



## 2017-2019 STEERING COMMITTEE Teleconference Summary

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**Presiding: President Carl Richie**

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### **Update on the NAHRO Code of Professional Conduct – George Guy**

BECT member George Guy presented an overview of the proposed revisions, as provided to the Steering Committee prior to the teleconference. Following a robust discussion, President Richie asked members to study further the proposed revised Code and to submit their comments to BECT liaison Blake Pavlik by September 9. This deadline will enable review of any comments by both the BECT working group and full BECT, to be part of the discussion by the Steering Committee at the September 25 teleconference. The BECT will seek Board action at the October 10 Board meeting.

### **Election of BECT Trustees by the NAHRO Board of Governors—Sylvia Bowen**

The BECT is comprised of 16 regional appointees, each serves four-year staggered terms; six presidential appointees who serve two-year terms; and three who are elected by the NAHRO Board of Governors and serve four-year terms. BOG-elected Trustees are nominated by regions. In order to seat all types of nominees prior to October, the Board will be asked to vote electronically in early September.

### **SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The extension of NAHRO's employment contract with CEO Todman is nearly completed. Ms. Shaw is working on an evaluation of the CEO; selected staff will be engaged in the process. The evaluation will be shared with the Steering Committee and then the full Board at the October 10 Board meeting.

Appointments to incoming committees are going well; excited to see a blend of experienced leaders matched with an incredible number of new leadership onboarding with renewed energy and interest.

### **UPDATES FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**B&A:** Chief Operating Officer Chuck Wellard commented in Clif Martin's absence. Immediate areas of focus include update and modernization of the association's investment policy; preparation of the 2020 budget, which includes modernizing reports.

**Legislative Network:** Mike Gerber reported. Strong push to help achieve goal of 4,000 letters during *August Advocacy* month. There is a friendly competition among regions.

**Housing America Task Force:** Richard Herrington encouraged members to support the Golf Tournament by signing up to play. One-half of the sponsorship pledges have been received—approximately \$24,750 to date.

**Member Services Committee:** Andy Rodriguez shared that the Awards Subcommittee had received staff's comments on the M. Justin Herman Award. The Committee will seek Board action on the proposed changes to the Award at the October 10 Board meeting.

**CR&D:** Mark Thiele announced the committee's white paper on *Opportunity Zones* is moving forward. Committee member Dennis Newburn will have a blog post on race, equity and inclusion; John Benton is leading the committee's charge on the mixed-finance and asset management toolkit.

**Professional Development:** Marsha Parham-Green reported the *Professional Development Award* will be presented at the National Conference and Exhibition. She expressed appreciation to PD Director Jennifer Naughton for tremendous work with the committee. Ms. Naughton's last date of employment at NAHRO is August 16.

**Commissioners:** Henrietta Snipes noted the committee is focused on August Advocacy and the helping to market the Commissioners Handbook.

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEITF):** Elizabeth Glenn expressed sincere appreciation to staff liaison Sylvia Gimenez, Phil Bernal and all members of the Advisory Committee for their leadership at the Boston conference due to her absence. The group has scheduled a teleconference to discuss its transition plan and session at the National Conference in San Antonio.

**Small Agency:** Sharon Carlson advised the group continues to work on communications among small agencies by disseminating information about networking opportunities, blogs, e-learning, advocacy, etc.

#### **COMMENTS: REGIONAL PRESIDENTS**

**MPRC:** Duane Hopkins. The region is rethinking its annual conference and focusing on peer-to-peer network connections.

**PSWRC:** Rob Fredericks. Arizona Chapter had a very successful conference. The region is planning a new format for its 2020 conference, which will be themed NAHRO "U" (University) and focused on training and certification.

**SWRC:** David Lange. Region will hold its transition meeting in late August. Members look forward to welcoming NAHRO to the region for the National Conference and Exhibition.

#### **CEO Report**

Staff is in full execution mode for the National Conference and Exhibition. We have heard the Eviction Lab has been conducting random surveys of agencies to get data about their administrative and occupancy practices. We have also been told that the group has been

publicly categorizing PHAs in a negative manner. Our policy team has sought to ascertain the group's motivation for the questions; however, the group has not been forthright in responding. Members should be aware that they are not required to respond to their inquiries.

Five NAHRO Associates will participate in the study exchange to Australia later this month. CEO Todman has held a couple teleconference briefing with participants and has identified a group leader.

Working with Senator Clay's staff and staff at the Alexandria Housing Authority, Tess Hembree has made arrangements for a tour of development sites for staff members from both authorizing and appropriations committees. The tour will take place the end of August.

Ms. Todman announced that as of August 16, Jennifer Naughton would no longer be a member of the NAHRO team and urged Steering Committee members to direct questions related to professional development to her. Our goal is to onboard a replacement post-San Antonio. In the interim, Ms. Todman and COO Wellard will dive deeply into professional development finances; make sure that PD offerings continue as scheduled and that we end the year in a sound and successful way.

Ms. Todman advised the Steering Committee that HUD recently released a final rule titled "inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds." At this time, it is unclear what immediate business impact this will have on agencies. Staff is doing a thorough examination of the rule in order to determine what it may mean for the industry. The NAHRO membership will be advised via Direct News and the Monitor

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Teleconference Attendees:**

**Officers:** Carl Richie, Sunny Shaw, John Mahon, Mark Thiele, Marsha Parham-Green, Andy Rodriguez, and Henrietta Snipes

**Past Presidents:** Preston Prince and Betsey Martens

**Regional Presidents:** C. Sean Gilbert, David Lange, Rob Fredericks and Duane Hopkins

**Chairs: Advisory Committees:** Mike Gerber, Elizabeth Glenn, Sharon Carlson, and Richie Herrington

**Others:** George Guy (BECT) and Patricia Wells

**Staff:** Adrienne Todman, Sylvia Bowen, Georgi Banna, Tess Hembree, Blake Pavlik, Sylvia Gimenez