



## **Regional Report to the Board of Governors**

July, 2018

### **Regional Conferences**

The Mountain Plains Regional Chapter partnered with the Colorado NAHRO state conference May 14-18 in Vail, Colorado. The region offered a first time ever one-day Leadership Summit for new and veteran Directors and Deputy Directors during the conference. One of the goals of the Summit was to get a true cross section of agency sizes together to share knowledge and experience. 27 people attended and the training was very well received. There was a general consensus that this type of one day training should be repeated at future conferences. Overall, the conference was well attended with 116 Maintenance conference delegates and 260 Management conference delegates. The region was pleased to have both Adrienne Todman and Carl Richie in attendance who both did wonderful jobs representing national NAHRO at general sessions and lunches. Sponsor participation was also strong with 32 exhibit tables representing a wide variety of products and services. The 2019 Regional Conference will be hosted by Montana NAHRO.

### **Professional Development**

South Dakota NAHRO is doing a NAHRO HCV Occupancy Training with Certification Exam in Sioux Falls on September 5th -7th.

### **Membership Growth and Retention**

President Hopkins is actively reaching out to the various state chapters to volunteer his participation in their state conferences and to address the issue of membership involvement at the state, regional and national level.

Colorado NAHRO is continuing to research the viability of hiring an Outreach Coordinator for the state chapter. One of the responsibilities of this individual will be to work on retaining and increasing membership.

### **Housing America Activities**

The region conducted its annual Poster Contest at the Regional Conference May 14-18 with five out of six states participating in this year's event. There were two winners from Colorado (both from the Aurora Housing Authority) and one winner from Montana (the Billings Housing Authority) submitted to national NAHRO for the national judging.

### **Scholarships and Awards Programs**

Mountain Plains and Colorado NAHRO raised \$1000 at the annual conference for their respective Educational Scholarship Programs.

The MPNAHRO Annual YIMBY Awards (Yes, In My Back Yard) were presented to participating agencies at the annual conference in Vail. There were three awards in the Community Development category; two awards in the Housing Development category; and one in the Resident Services category. The winners can be found at <http://www.conahro.org/awards.html> . The region also presented a Lifetime Achievement Awards to Donald May, retiring Executive Director of the Adams County Housing Authority (now Unison Housing Partners) and longtime NAHRO leader at the state, regional and national level.

### **Advocacy**

An updated version of the Colorado NAHRO Advocacy Toolkit was presented to attendees during a luncheon at the annual conference in Vail. Colorado NAHRO is happy to share the toolkit with any interested agencies: <http://www.conahro.org/advocacy-and-messaging-toolkit.html> .

A copy of the Mountain Plains Legislative Agenda is available for viewing at:  
<http://www.mpnahro.org/legislative-agenda.html> .