

## SERC

### NAHRO BOG REPORT

**Regional Conferences:** SERC held our Annual Conference on June 23-26, 2019. Nearly 600 were in attendance. Mark Taylor, Charleston WV, was elected SERC President for 2019-21. A Transition Meeting is scheduled for October in Charleston WV. The SERC Fall Workshop will be held in Hilton Head SC in November, 2019.

**Professional Development:** SERC started out this year with a RAD PBRA training in Pigeon Forge TN that had over 70 attendees. UPCS training will be held in Biloxi MS in January. Future training opportunities are being scheduled.

**Membership Growth & Retention:** SERC is exploring ways to retain retention and expand membership. Although most members rejoin on an annual basis, agency consolidation is a concern for the future. We collected over 97% of our anticipated dues this year.

**Housing America Activities:** All SERC states actively participated in the Housing America campaign and our Emerging Leaders Committee in conjunction with SERC Fellows judge and submitted the final winners from the region at the SERC Annual Conference in Orlando in June. SERC submitted their winners to NAHRO for consideration.

**Scholarships & Awards Program:** SERC continues our highly successful Scholarship program this year. SERC distributed \$2500 to each of our 10 member states to fund 10 different scholarships in 2019. We held our annual Scholarship Golf Tournament and Silent Auction at our Annual Conference and raised in excess of \$17,000 for the scholarship Fund. We are proud that SERC once again had one of the winners of the NAHRO Scholarship.

**Advocacy:** The SERC Legislative Committee created a 2019 Legislative Paper for use with our congressional delegations at our March 2019 meetings.

**Other Items of Note:**

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