzi, Tara Clifford, Ed Talbot, Alan Zais

1. Report on Habitat for Humanity-International involvement in 2014 by Ed Talbot and questions for the committees consideration:
   a. Ed Talbot reported that at this point he is gathering information from both the Global Village and Build Louder initiatives to see which campaign would be more beneficial to IRGE and the overall NAHRO membership in terms of collecting and sharing information and advocating for the provision of safe, decent, affordable homes in the U.S. and abroad
      i. Global Village v. Build Louder Campaigns: Both campaigns would involve sending a team representing IRGE to another country. Global Village is different from Build Louder in that it asks volunteers to actually build and rehab homes where Build Louder focuses on advocacy
      ii. There is no deadline for this project, although consensus was that this is something that committee would like to see happen during 2014
      iii. Ed will continue to gather information from contacts at Habitat International on both initiatives, but committee will wait to make any decisions on trip until after the strategic planning conversation at the March Legislative Conference meeting. As a committee, we should be able to articulate how collaborating with Habitat International will elevate and move forward IRGE’s mission strategically
   b. Before March meeting, please consider the following questions. If you have feedback at this time, please send directly to Ed Talbot at ed-t@arvada.org:
      - Guidance on locations in South and Central America that might be preferable?
      - Guidance on level of interest by membership as to size of team to plan on?
      - Assume a week is preferred or is there a longer time range?
      - Guidance on the type of general site as to any preferences? Rural village, small town, city, etc.
      - Time of year or span of months that might be best for our membership to participate?
      - Cost limit threshold to where this opportunity might become undesirable for members to participate?
      - Any other questions to be considering?

2. Follow-up on UN-Habitat conversation led by Betsy Morris
   a. Betsey was unable to attend our January meeting. The topic will be put back on the agenda for February.
   b. WUF 7 to take place in April
      i. Who will be attending from IRGE?
      ii. What does the registration process entail?
   c. For anyone on the committee who might be considering registering for the WUF 7 Conference or is already registered, please attend conference call this Friday, January
10 at 12 p.m. EST to discuss the process and what needs to be done by attendees on behalf of IRGE prior to the conference. Note that if you are not interested in attending WUF at this time, you do not have to be on the call. Committee invitation to follow

3. Report on Chinese Delegation visit to Calif. by Marlene Hurd
   a. On Dec. 2, delegates of the U.S. China exchange council (nonprofit) visited Oakland, Calif. with 20 senior officials from the South China region
   b. Delegation visited the U.S. to learn more about public housing and housing choice voucher programs; how public housing properties are managed; additional services provided to residents; housing application process; the broad picture of the MTW process, and the interaction between local police departments with the housing authority and its residents
   c. Marlene Hurd, Oakland Housing Authority Executive Director Eric Johnson and OHA communication staff to submit article of no more than 500 words for the January/February edition of NAHRO’s Journal of Housing and Community Development

4. New Business
   a. All committee meeting summaries will be available online on our committee page at http://www.nahro.org/13-15-correspondence-and-meeting-summaries
   b. Our next IRGE meeting will take place on Friday, February 7 at 12 p.m. EST via conference call.