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Highlights

September 2024 Meetings

BUDGET & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Start Time: 1:30 PM

End Time: 4:00 PM

Members in Attendance: Chair Duane Hopkins, Renee Rooker, Steve Merritt, Vernon Lawrence, Dana Miller, Diane Larson, Preston Prince, Patti Preston

Members Absent:

Topic: Finance & Accounting Operations

Highlights: New Accounting and payroll software implemented moving from Great Plains Software to Sage Intacct. Hired accounting staff and brought back in-house financial operations.

COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE

Start Time: 9:20 am

End Time: 11:50 am

Members in Attendance: Renee Smith, Fred Banuelos, Dorothy Carty-Daniel, Johnnie Jackson, Elsie Brown, Joe Grisson, Gary Valentine, Fermika Smith, Johnny Johnson, Carol Branham, Lizette Mill, John Morgan, Joycelynn Straight, Kella Knight, Adrian Jones, Susan Ulrich, Emmett Robbins, Gary Allsup, Henrietta Snipes, Sam Bergami, and Anthony Sawyer.

Members Absent: Miguel Garcia, Jake Joseph, Skye Kessler, Angela Reed, DeLois McKinley-Eldridge, Carleen Cumberbatch, Willie Haynes, Dee Dee Chambers, Dirk Hoek, William Mayes, TomiRene Hettman, Jan Murphy, Phil Bernal, Thomas Jefferson

Topic: Committee Objectives

Highlights:

Advocacy: Encourage GOTV local agency activity

George Guy, President; **Sean Gilbert**, SPHM, NAHRO Fellow, Senior Vice President; **Renee Smith NCC**, Vice President - Commissioners; **David S. Gates**, CSO-PH, CSEC-PH, CMPO, C-PHM, CME Vice President - Professional Development **Jeff du Manoir**, Vice President-International Research and Global Exchange; **Duane Hopkins**, CME, Vice President-Budget & Administration; **Shaunté Evans MBA, PHM**, Vice President-Member Services; **Grace Stepter**, Vice President-Community Revitalization and Development; **Lanita Hillen**, Vice President-Housing, **Mark Thiele**, CS-PHM, CME, CMVO, NCC, Chief Executive Officer

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Communications - Commissioner Handbook – roadmap, making commissioners aware of the handbook and seeking ways to get them connected at the local, chapter and regional level,

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Resident empowerment assessment

Governance: Fiduciary responsibility/scope of commissioners, incorporate info. into handbook, legal compliance, contractual agreements, CEO accountability, protecting interest of stakeholders, resident development, city, and public interests.

COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Start Time: 9:00am

End Time: 12:00pm

Members in Attendance: Katie Anderson, Amy Case-Miranda, Tanya Dempsey, Doug Fleming, Patrick Howard, Ralph Jordan, Larry Kilmer, Janice Kimball, Jim Kruse, Leigh Poltrock, Kimberly Ryan, Sally Stang, Grace Stepter, Micah Strange, Michael Threatt, Antonio Williams, Michelle Yarbrough Korb, Shannon Young

Members Absent: Andi Beadles, Michael Bishop, Taryl Bonds, Chris Brundgardt, Dana Christian, Alex Corrales, Jeff Davis, Jen Drass, Jackie Foster-Johnson, Carson Hayes, Marissa Henderson, Michael Lara, Peter LiFari, Leonard Morrow, Sarah Parker, Matthew Pike, Gene Reed,

Topic: Highs and Lows/Report Outs

Highlights: The Committee discussed things going on in their communities. Homelessness and homeownership both came up frequently.

Topic: National Housing Framework Update

Highlights: The Committee discussed the work of the National Housing Framework subcommittee. This included efforts to define the framework and a discussion about how the 2024 Presidential Transition fits into the larger scope of the framework.

Topic: Homelessness Subcommittee Update

Highlights: The Committee discussed the efforts of the homelessness subcommittee including the work that fed into the development of the 2024 Presidential Transition Report.

Topic: Choice Neighborhoods Application and Historic Housing Preservation Comments Conversation.

Highlights: The Committee discussed ways HUD could streamline and improve the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant application. This included a small agency set aside and changes to how points are weighted in the application process. The Committee also discussed the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's draft program comment on accessible, climate-resilient, and connected communities. The Committee

felt it was important that NAHRO make sure the needs of housing providers are adequately balanced with historic preservation requirements.

Topic: Strategic Plan Update

Highlights: The Committee was provided an update on their Strategic Plan measurable outcomes and created a working group to help begin developing a development for small agencies training.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

Start Time: 9:00 am

End Time: 12:06 pm

Members in Attendance: Margarita Lares, Joseph D'Ascoli, Mimi Rayl, James Cox, Wayne Pollard, Rob Fredericks, Major Galloway, Amy Clark, Lindsey Reames, Regina Mitchell, Lori Rosendahl, Felicia Snow, Elizabeth Little, Lowel Krueger, Andria Lazaga, Hilda Reeves, Lisa Garcia, Sheila Barnett, Lashun Bland, James Evans, Paula McFarland, Patti Webster, Dannie Walker, Lanita Hiller

Members Absent: Terri Smith, Denita Johnson, Michael Simelton, Ilez Brady, Jillian Patterson, Dominica Patterson, Richard Wankel, Anne Pridmore Kaup, Cora Lanclos, Craig Maraschky, Amanda Sayegh, Rick Moore, Angie Garcia-Nguyen

Topic: Discussion of Choice Neighborhoods Application

Highlights: The Housing Committee discussed how HUD could improve the Choice Neighborhoods application process. Suggestions for how HUD could improve the process include having a set-aside for small agencies; allow senior sites by themselves to be eligible for the grant; allow for a transfer of units out of the neighborhood; and the committee offered other suggestions.

Topic: HOTMA (Section 102 and 104) Phased Implementation

Highlights: HUD asked NAHRO how feasible a phased implementation of HOTMA sections 102 and 104 would be. The Committee felt that HUD should implement the necessary technology and then have a single date when these HOTMA provisions would mandatorily apply. Additionally, the committee also felt that PHAs should have the flexibility to apply certain provisions early, if they choose.

Topic: Creating a Searchable System for Practitioners to Share Best Practices

Highlights: The committee discussed what a searchable database of best practices should encompass. We discussed what other groups who have similar systems do and what features they have.

Topic: Guest Speaker Sipho Simela from Matrix Rental Solutions

Highlights: Sipho spoke to the Housing Committee about the Housing Choice Voucher program and how supplying data to landlords can help with voucher lease up.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND GLOBAL EXCHANGE COMMITTEE

Start Time: 9:21am

End Time: 12:07pm

Members in Attendance: 21, Martell Armstrong, Kerron Barnes, Don Bibb, Dawn Bonsu, Julie Brewen, John Chow, Jeff du Manoir, Anthony Goodson, Irma Gorham, Saeed Hajarizadeh, Carolee Jackson, Mary-Margaret Lemons, John Mahon, Jim McGrath, John Polanskey, Jeanette Porter, Jason Spencer, Lee Talmage, Robin Walls, Michael Wong, Alan Zais

Members Absent: 13, Patricia Allen, Lisa Baker, Kathleen Berk, MaryAnn Chavez-Lopez, Yolanda Coleman, Lloyd Halverson, Evette Hester, Ann McKenzie, Edith Pagan, Sherry Perkins, Carlos Reyes, Fatma Saoy, Betsy Soto

Topic: International Awardee

Highlights: Will be honoring Steve Pomeroy, Professor at McMaster University during the Friday morning plenary session. He will be presenting about his work on the National Housing Strategy in Canada in the Exhibit Hall from 12-12:30pm.

Topic: NAHRO Representation at International Meetings/Conferences

Highlights: Discussed learning trips and NAHRO representation abroad.

- World Urban Forum, Cairo, Egypt, November 4–8 2024
- The Housing Agency Annual Conference, Athlone, Ireland, April 2025
- The International Social Housing Festival and Visits, Dublin, Ireland, June 2025

Topic: Conversation about exploring policy topics and how IRGE can achieve goals

Highlights:

- Focus on linking policy interests with the strategic framework, national housing strategy, etc.
- Gaging policy interests and what IRGE should be targeting to get more information about internationally. Figuring out ways to filter ideas.
- Conversation discussing topics like addressing homelessness, Direct Rental Assistance/Universal basic income, Zoning/Land use policy, national HUD policies (NSPIRE, HOTMA, BABA) that may find some similarities or dissimilarities internationally
- Members discussed engaging colleges/universities or research institutions in our work

Topic: Subcommittees Meetings and Reports

Highlights:

- a. Collaboration- Discussed future international conferences in 2025. Gaging members about the International Social Housing Festival in June 2025.
- b. Media and Archives- Will be updating the international resource page on the website. Will also be focused on transmitting info on travel study abroad.
- c. Research- Have started to outline information around a indigenous housing design competition branching from the 2023 IRGE white paper.
- d. Awards- Focused on finding potential candidates sooner and making it known that you don't need to be from another country to be nominated.

MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

Start Time: 9:00 am

End Time: 12:00 pm

Members in Attendance: Banks, Beverly; Bouffard, Rickey; Carlson, Amber; Carolla, Angela; Caudle, Nikki; Centinaro, Gary; Chubenko, Eric; Evans, Shaunté; Fosler, Zachary; Fuller, Kia; Gibson, Gina; Gonzalez, Vanessa; Guanzon, Larry; Layne, Ingrid; Jackson, Keon; Lee, Dara; Lierman, Toasha; Oglesby, Jacob; Parr, Pamela; Riddick, Shari; Rodriguez, Andrew; Sansbury, Gail; Stewart, Taleshia; Swafford, Trina; Tatro, Kristina; Townsend, Kimberly

Members Absent: Dixon, Sharon; Fontenot, Stephan; Hamilton, John; McGruder, Natasha; Paulson, MaryLiz; Polito, Jennifer; Randolph, Kennard; Shelburn, Billie; Stanton, Jill; Stewart, Amy; Stordahl, Revonda; Trujillo, Steven

Topic:

Highlights:

The Committee discussed the key events of the conference, and the role they can play at each event, particularly the Award of Merit Reception, First Time attending Event, and the Women's Leadership Breakfast.

The Committee broke into three groups to discuss and report out on development of the Member Services Committee Work Plan development in support of the strategic plan.

They discussed:

1. Create and promote opportunities for housing professionals at different transition points in their careers to promote leadership and professional development.

2. Develop and provide a technological platform to connect members and foster relationship-building across the industry at the state, regional, and national levels of NAHRO to share information and best practices.
3. Develop a member ambassador program for membership recruitment and retention at national, state, and local levels.

The Emerging Leaders Subcommittee and Women of NAHRO Subcommittee provided updates from their areas. Emerging Leaders are exploring ways to become more involved and prominent at NAHRO Conferences. The Women of NAHRO group is gathering excitement leading up to the Womens Breakfast.

Three Resolutions were introduced and unanimously passed and recommended for referral to the NAHRO Board of Governors:

1. Bylaw changes from the Texas Chapter of the Southwest Region of NAHRO
2. Bylaw changes from New England Regional Council
3. Site Selection for NAHRO Conferences 2025-2027.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Start Time: 9:00am

End Time: 11:30am

Members in Attendance: Eric Brown, Michele Christensen, Diane Cohen, Candace Drake, Bridgett Duquette, Rebecca Ellis, Noor al Forsland, David Gates, Diane Haislip, Carmen Jack, Felicia Jackson, Sharon Maki, Sherri McDade, Lori McGowan, Rhonda Mitchell, Jackie Newman, Christine Nguyen, Marsha Parham-Green, Charles Parks, Latonia Simmons, Christina Stokes-Johnson, Nikki Vasquez, Kathy Walter, Matt York

Members Absent: Mike Barben, Michael Bishop, Susan Clark, Aaron Cooper, Anneliese Gryta, Cathy Hoog, Tracy Jackson, Derick Johnson, Crhistopher McKissick, Bob Peterson, Mark Stalvey, Kimberly Townsend, Sarah Van Cleve

Topic: PD and Certification Update, LMS Preview

Highlights: Julz reviewed the numbers (trainings are right on track with where they were last year) as well as did a surface level review of how the different training types break down financially. Public virtual trainings are the big driver of training income – 73% of the income from trainings have come from public virtual classrooms. Private on-sites are next driver, then private virtual. Additionally, Julz did a demo of the LMS. The committee is very excited, and many members hope to be involved with testing soon. We will be launching in January 2025.

Topic: SPAC Outcomes

Highlights: The committee discussed the five SPAC outcomes we are tied to. We discussed what we think these outcomes look like from our end – the issue is as we are not the drivers of the outcomes, so we don't know exactly what they mean or want. We identified five individuals who will meet with the other committee chairs to clarify what they have in mind.