



NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Regional Report – July 2018

Regional Conferences

NERC's 2018 Annual Conference & Exhibition took place on June 24-27 at the Samoset Resort in Rockport, ME. NERC was fortunate to have President Carl Richie as an opening speaker as well as Tess Hembree skype in to answer questions on legislative priorities. We had 110 attendees and 14 exhibitors from around New England who enjoyed speaking presentations including Sexual Harassment, Union Contracting, RAD, Demo/Dispo, AFFH, Board Meeting A-Z and the Boston HUD office staffed three representatives in the Resource Room. Attendees also enjoyed an annual banquet outdoors with a clam bake. Attendees also enjoyed an annual banquet outdoors with a clam bake and many took advantage of a schooner boat tour past Curtis Island Light, helping navigate seafarers since 1836, and into Penobscot Bay. We are looking forward to the 2019 Mid-Winter Conference at the Mohegan Sun Convention Center on February 3-6, 2019.

Professional Development

NERC completed three Reasonable Accommodation Training in May and June in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Manette Donovan, Esq. trained over 60 attendees. We also have an EIV online training scheduled in September as well as a NAHRO PHM course scheduled in Holyoke, MA in early October.

Membership Growth and Retention

NERC has been discussing growing their membership through Massachusetts state public housing authorities that wouldn't otherwise be members due to travel restrictions.

Housing America Activities

At the 2018 Annual Conference NERC asked attendees to vote on their favorite posters. Winners will be submitted to National NAHRO.

Scholarship and Awards Programs

NERC has awarded 4 scholarships. Jamie Pelletier is a resident of the Acton (MA) H.A.; Angelique Inchierca is a resident of the New Hampshire Housing Finance Agency; Devin Ahern is a relative of an employee of the Brockton (MA) H.A. and Melissa Poirier is a resident of the Vermont State Housing Authority. NERC also hosted their 25th Annual Golf Tournament with 45 golfers and raised roughly \$3,000. Events that we are looking at in the future are wine tastings, cribbage tournaments, tennis tournaments and extra activities to raise extra funds!

Other Items of Note

Tina Sullivan, Executive Director of the Central Falls (RI) H.A. has stepped down as the appointee to the Board of Governors. At the June 26 Executive Board Meeting, the board elected Joe Lamagna of the Cumberland (RI) H.A. to complete Tina's term.



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