Teleconference Summary
International Research and Global Exchange Committee (IRGE)
April 10, 2015

Chair’s Remarks: Liz
IRGE members interested in continuing on committee or being appointed to another committee should submit the online volunteer form by April 15, http://www.nahro.org/volunteer-form.

At its meeting on March 18, the BOG approved IRGE committee resolutions: proposed schedule for study exchanges and a formal relationship with Australasian Housing Institute (AHI).

Upcoming Study Exchange Subcommittee: Evette and Hester
CHRA: Will not have an exchange this year because Preston Prince will be the sole representative from NAHRO. In addition to his program role, Preston will be engaged in other events/activities at the conference. It was recommended that we reach out to Senior Vice President Steve Merritt and encourage him to attend CHRA’s conference. This would be a great opportunity for Preston to introduce our senior vice president, whose region is close to Canada. IRGE will plan an exchange in 2016.

Netherlands and Germany: Proposed dates: last week in August. Maximum number of participants: 20; 15 or less would work too. Teleconference participants agreed that England should be a separate study tour so as to avoid an extremely jam-packed itinerary. Pat is working with Lange Award recipients Gerrit Teunis, Robert Kempink and others on planning several aspects of the study tour. Pat and Evette agreed to prepare a one-page detailed description of the study tour, which will be sent to the NAHRO leadership. It was suggested special outreach to Regional Presidents to encourage their participation.

Communications Subcommittee: Stella and Alan
They have prepared and circulated to committee leadership drafts of a take-away card and banner—tools that will be used to convey IRGE’s mission and to promote its work. Target date for completion: prior to 2015 summer conference. Subcommittee will also work on the PowerPoint and brochure; targeted for completion prior to Los Angeles conference.

Research: David
Betsey has sent numerous versions of her research paper to subcommittee members for review/comment. A final 30-page draft was sent to NAHRO staff, IRGE leadership, Gerrit, and Jody in Canada and contacts in the U.K. Betsey has received positive feedback from Gerrit and Jody; waiting for comments from UK. Subcommittee submitted proposal for a concurrent session at the summer conference program. Proposal review is scheduled for next week.

Kerron Barnes shared INTA has invited IRGE to submit online research topics for its consideration via their communities of competences and encouraged committee members to take advantage of this opportunity. Suggestions for topics include: managerial issues; optimal size of an agency; how to finance housing without government subsidy; how to deal with anti-social behavior; and to use the forum to expand the reach of our research paper. Liz said the forum would be a good avenue to gather input and expert opinions and to further flesh out the research topic.
Kerron recalled that IRGE received information on this topic prior to last year’s summer. Below is the information that the committee received:

**RE: THE INTA COMMUNITIES OF COMPETENCES**

Several years ago, INTA started a system of online forums where HCD professionals could research topics the members posed.

There are six of these forums, called "Communities of Competences" They focus on topics of interest to INTA members and those in our profession.

NAHRO was invited to join the "Community" called "Tomorrow's Habitat." It includes social housing, affordable housing and urban regeneration.

We may pose one or more topics or questions at any time without extensive formalities. They don't seem to have a specific form, just send to their office.

Included here are two descriptions: general and Habitat. The first versions are from an earlier draft with more content and then the latest from the INTA website. These have small print.

I know you all have a great deal of reading in your regular and IRGE Committee work, but since INTA has created this opportunity, I ask your patience to read this material. Submitted by Kerron Barnes (7/2014)

**Resource Subcommittee:** John
Subcommittee is focused on support for research and development aspect of study exchanges; how to garner financial support for a study exchange delegate to deliver a professional product that might include a white paper, an article with photos, etc., to support the ongoing work of the committee. Financial support could come from foundations, crowd funding, university partners, among others. Subcommittee is interested in engaging Habitat III. Additionally, conversations continue with South Africa regarding professional development.

**National Conference Planning**
Call for sessions will close on April 24. The committee has not met since March. IRGE will receive an update following the committee’s next meeting.

**Partnership Subcommittee:** Kerron
We have finalized exchange of Journals with AHI. NAHRO staff has a flash drive that contains international articles that have appeared in the JOHCD, which should be posted on the IRGE Web page.

There being no further business, the call was adjourned.

**Next call:** May 8 at Noon ET

**Teleconference Participants:**
**Chair:** Liz Glenn. **Vice Chair:** Julie Brewen. **MARC:** John Papagni, Tara Clifford. **NCRC:** Alan Zais, Patricia Gustafson, Branna Lindell. **SERC:** David Baldwin, Evette Hester. **PSW:** Marlene Hurd, Elizabeth Morris, Helen Sause, Dan Trozzi. **PNRC:** Lloyd Halverson. **MPRC:** Stella Madrid. **Others:** Kerron Barnes and Claude Roy. **Staff:** Sylvia Bowen