IRGE Committee September Conference Call Agenda
9/12/2014

Attendance: Julie Brewen, Kerron Barnes, Claude Roy, Ron Clewer, Gary Keller, Branna Lindell, Alan Zais, Dave Baldwin, Miguell Del Campillo, Tara Clifford, Marlene Hurd, Helen Sause, Dan Trozzi, Josh Crites, Saeed Hajarizadeh, Lloyd Halverson, Stella Madrid, Ed Talbot

Baltimore preparation:
IRGE Committee Meeting – Date: Wednesday, Oct. 15 from 9:15a.m.-5 p.m. at the Baltimore Convention Center in Room 316.

Draft agenda - morning
- Introduction of all of the international focused events occurring during the conference including the opening plenary and Lange Award presentation, international dinner, 3 international concurrent sessions, international booth and pre-conference activities with our guests that arrived prior to the start of the conference.
- Guest speakers from our visiting delegations – Names to TBD

Draft agenda – afternoon
- Subcommittee work: Research, Exchange, Communications, Resource Development, Lange Award, Partnerships/MOUs
- Report out from subcommittee chairs
- Closing remarks
- Adjournment

IRGE Dinner – Date: Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. offsite at McCormick and Schmick’s on 711 Eastern Ave. Baltimore, Md.

- The room reserved for the dinner holds 50. Please email Julie Brewen no later than close of business on Wednesday, Sept. 17 if you plan to attend the dinner. All committee members must RSVP if planning to attend. Note regional VPs, Preston Prince, Steve Merritt, and Saul Ramirez will also be in attendance.
- Dinner sponsors include: Standard & Poor, Maryland Association of Housing and Redevelopment Agencies (MAHRA), Middle Atlantic Regional Conference (MARC NAHRO), Mountain Plains Regional Council of NAHRO.

Subcommittee chair reports:
Research – Betsey Martens – Branna Lindell reported out in Betsey’s stead. To date, committee has done much of the baseline reading and investigating in preparation for their monthly conference calls where they report out on what they have learned. They’re looking at the experiences in the UK and Canada – have very similar programs to RAD. Subcommittee members are tasked with reading an article every month and writing a comprehensive summary. Will discuss in preparation for the Oct. call what topics you’ve discussed so far can we share with committee at the national conference.

Exchange- Evette Hester – Focus: how to enhance the value of the exchanges? Start process by tying our research into work with MOUs

Communications – Alan Zais – To date, the committee has updated travel protocol, planned logistics for the conference booth (details and schedule to be sent out soon). Ed Talbot wrote a condensed version of Saeed’s Journal article on the
delegation to WUF and sent to RSO’s with the request to add the article to regional newsletters. Up next: archival of past international published works

Partnerships/MOUs – Saeed Hajarizadeh – no update, but will have one at the conference. Will be working with Kerron to tie any loose ends with the MOUs

*Lange Award* – Tara Clifford – 2014 Lange Winner, Bob Kempink, and his wife will be at the dinner and recognized during the opening plenary session on Thursday, Oct. 16.

*Resource Development* – John Papagni – Nothing to report out on at this time

**Other Business**

- Lunch and learn idea – When, where, presenters, in what format who be the best? Is this something the committee would like to do at a conference or over the phone in between our face to face conference meetings?


**Next meeting:** There will be no conference call in October. We will be meeting during National Conference in Baltimore, Md. on Wednesday, Oct. 15 from 9:15 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Baltimore Convention Center in room 318. Advanced and (discounted) registration ends Oct. 3 online: [http://www.nahro.org/2014-natl-attendee-registration](http://www.nahro.org/2014-natl-attendee-registration). Note the NAHRO hotel room block is filling quickly and closes on Wednesday, Sept. 24.