

#### NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

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# Regional Report - October, 2017

# "What Home Means to Me" Poster Contest

NERC Is excited to announce that posters submitted by Jayden Corsetti, age 9, a resident from the Dedham (MA) H.A. Heaven Medina, age 17, a resident from the Pawtucket (RI) H.A were both selected to have their posters featured on this years "What Home Means to Me" calendar. NERC is proud that for the past several year we have had so many residents submit posters, and had several of them featured in the calendar. Congratulations to Dedham and Pawtucket and these two very talented young residents on this achievement.

# **Professional Development Events**

NERC has completed several trainings this summer and early fall including the Limited English Proficiency Training in Warwick, RI and Manchester, CT. Just recently 30 housing authority personnel attended a training on PIC Tricks held in Manchester, CT. We are also gearing up for a "How to Be a Successful Commissioner at Your PHA" in Middletown, CT. In 2018 we will be holding two NAHRO Training – Ethics for Commissioners and a Rent Calculation Training in conjunction with the 2018 Mid-Winter Conference.

#### 2018 Conferences

NERC's 2018 Mid-Winter Conference will take place on February 4-7 at the Mohegan Sun Convention Center. A draft agenda with topics including Finances for the non-financial Person; Lead Safe Housing Rule; Roundtable for Commissioners; Preventing Crime in Public Housing; Grievance Hearings and VAWA will be presented. NERC will be revamping their conference to incorporate bigger meals and fuller receptions.

NERC's Annual Conference will take place at the Samoset Resort in Rockport, ME on June 24-27. This venue is not one to miss.

### **New Board Members**

The NERC membership has elected Diane Cohen of the Chelsea (MA) H.A. as their new President. Diane has been the Deputy Director for 18 years and a state-appointed Commissioner of the Reading (MA) H.A. for 13 years. The membership also voted a new slate of officers and board members. New members include Lisa Audette of Franklin (MA) H.A.; Steve Merritt of Norwood (MA) H.A.; Betsy Soto of Vernon (CT) H.A.; Gary Murano of Westerly (RI) H.A.; Karlene Maiolino of Revere (MA) H.A. and Joe Lamagna of Cumberland (RI) H.A. Congratulations to all!

