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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Governors  
**FROM:** Adrienne Todman, NAHRO CEO  
**SUBJECT:** National Conference and Leadership Meetings in Pittsburgh

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On behalf of the entire NAHRO staff, thank you for your leadership and thank you for attending this year's National Conference. We look forward to seeing and working with you in Pittsburgh. This document provides details about the conference, committee day and the Annual Business and Board meeting, which is scheduled on Saturday, October 28, from 1:45-5:00 p.m., room 401-402 at the Convention Center. At the end of this message is a list of activities of particular interest to Board members.

#### The Conference

**Attendance:** At this time, advance registration is slightly less than projected. We anticipate that on-site registration will move us closer to our targeted goal.

**Supporting the Trade Show and Our MSC Members:** As we all know, the tradeshow is an integral part of the conference experience. I am certain that you will discover innovative products and services that will help you maintain your housing stock, create efficiency and provide exceptional services to your residents. Please visit the exhibit hall often and speak with our exhibitors. *When you do, introduce yourself as a NAHRO leader and thank them for supporting our association.* Many exhibitors are members of NAHRO's Manufacturers and Suppliers Council (MSC), who provide additional support to NAHRO. Some of them are also loyal sponsors, such as Yardi, patron sponsor of the opening plenary session; Emphasys software, sponsor of conference bags; KeyBank, sponsor of hotel key cards; and Baker Tilly sponsor of the exhibit hall reception.

**International Guests:** Please join Vice President Julie Brewen and members of the International Research and Global Exchange Committee to welcome representatives of the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association—Pam Hine (President-Elect); and members John Metson and Claude Roy. They will have teal-colored International Guest ribbons on their badges, so it will be easy for you to find them! Please introduce yourself as a NAHRO leader and extend a warm NAHRO welcome to them. They have been invited to the President's welcome reception and to the BOG event hosted by MARC NAHRO on Friday evening, so look for them at these events as well.

**Stephen W. Merritt**, PHM, President; **Carl S. Richie, Jr.**, NCC, NAHRO Fellow, Senior Vice President; **Julie Brewen**, Vice President-International Research and Global Exchange; **Donna Brown-Rego**, Vice President-Member Services; **Donovan Duncan**, Vice President-Community Revitalization and Development; **Duane Hopkins**, Vice President-Professional Development; **Richard Leco**, PHM, Vice President-Commissioners; **Regina Mitchell**, SPHM, PHM, Vice President-Housing; **Adrienne Todman**, Chief Executive Officer.

**Sessions:** Members of the Conference Planning Committee have lined up an impressive array of concurrent sessions on a myriad of hot industry issues. We hope you will take full advantage of all these educational and networking opportunities!

**Committee Day—Thursday, Oct. 26**

We will begin the day at 8 a.m., with a session for the incoming leadership: the “2017-2019 Leadership Launch,” which will feature a presentation by President-elect Carl Richie.

Following this event, the 2015-2017 committees will meet. Then we will close out committee day with introductory meetings of the 2017-2019 committees.

**Annual Business and Board of Governors: Saturday, October 28 -- 1:45 -5:00 p.m., Room 401/402—Convention Center**

The preliminary agenda and regional reports have been posted on the [BOG Webpage](#). The final agenda, which will include consent and discussion items, will be available for you to pick up onsite on Friday, October 27 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., at conference registration, concourse on the second floor.

<b>Events of Particular Interest to Board Members (All events except the President’s Reception Will take place at the Convention Center)</b>		
<b>Wednesday, October 25</b>		
President’s Reception for Leadership	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Westin Hotel-Penn City Grille, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
<b>Thursday, October 26</b>		
Conference Registration Leadership	7:00 a.m. -12 p.m.	Concourse, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
2017-2019 Leadership Launch	8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	315/316
2015-2017 Committee/ Task Force Meetings	Agendas are posted on <a href="#">committees’ Webpages</a> . Board members are free to attend any committee meeting of choice. Schedule: 9:15-12:30 p.m. and 1:00-3:45 p.m.	
Welcome Reception	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Concourse, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
<b>Friday, October 27</b>		
Opening Plenary Session	8:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom B/C, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Grand Opening of Exhibit Hall	11:45a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Hall B, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
<b>BOG Final Agenda - Available for Pick up</b>	<b>3:00 – 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Conference Registration Concourse - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</b>
BOG Event hosted by MARC NAHRO	6:00 to 9:00 p.m.	<b>Sunset Riverboat Cruise</b> Boarding: Convention Center Main Entrance Westin Hotel Guests: make a right after exiting hotel; walkway to dock is under the overhang

<b>Saturday, October 28</b>		
Plenary Session	8:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom B/C 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Tour of Exhibit Hall	11:45 - 1:30 p.m.	Hall B, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Board of Governors and Annual Business Meeting	1:45 - 5:00 p.m.	Room 401/402
Closing Reception in Exhibit Hall	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Hall B, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Emerging Leaders- Party with a Purpose Celebrating Halloween—Costumes are encouraged!	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	411/412
<b>Sunday, October 29</b>		
Closing Plenary Breakfast Session	9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom B/C 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor

The staff and I look forward to visiting with you in Pittsburgh. Travel safely.