



## Regional Report to the Board of Governors

July, 2019

### **Regional Conferences**

Mountain Plains NAHRO partnered with Montana NAHRO and the Montana Housing Partnership for its 2019 conference which June 17-19 in Billings, Montana. The conference was attended by around 275 people with Adrienne Todman, Carl Richie and Sunny Shaw attending on behalf of National NAHRO. One of the highlights was a 2.5-hour Leadership Summit facilitated by Betsey Martens that was attended and well received by 45 people. Results for the election of officers for the 2019-2021 term were also announced.

### **Professional Development**

The Utah NAHRO, Colorado NAHRO and Mountain Plains NAHRO spring conferences all featured strong professional development tracks including leadership training, customer service, vicarious trauma, workforce wellness, aging in place, continuous quality improvement, responses to conflict and more.

### **Membership Growth and Retention**

Mountain Plains NAHRO's work efforts for the next three to five years will revolve around creating an invigorated advocacy program; rethinking the annual conference; and focusing on peer to peer network connections. Working committees have been formed and will be reporting progress and suggested strategies at the MPNAHRO Board meeting at the Boston Conference.

### **Housing America Activities**

Poster Contest judging took place at the regional conference June 17-19 in Billings, Montana. The three winners were from Fargo, ND; Boulder, CO; and Aurora, CO.

### **Scholarships and Awards Programs**

Mountain Plains will be offering two educational scholarships for 2019 based on its fundraising efforts at the 2018 conference.

### **Advocacy**

MPRC encourages members through its broadcast email system to participate in the NAHRO Advocacy letter writing campaigns. Both Colorado and Utah continue to provide funding for advocacy at the state levels.