



# Southwest NAHRO

*Building Communities in the Southwest Region*

## Southwest Region Report to the NAHRO Board of Governor's July 2019

### Professional Development:

The Southwest Region got our "GAME ON" at our 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Kansas City, MO, June 10 – 13, 2019 with an outstanding line up of heavy hitters, including Carl Richie, Sunny Shaw, Patricia Wells, Georgi Banna and Tess Hembree representing Team NAHRO. Dennis Morgan was on the mound for Team NAHRO pitching Multi-Family PBRA training to a great group of PBRA Rookies. Team Nan McKay represented with their All Stars, Daryl Ensley with Rent Calculation II and Mike Petro providing a full day of breakout sessions on financial management. Dr. Calvin Bond turned his 3 base hits, Identifying Mental Health Issues, Violence in the Workplace and Partnerships and Relationships with other agencies, into a home run with his inspiring closing session on Thursday morning Bringing it All Together through Mission Alignment and Building Trust!

### Membership Growth and Retention:

The 2019 Membership Drive is still going strong and we are on pace to match 2018 renewals.

### Housing America Activities:

SWRC NAHRO encouraged each of our States to promote Housing America activities within their respective communities and we received poster entries from 6 of the 7 States in the Region to judge and submit the selections to NAHRO.

### Scholarships and Awards Programs:

SWRC NAHRO awarded 9 scholarships to Resident Graduating Seniors totaling \$9,500, with the top recipient Valeria Rocha, Cameron County Housing Authority receiving \$4,000. In addition, \$1,000 was awarded to one recipient of the Child of Staff category and \$750 was awarded to one recipient of the HOH/Resident category.

Southwest NAHRO Member Services worked hard at the conference and was able to raise more than \$4,000 for Scholarships through their activities!

There were 19 Award Recipients announced at the June conference, in addition to the States Member of the Year and Commissioner of the Year awards. We receive many entries each year and the committee has a difficult task to judge all the awards and select the winners! SWRC NAHRO also recognized Billie Shelburn, Burnet, Texas Housing Authority as the 2019 Charles Farris recipient! This is Southwest NAHRO's top honor and we are extremely pleased to bestow this honor upon Billie!

### Advocacy:

SWRC NAHRO had a successful turnout from the region to the Legislative Conference in April to advocate for our programs. Many of the states prepared their own position papers to take to their hill appointments.

**Other Items of Note: None**