



Southwest NAHRO

Building Communities in the Southwest Region

Southwest Region Report to the NAHRO Board of Governor's October 2017

Southwest Regional Council of NAHRO continued our Annual Habitat for Humanity Build in conjunction with the Annual Conference in San Antonio this past June. This project assists in our efforts to increase local awareness and encourage dialogue and attract media coverage for a very worthy charity in the conference host city. This build day unites our leadership, brings new conference attendees/members into the NAHRO family for a very good cause, and helps cities become aware that affordable housing professionals are more than just bureaucrats or housing cops. We encourage each participant to share from the hundreds of photos with their city press, sister agencies, and state & federal politicians. We feel this type of story puts a more human face on our members and allows for a dialogue to start with local and regional media.

Southwest Regional Council of NAHRO was honored to present \$12,000 in scholarships in 2017 to very deserving individuals through the continued efforts of the SWRC NAHRO Scholarship Committee and the hard work of the Scholarship Foundation.

Each Year Southwest Regional Council of NAHRO awards one outstanding individual with the honor of the Charles Farris Award. The 2017 recipient, Barbara Suber, Monette Housing Authority in Arkansas was selected as the Charles Farris Recipient. Barbara has served this industry for many years and has been and continues to be an example for all who follow.

Southwest NAHRO was honored to have both candidates for NAHRO Senior Vice President as well as NAHRO candidate for President, Carl Richie, participate in our Annual Conference in San Antonio. Sunny Shaw and Alrick Young did an outstanding job addressing our delegation and expressing their goals and vision for NAHRO. We believe NAHRO will continue to be in good hands under the leadership of our incoming President Carl Richie.

Southwest Regional Council of NAHRO's nominating committee announced the slate of officers for the 2017 – 2019 term and could not be more pleased with the leadership we have moving forward.

Hurricane Relief Efforts – unfortunately the SWNAHRO region like many others this year, has seen the utter devastation caused by Hurricanes. In the immediate aftermath, several of our members got busy gathering donations of needed supplies for the relief efforts. Remembering the relocation efforts following Katrina, there were discussions on steps our members should undertake in advance preparations. We appreciate the information that is provided by NAHRO in these extreme circumstances.

Respectively Submitted

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