



President's Corner

DeeAnna Peterson, President

New *Year* ~ new *RSO* (Welcome to our Regional Service Officer – Cheryl Anne Farmer), new *website* and new *mission statement!!!*

I couldn't be more excited about the enthusiastic group of NCRC executive board members that I get to work with and the many things we've accomplished in the last year! *And there's more to come...*

New Year: The political campaign we've been part of over the past year has many people very excited and many people very scared. Not anxious, not concerned but downright fearful of the changes that we will see over the coming 4 years. I'm not going to dwell on the political grounds that we find ourselves upon but want to recognize that we, as housing professionals, are a passionate group and we need to remain focused on our mission and help our clients through this transitional period.

New RSO: Cheryl Anne Farmer has been a very busy woman since she began working for us on December 1st of this past year. We couldn't be more excited to have her skills, her professionalism and her enthusiasm on our team. She has a background in *Organizational Management* and has worked as a state service officer for a few years now. She's very familiar with our world and is excited to help us achieve several

goals we have set for the North Central Regional Council. I can't wait for you to get to know her better!!

New Website:

Thanks to our subcommittee and our new RSO, our brand-new website is going live on February 2nd with more to come in the next year. Please check it out www.ncrcnahro.org and be sure to tell us what you like, what you would like to see added and suggestions for next phases. Currently it has our conference information, historical details, a directory of board members, live links to each state chapter, up to date legislation and links to National NAHRO legislative letters, fillable scholarship and award forms, Housing America Poster Contest regulations, "contact us" information and so much more. Some of the next phases will include a "member only" section that will include sample policies, a discussion forum and membership details per agency. While we're excited about the new format, we want to take a moment and thank Housing Authority Insurance Group (HAIG, Inc.) for its long-



2017 Calendar

**NAHRO Washington
Conference**
March 26-28, 2017
Arlington, VA

**NCRC/MI NAHRO
"Shifting Gears"
Conference**
May 3-8, 2017
Motor City Casino
Detroit, MI

**NAHRO National
Summer Conference**
July 16-18, 2017
Indianapolis, IN

**Annual NAHRO
National
Conference & Exhibit**
**October 27-29,
2017**
Pittsburgh, PA

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term sponsorship and support by hosting us for the past many years. They have been fantastic partners of NCRC.

New Mission Statement: *The North Central Regional Council (NCRC) of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) is a membership organization serving as a catalyst for ethical leadership, professional development and legislative advocacy in the affordable housing and community development industry.* It's about 400 words shorter than our last one and encompasses many concepts. It was great fun to work with a room full of wordsmith's and I can assure you that each word was debated in its placement within our result. It may seem simple but we believe it defines who we are and our focus.

It's still election season in our world and NCRC NAHRO will release their ballot soon. To vote in the upcoming elections,

you will need to verify that your membership is current and that your email addresses are current in National NAHRO's databases. We will be sending out electronic ballots to each unique individual email address listed. If you have affiliate members that do not have an address of their own, they can call to get a voter key but will need to vote on a computer. You also will have an opportunity to vote for NAHRO's President and SVP (senior vice president) in early fall. The SVP position is a contested race and we have invited both candidates to join us in Detroit so they can get to know us and we can get to know them.

I am looking forward to sharing more of what this amazing group of individuals are working on but that would eliminate the suspense. Stay tuned for more to come...

International Research and Global Exchange Committee:



*Ron Clewer,
Vice President of IRGE*

Monthly IRGE calls continue.

NCRC IRGE Membership I will take a moment to address membership and IRGE interest.

Habitat III

The United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) held from 17 to 20 October 2016 in Quito, Ecuador, successfully concluded with the adoption of the New Urban Agenda.

About the New Urban Agenda: The NUA is an action-oriented document which will set global standards of achievement in sustainable urban development, rethinking the way we build, manage, and live in cities through drawing together cooperation with committed partners, relevant stake-

holders, and urban actors at all levels of government as well as the private sector.

The Habitat III Conference as a whole was a resounding success: 30,000 people, among them 10,000 international participants from 167 countries were accredited in the Conference; including NAHRO IRGE members.

National Conference

During the IRGE meeting in New Orleans, it was decided the Research Subcommittee's focus for 2017 will be Australia. We will work to educate IRGE Members and NAHRO Leadership on the history, context, and current social housing framework and programs in Australia. The goal is to be educated enough to really refine the objectives of the November 2017 study exchange to Australia in coordination with the Exchange Subcommittee.

David Rosen was gracious and provided members with a report he prepared for the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI).

It was confirmed Kurt Creager and Matt Pike will lead the Research Subcommittee for 2017.

Research Subcommittee

The subcommittee remains focused on identifying international



Habitat III Conference Info

www.habitat3.org

Habitat III is the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development to take place in Quito, Ecuador, from 17 – 20 October 2016.

In Resolution 66/207 and in line with the bi-decennial cycle (1976, 1996 and 2016), the United Nations General Assembly decided to convene the Habitat III Conference to reinvigorate the global commitment to sustainable urbanization, to focus on the implementation of a New Urban Agenda, building on the Habitat Agenda of Istanbul in 1996.

platforms that tie to or guide housing, community development and poverty reduction and how a greater lens over these areas may guide US practices and policies. The committee will continue to develop pertinent research topics for the benefit of other NAHRO committees and membership.

The Research Subcommittee concluded its Pay for Success analysis and will now focus on housing policy and programs in Australia in anticipation of a November 2017 study exchange to the annual conference of the Australasian Housing Institute. In anticipation of the Australian Exchange, IRGE drafted an article on Asset Management in the US, published in the December 2016 edition of HousingWORKS and Australian

Housing trade magazine. A copy is attached. Please note the article was translated into an “Australian English” version.

Lange Award

The Lange Award was presented to recipient Jaime Bordenave in New Orleans at the annual conference. Bordenave is founder and CEO of The Communities Group (TCG) which is a professional consulting firm. New deadline date for award submission is 8/15/2017.

Exchange Subcommittee

The Exchange Subcommittee has done a great deal of work on logistics for the exchange to Australia. Details will come in early 2017 and other IRGE members are urged to consider being a member of the delegation.

Commissioners Committee

Deanna Wagner, Vice President of Commissioners



Thank you to all those commissioners who sent letters, emails, made phone calls, had contact via social media and met face-to-face with lawmakers and legislators to push for housing and community development advocacy in 2016! Because of the hard work of many commissioners across the US, NAHRO made an impact on pushing our agenda for safe, affordable

and decent housing for all. Let's keep the momentum going in 2017 and beyond! This will be vitally important with a new Administration and Congress to educate and advocate.

Part of the success last year was in part due to the push of the National Commissioners Committee to promote advocacy efforts among commissioners. I currently serve as the Commissioners Advocacy Task Force leader. In this role, I reach out to all Commissioner Regional Vice Presidents, who in turn, should be reaching out to the Chapter Vice Presidents

in their region. From there, the information should be disseminated at the local level. Further, the Commissioners Committee has formed a Facebook page for Commissioners to share information and ideas. The link to the page is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/housing-commissioners/>.

Please urge all commissioners to look at the “Commissioner Resource Page” on NAHRO’s website. The link is <http://www.nahro.org/commissioner-resources>. On this page, commissioners will find information about the following:

Commissioners’ Opportunities:

- Empower, support and encourage commissioner participation in NAHRO’s National Professional Development System (NPDS), particularly the National Commissioners Certification.
 - Enhance commissioner communication to include networking, chapter, region and national conference participation via email, phone, publications (regional/chapter/state newsletter, National NAHRO publications (NAHRO Monitor, Journal of Housing and Community Development magazine (JOHCD), Twitter and Facebook;
 - Assist to strengthen our legislative power through commissioner advocacy and community outreach. Serve as mentors to new commissioners and encourage active, strong participation in legislation that affects our agencies and communities. Rally to encourage participation in letter writing campaigns, messages to your respective legislators and active participation as a Congressional District Contact (CDC).
 - Collaborate and actively participate with National NAHRO committees to achieve goals, strategies and tactics set forth in the work plan.
- **Commissioners Contact Form**
 - **COMMISSIONERS LETTER AVAILABLE IN THE ADVOCACY ACTION CENTER -**
 - **Advocacy Action Center** - When decisive, collective action



is needed, a call to action prompts a visit to the advocacy action center! Here you will find resources like elected officials information and policy tools.

- **Advocacy/PR Toolkit** - This page contains valuable resources such as best practices, how to work with congressional staffers, and more!
- **The Ambassadors Initiative** - Encourages Commissioners to actively advocate for their communities and the residents we serve.
- **Commissioner Mentors List** - New to the industry and have questions? Our Commissioner Mentors can help!
- **Elizabeth B. Wells Memorial Award - NAHRO Individual Award for Commissioners**
This NAHRO individual award honors a current commissioner, or one who has served within the past 12 months, who has demonstrated excellence in advocating for and developing the financial, political, and community support necessary to ensure the continuation and expansion of housing or community development programs. The award was established in 1987 in the name of Elizabeth B. Wells to provide a living acknowledgment of the outstanding contributions she made to the housing field as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the King County (WA) Housing Authority and as NAHRO's first Vice President of the Commissioners Committee.
- **Housing America** - This campaign that aims to raise national awareness of the need for and importance of safe, quality, affordable housing through education, advocacy and empowerment.
- **Little Libraries - Plans/Tips for Library Builders** - The Little Libraries is based on the "take a book leave a book" concept in neighborhoods.
- **NAHRO Commissioners Certification (NCC)** - Acquire and maintain the skill set you need to be an effective Commissioner.
- **Certification Frequently Asked Questions**
- **Seminars for Commissioners:**
 - Commissioners' Fundamentals
 - Commissioners' Guide to Understanding and Monitoring Agency Operations and Programs
 - Ethics and the Housing and Community Development Commissioner
 - Leadership Training for Commissioners
 - Marketing, Image-building and Community Engagement

- Strategic Planning, Agency Development and Policy for Commissioners
- Succession Planning
- Succession and Sustainability Planning and CEO Search
- **The Handbook for Commissioners** - An informative and educational publication on the responsibilities and liabilities of public housing policymakers.

Finally, please urge all commissioners to provide NAHRO with their individual email addresses so that they can directly receive all pertinent information for commissioners. Often, many directors list their own email address or a company email address that is not dedicated to the commissioner.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at dmwagner2@cox.net or 402-639-5428.

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Housing Committee

*Jennifer Keogh,
Vice President of Housing*



The National Housing Committee continues to meet monthly via conference calls and met in person at the National Conference in New Orleans. Our time together in NOLA provided the committee with the opportunity to assist staff with comments for Lead-Based Paint Rule and a transition document for the new administration. Both of which can be accessed at :

[www.nahro.org/sites/default/files/searchable/Policy-](http://www.nahro.org/sites/default/files/searchable/Policy-Transition2017-final.pdf)

[Transition2017 - final.pdf](http://www.nahro.org/sites/default/files/searchable/NAHRO%20Lead%20Based%20Paint%20Proposed%20Rule%20Comments%2010_26_16.pdf)

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The Committee also had a rare opportunity to participate in a HUD AFFH Listening Session with Major Galloway. The committee posed questions for consideration and provided feedback to the Major. Overall, I think the committee thought the session was informative and a good opportunity to engage with HUD.

At the request of Southwest NAHRO, the Housing Committee discussed the Adjusting Davis-Bacon for Inflation Act (H.R. 3472). The bill increases from \$2,000 to \$50,000 the contract threshold requiring the locally prevailing wage rate to be paid to various classes of laborers and mechanics working under federally-financed or federally-assisted contracts for construction, alteration, and repair of public buildings or public works (Davis-Bacon Act). The committee passed a resolution supporting the bill and supporting adjusting the Davis-Bacon threshold for inflation.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Davis-Bacon threshold has not been indexed with a measure of inflation and has not been adjusted in 85 years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NAHRO supports updating the Davis-Bacon threshold by adjusting the threshold to the current value and then applying an inflation adjustment moving forward,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NAHRO supports H.R. 3472 introduced by U.S. representative Jeff Duncan (R-SC-3) Adjusting Davis-Bacon for Inflation Act to increase the contract threshold from \$2,000 to \$50,000.

In Other News....

With the election of Donald Trump for President and the selection of Ben Carson for HUD Secretary, PHA's will wait to

see what happens. We do know that Congress passed a Continuing Resolution that runs until April 28, 2017. At that time, lawmakers will negotiate another budget deal, either a full-year CR or a new spending bill. Some members of Congress are urging leadership to enact cuts to spending levels in any final bill. We have heard rumors to anticipate a HAP pro-ration of 94-96%, but PHA's report no Executive Director letters confirming a pro-ration has happened. If cuts happen, we speculate that more than 100,000 vouchers could be lost. In a recent Housing Committee call, we discussed what we think we should prepare for and what future conversations may entail: Consolidation/Consortia and Work Requirements were both mentioned. Speaker, Paul Ryan's Anti-Poverty Plan, "A Better Way" is a good read and provides insight on the GOP priorities surrounding housing. <http://abetterway.speaker.gov/assets/pdf/ABetterWay-Poverty-PolicyPaper.pdf>

Energy Benchmarking of Public Housing

NAHRO Housing Committee discussed utility benchmarking, which is HUD's requirement of benchmarking every three years. With feedback from our committee, NAHRO sent a letter to HUD: http://www.nahro.org/sites/default/files/searchable/NAHRO%20Letter_Public%20Housing%20Utility%20Benchmarking.pdf

Public Housing Income Limits

On December 20, HUD published in the *Federal Register* an extension of the public comment period on the methodology HUD proposes to use to implement a new income limit in public housing, as mandated by the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016 (HOTMA). Comments are now due **January 29, 2017**. NAHRO submitted the following letter: <http://www.nahro.org/sites/default/files/searchable/NAHRO%20Letter%20re%20Comment%20Period%20for%20HUD%E2%80%99s%20Proposed%20Public%20Housing%20Income%20Limit.pdf>

Final Rule Requiring Broadband Infrastructure

HUD published a final rule that requires the installation of broadband infrastructure at the time of new construction or substantial rehab for multifamily rental housing supported by HUD. The following programs covered by the final rule:

1. Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant program;
2. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, including the CDBG Disaster Recovery program;
3. Continuum of Care program;
4. HOME Investment Partnerships program;
5. Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS program;
6. Housing Trust Fund program;
7. Project-Based Voucher program;
8. Public Housing Capital Fund program;
9. Section 8 project-based housing assistance payments programs, including, but not limited to, the Section 8 New Construction, Substantial Rehabilitation, Loan Management Set Aside, and Property Disposition programs; and
10. Section 202 and Section 811 Supportive Housing for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities programs.

VAWA

HUD announced a final rule to expand housing protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (hereinafter known as “victim”) regardless of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or age. The rule became effective DECEMBER 16, 2016 and housing providers must now include the Notice of Occupancy rights and the new certification form with future denials or admissions of assistance notices and future eviction or termination of assistance notices.

HUD has made available new forms necessary under the new rule:

[Notice of Occupancy Rights under VAWA](#) (HUD-5380) that certain housing providers must give to tenants and applicants to ensure they are aware of their rights under VAWA and these implementing regulations;

[New Certification form](#) (HUD-5382) for documenting incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking that must be used by housing providers;

[Model emergency transfer plan](#) (HUD-5381) that may be used by housing providers to develop their own emergency transfer plans; and

[Model emergency transfer request form](#) (HUD-5383) that

housing providers could provide to tenants requesting an emergency transfer under these regulations.

UPCS-V

I will be following up with the three agencies that received NCRC assistance for their participation in UPCS-V Demonstration.

HUD hosted a UPCS-V Conference call in October. The recording has been made available at: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=confcall10312016.zip>

Thank you for the opportunity to serve NCRC as VP of Housing. 2017 is a New Year, with new opportunities and likely new challenges. I welcome your thoughts and feedback on what you need from NAHRO in 2017.

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Legislative Report

Jim Inglis, NCRC Legislative Chair



The November election has brought about some concerns and probable changes with the election of Mr. Trump and his appointment of Ben Carson as HUD Secretary. It appears some of the major issues of discussion in early 2017 will be tax reform including the LIHTC, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule, 2018 HUD budget and the debt ceiling set to expire March 15, 2017. Mr. Carson's confirmation hearing

will take place in February and confirmation is expected. At this time there is no word on the Deputy Secretary or Assistant Secretary's. The NAHRO Legislative and Policy staff have prepared and issued a 2017 Transition Report for the Trump Administration. Given its early January, here is a three month forecast of events and issues:

JANUARY:

Congress reconvened on January 3, 2017. Issues out of the gate are tax reform and a budget resolution and reconciliation. The inauguration is January 20, 2017. In late 2016 Congress approved a Continuing Resolution to April 28, 2017. Creditable

sources indicate that the CR will be extended to September 30, 2017 and Congress will focus on the 2018 budget. A CR extension means HUD accounts are funded at 2016 levels.

FEBRUARY:

Secretary Carson confirmation hearing. The major work will focus on Senate and House committee formation and leadership of those committees of jurisdiction over HUD accounts and programs.

MARCH:

2018 budget resolution discussions and focus will certainly be on the debt ceiling expiration March 15th.

NAHRO is part of the partnership with the Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding to put together a report for the new Congress to demonstrate the importance of housing and community development programs in our communities.

The NAHRO Legislative Campaign is robust. In 2016 HOTMA was adopted by Congress. In 2015 NAHRO members sent 1,200 letters to members of Congress. In 2016 NAHRO members sent 4,241 letters!!!

Thank you NCRC NAHRO members who sent letters to their member of Congress.

The winter solstice arrived December 21, 2016. The days are getting brighter and hopefully for our housing agency programs and the people we serve!

Member Services Committee

George Guy, Vice President of Member Services



Greetings NCRC board members:

The following should serve as the Membership Services January 2017 annual report: My name is George Guy. I am the Vice President of Membership Services for the North Central Region Committee of NAHRO.

We began the year with the Strategic Planning process at our meeting in January. We continued the process in April. In April committees were formed to begin work on the objectives set forth by membership. I chaired the committee of Communications.

We provided feedback to the recruitment process of the RSO. In addition we gave suggestions and feedback in the survey. Our group thought there were some gaps in communication. The committee felt that there needs to be more consistency and deliberate effort to improve overall communication.

Among my duties as VP of Membership Services, I represent the North Central Region at the national level where I am a part of the National Membership Services committee and serve on the Emerging Leader subcommittee. I had the opportunity to assist the committee in selecting the 2017 conference locations. We also began the process of starting initiatives to increase membership.

In addition to serving on the Membership Services committee, I also serve on the Emerging Leaders subcommittee. We are working on ways to engage PHAs and their staff to engage in Emerging Leaders activities. In that effort we began to work on defining what Emerging Leader means in the Affordable Housing industry. I assisted in facilitating an Emerging Leadership session at the National Conference in New Orleans.

One of the things the Membership services committee is looking to change immediately is how they assess the National Award for Emerging Leader. We submitted the only applicant this year for the award. Our recommendation was unsuccessful due to his lack of involvement in national NAHRO. Through the assistance of our President, we were able to convince the Committee that this will have to be re-examined next year. I am encouraged as a result of our efforts; the award will be better defined for everyone.

We had a successful conference this year in Columbus by working in collaboration with OHAC. OHAC did a great job of ensuring the conference objectives were met.

You could easily say that this has been a busy and successful

year indeed. However there are opportunities going forward. Some of the opportunities include:

- Continuing to increase membership
- Market individual awards better to membership
- Increase communication amongst the region

In 2017, Michigan will host the Annual Conference. Indianapolis will host the National Summer Conference.

I am currently working with the Indiana State Association on the planning of the 2018 Annual Conference which will be held in April 2018.

This will summarize the 2016 report.

Professional Development Committee Report



Bob Lane, Vice of Professional Development

Happy New Year to all affordable housing residents and agency support staff. The NAHRO Professional Development Team appreciated your support in 2016. I would like to acknowledge our NCRC recent NAHRO Certified Professionals:

- Commissioner Certification
 - Michael Moon – Saint Joseph, MI
 - Nelson Willis – Wayne, MI
- Certified Manager of Property Operations and Certified Specialist of Maintenance
 - Lesley Sims – Saginaw, MI
- Certified Public Housing Manager
 - Gloria Morales – Gering, NE
- Certified Specialist of Inspection
 - Demetrius Johnson – Chicago, IL
- Certified Specialist of Occupancy
 - Katie Altman – Westland, MI
 - Lisa Eggers – Westland, MI
 - Crystal Giles – Roseville, MI
 - Kerri Lynn Leonard – Alma, MI

Remember, professional development and training will be offered at the following:

- WAHA Spring Training in Rothschild, Wisconsin, April 18-19, 2017
- State of Iowa Conference in Des Moines, Iowa, April 19-21, 2017
- NCRC “Shift Into Gear” Conference in Detroit, Michigan, May 3-5, 2017

Please do not miss the opportunities NAHRO provides you to train your commissioners, your residents and your staff.

Please join me in congratulating our newest NAHRO Certification graduates!

Please set aside time in your schedule to check our NAHRO website <http://www.nahro.org/about-nahro>, or the NAHRO Monitor publications, to see upcoming conferences, seminars, workshops and training classes.

2017 NCRC NAHRO Chicago Board Workshop





Small Agency Task Force

Sharon L. Carlson, SATF Chair

A sub-group of the task force has been working with NAHRO's policy team to put together a response to the CBPP report (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities) that was presented to the House Financial Services subcommittee in September. That report focused primarily on the regionalization of voucher

programs, but also questioned why there are so many small public housing agencies. The task force will be prepared to present the response to the incoming Congress and the new administration.



There are many small agencies, for many good reasons. More than half are located in rural areas throughout the country. While regionalization of the voucher program and consolidation of small agencies may appear to the uninformed to be a logical solution to cutting bureaucracy, increasing efficiencies, and managing limited funding, the potential loss of local control, loss of identity, and diminished service to residents and communities is alarming at best. Regionalization or forced consolidation should be thoughtfully considered from all perspectives to insure benefits exist for all

concerned parties. While this approach may lessen oversight responsibilities for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, small agencies disagree that this approach would be more efficient and less costly to the department. We believe the solution lies in regulatory relief and reform, and that small agencies need to be included in the discussion; not just discussed as though a commodity to be altered or disposed of without voice. Once again, this is NOT 'One Size Fits All'. Discussion of reintroduction of the Small Housing Agency Opportunity Act (formerly HR 4816 and S.2292) also continues. NAHRO staff has been in continuing discussion with Congressman Palazzo's office and PHADA during the election transition to determine the next steps with this legislation. We hope to have further information to share by the Legislative Conference in March.

Efforts to grow the small agency network continue. Updates are prepared and disseminated regularly to encourage involvement and provide feedback. Communication will ramp up soon, in preparation for the new administration and the conference in March. Anyone wishing to be included in the communication is welcome to contact me.



Richie



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Regional Service Officer Report

Cheryl Anne Farmer, RSO



ADVERTISEMENTS - Rates for 2017 - I have updated the advertising form and have kept the same rates as 2016. If you are interested or know of any business potential advertisers that may have an interest, please let me know. If you are posting an **employment opportunity** for your agency or know of anyone doing

a posting please consider advertising in the NCRC Newsletter or on the NCRC NAHRO website with the 8 state and over 3,000 member circulations.

WEBSITE - Check out the NEW www.ncrcnahro.org website as it will be launched on February 1st. I have been working very hard to get a new fresh site created for the organization. A preview of the site was shown during the January board meeting. I am looking forward to hearing your feedback.

AWARDS - The 2017 Awards and Scholarship "Interactive" Solicitation Nomination Forms are available on the NEW NCRC NAHRO website. www.ncrcnahro.org

The 2017 Award nomination forms include the Alvira B. Long Award for Commissioners, Ernest J. Bohn Educational Scholarship Award, the Charles Thompson Award and the Rising Star Award.

Additionally, to qualify for the NCRC Housing Achievement Award or the Community Development Achievement Award, nominations must be submitted to NAHRO through the [NAHRO Achievement Awards Program](#). Nominations are

reviewed and selected by the NCRC Awards Jury led by NCRC Member Services VP, George Guy. George will organize the Awards Jury Selection Committee comprised of the Member Services VPs from all 8 states. George Guy and the Jury will also make the selections from the NAHRO nominations working with national NAHRO staff Lori Myers-Carpenter. George and his Committee will also make the selections for the Alvira B Long Award, The Rising Star Award and the Ernest J. Bohn Educational Scholarship Award from NCRC nominations he receives.

Sheila Miller, recipient of the 2016 Charles Thompson Award will chair the Selection Committee along with her committee made up of previous award recipients to select the 2017 Charles Thompson Award Recipient. She will also chair the Conference Scholarship Nominations and Awards.

Please consider submitting nominations from your agency or promote submissions to honor your peers and professionals in our industry. The deadline for ALL NCRC Award Nominations is March 17, 2017. Mark your calendar!

Click the links below to view the nomination forms:

[Charles A. Thompson Memorial Award Nomination Form](#)

[Alvira B. Long Memorial Award Nomination Form](#)

[Ernest J. Bohn Education Scholarship Application Form](#)

[Rising Star Nomination Form](#)

[2017 Conference Scholarship Application](#)

Thank you for welcoming me aboard. I look forward to serving you all. Please feel free to contact me if you need anything.



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Welcome to NCRC NAHRO's newly designed website! In the effort to better serve our members, we created a website with a fresh appearance and improved, and user-friendly features. We will continue to work to eliminate bugs and make further improvements based on your feedback.

On this site, you'll be able to:

- RSVP for events and, for some events, pre-pay on line.
- Change your preference for receiving emails, newsletters, event announcements, and update your email address.
- View the membership directory online (visible only to NCRC members), edit your personal information and control what is kept private.
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Your Account(s): Every member has a personal account. You can manage and change your personal settings, email address, email and mail preferences, and other personal information. See Editing your Profile, below. If a member has not provided NCRC an email they will not be able to log in to the site and take advantage of many of these features.

If you are the main agency contact then you are considered the primary member and are called the Bundle Administrator and all associate members with your agency are considered Bundle Members. We didn't pick these terms, but we always encourage bundling. All Bundle Administrators will be able

to manage who their current associate members are or Bundle Members.

Editing your Profile: You can manage and change your personal information, and email address and preferences, in your profile. If your email address or mailing address changes, you can make the change yourself in your profile.

- To edit your profile, click your name at the upper right of any page, click View profile, and then Edit profile.
- Existing members should have most of your information already entered, however feel free to check to see if we have everything listed correctly.
- Click the Privacy link near the top to control what personal information is visible to other members in the online Member Directory.
- Click the Email subscriptions link to control what emails you receive.
- Manual email blasts puts you on or off the association distribution list.
- Event announcements controls automated reminders when you have registered for an event. Currently we don't send those.
- Forum subscriptions allows you to subscribe to the discussion forum and the specific topics and receive notifications of new topics or updates to current topics being discussed.

If at any point you have questions on how to use the new site please feel free to contact Cheryl Anne Farmer at 734.498.2493 or rso@ncrcnahro.org.

We hope you find the features of this new site helpful. We would enjoy hearing your feedback and please let us know how we could make the site a more useful tool for you.

Take a tour:

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"What Home Means to Me" Poster Contest

National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials • Housing America Campaign

Poster Contest Committee Report

Anna Judge, Housing America Poster Contest Chair

Happy New Year! Let me start off by saying that it is my absolute honor and privilege to Chair "Housing America" on NCRC's behalf. I personally believe that we can, and do make positive differences in the lives of the youth that reside in our developments every single day.

We all know that everyone defines the word "Home" differently, and our youth are no exception, often bringing an even more compelling and sincere meaning than some adults. Many of today's youth love to share their thoughts through creative expression in a variety of mediums - whether it be music, writing, or traditional visual art. While it is not our main mission to provide such opportunity, it absolutely is a perk when we give the youth residing in our communities an outlet to showcase their artistic skills and creatively exhibit their unique and individual definitions of "Home".

In that spirit, I am pleased to announce the commencement of the 2018 "What Home Means to Me" poster contest. More than simply a contest, this is an opportunity for families in our communities to come together and expound upon the meaning of "Home" while having the opportunity to express their unique stories. To make it a success and spread the opportunity to all, I need your help in promoting this contest to your residents and the youth within your home states.

Please open your own creative minds and promote this opportunity through the donation of essential art supplies, poster boards, you can host coloring contest events, present attendees with prizes, and most importantly, market this as an opportunity to express our interest in hearing "What Home Means" to them, and as a result, watch their story - and success - unfold.

All state finalists need to be sent to me by April 15, 2017 to ensure that they are received and accounted for at the annual conference in Detroit on May 3-5. NCRC will send one winner from each age category onto National NAHRO for official judging.

All entries must be accompanied by a narrative and application, which can be found at <http://www.housingamericacampaign.org/what-home-means-to-me.html>. Contest entry rules can also be found at http://www.housingamericacampaign.org/uploads/1/3/0/4/13049120/whmtm-poster_contest_entry_rules-2017.pdf. Please note that these are from the 2017 contest, but they still stand with the exception of submission date for National.

If you have any questions regarding the contest please feel free to reach out to me at 651.675.4501 or ajudge@dakotaacda.state.mn.us and I would be more than happy to assist you in any way that I can. It is my hope that we can get 9 entries from each state to make it to regional judging.

I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity as Chair, and I am looking forward to hearing – and seeing – what "Home" means to each region's youth.



STATE CHAPTER REPORTS



ILLINOIS CHAPTER
Jackie L. Newman, President

**IL NAHRO President, Jackie L. Newman
presents a
“Certificate of Appreciation” to Antonio Riley**



On Thursday, January 19th between the hours 11am – 2pm, an “Open House Goodbye Celebration” was held in honor of Antonio R. Riley, Regional Administrator – HUD Region V, at the Metcalfe Federal Building in Chicago.

Members of IL NAHRO and other Affordable Housing representatives within Region V joined together in wishing Antonio Riley the best as he embarks on his next opportunity, serving others with the same resolve in which he served and represented Region V.

As the landscape of Affordable Housing begins to take shape, with the appointment of a new HUD Secretary and the impending replacement for Antonio Riley; ILNAHRO is committed to ensuring the voice of its membership remains strong through advocacy, educating new HUD leadership and directing its membership to cutting edge training opportunities on a State, Regional and National level.

As ILNAHRO turns its attention to training, we will host a

one day *Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Seminar* on **Tuesday, April 11, 2017** in Chicago, Illinois at the Illini Center in partnership with the University of Illinois. Additionally, ILNAHRO and Indiana-NAHRO is partnering to jointly host an **annual conference** in Springfield, Illinois **Wednesday, August 16 through Friday, August 17, 2017** at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. Please mark your calendars now for both events. Additional information is forthcoming.



IOWA CHAPTER
Amy Tooley, President

Planning is underway for Iowa NAHRO’s Annual Conference April 19-21, 2017 at the West Des Moines Marriott.

This year’s conference will focus on Expanding Housing Opportunities. The Professional Development Chair and IA NAHRO Board members have been working diligently to plan a conference that will cover the latest topics, trends, and challenges in Affordable Housing.

The 2017 Annual Conference will offer tracks for Commissioners, Section 8, Public Housing and Community Development.

IA NAHRO has partnered with the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) this year. This partnership has encouraged not only collaboration for a new CDBG track, but also training opportunities for CDBG grantees.

A friend of IA NAHRO has committed \$10,000 to pay IA NAHRO training needs directly for the 2017 IA NAHRO Annual Conference.

A Small Agency Taskforce has been established and small agencies are continuing to receive communications relative to small agency issues and concerns, and input will be requested relative to proposed rules and regulations to ensure small size agencies have a voice.

Several members of the IA Chapter of NAHRO look forward to attending the Legislative NAHRO Conference.



INDIANA CHAPTER
Rick Moore, President

As president of Indiana Chapter of NAHRO, it is my honor to announce that we will be collaborating with Illinois Chapter of NAHRO to conduct a combined annual conference this year. The annual conference for the two states will take place on August 16th, 17th, and 18th in Springfield, Illinois.

The idea to hold one conference that is hosted by two states, has been a hot topic of discussion among vendors and attendees over the past couple of years. After speaking with Jackie Newman, President of Illinois Chapter of NAHRO, it was agreed that with combined resources, we will be able to offer an all-encompassing conference that is beneficial to all who attend. Bigger and better is our mission for this year's conference!

Mark your calendars now for the Illinois/Indiana Annual NAHRO Conference on August 16-18, 2017 in Springfield, Illinois. Please be on the lookout for additional details and exciting announcements in the coming months. You may also contact Denise Anderson, Conference Coordinator, if you have any questions before then by emailing her at I.NAHRO2017@gmail.com.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER
Barbara Dacy, President



Legislative Policy Issues. The Minnesota NAHRO Board's legislative agenda for state and federal issues will be finalized on February 8 and 9, 2017 as part of the Chapter's annual "Day at the Capitol". Issues under consideration include:

- 2017 State legislative priorities:
 - Support \$100 million bonding proposal (\$20 million for rehabilitation of public housing; \$80 million for housing infrastructure bonds) and inclusion of affordable senior housing as an eligible use of housing infrastructure bonds.
 - Support State appropriations to Minnesota Housing, Department of Human Services and Department of Employment and Economic Development for various housing and community development programs.
 - Evaluating a proposed program requesting \$5 million from the state to replace infrastructure at Manufactured Housing developments that are owned by cooperatives or public jurisdictions.
- 2017 Federal issues:
 - Support continuation of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program.
 - Support Small Public Housing Agency Opportunity Act of 2015.
 - Insure national NAHRO includes Rural Development funding issues as part of its platform.

Strategic Initiatives. In addition to legislative advocacy,

Minnesota NAHRO members are beginning work on several of its strategic initiatives, including:

- Preparing for its Spring Conference at Madden's Resort in Brainerd, Minnesota, May 24 – 26, 2017;
- Preparing a membership survey;
- Reviewing the draft of the Minnesota Housing Plan to End Long Term Homelessness and engage with Continuum Of Care organizations across the state;

- Evaluating a Facilities Engineering Certification program for maintenance personnel with the Minnesota State College and University System;
- Identifying potential candidates for NCRC Board positions to be submitted to the nominating committee.



WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Rebecca Kralewski, President

Wisconsin has had quite a start to the winter.

The HUD conference call took place on December 13th with several attendees calling in.

Updates were given on the 2017 Operating Subsidy Update, Executive Compensation Reporting, Audit / General Depository Agreement, Smoke Free Public Housing Final Rule, Environmental Review Requirements, Notification of the Federal Pacific Electric Boxes Potential Hazards, along with introductions of the new HUD staff.

WAHA has formed a committee to work on web site software upgrades and the possible transition to streamline electronic registration and payment. It is hoped in the near future all conference registrations will be electronic.

As I write this, December is nearing its end bringing up the time to prepare for the NAHRO legislative conference in March 2017. WAHA representatives will again push to be able educate someone from each representatives office. The request for housing profiles updates will be presented to the membership with the hope all will participate.

The next WAHA board meeting will be held Thursday, January 26th 2017- 10:00 A.M. via telephone conference

SAVE THE DATE:

Spring training is scheduled for April 18th & 19th, 2017 at the Holiday Inn, Rothschild, WI.

Fall Conference training is scheduled for September 18-21, 2017 at Holiday Inn, Rothschild, WI

The 2018 Conference will be in Sheboygan at Blue Harbor. The dates are September 17-20, 2018.

Future information can be found on the WAHA website at www.wahaonline.org.



OHIO CHAPTER

Steve Randles, President

The OHAC Directors' Retreat was held November 4 – 6 at the Glenmoor Country Club in Canton, Ohio. The retreat is a setting to offer valuable training specifically for executive directors, along with time for planning and networking with colleagues. Some of the focuses this year were, Changes & Challenges with the Affordable Care Act, A View from the Trenches: Defending a Federal Fair Housing Claim, and a Legislative Conference Call with Tim Kaiser, Jonathan Zimmerman and Crystal Wojciechowski' from PHADA. Steve Randles, OHAC President, also led members in a Strategic Planning Exercise, "Meeting the OHAC Mission".

The OHAC Training & Conference Committee has been actively planning the 2017 OHAC Spring Conference, April 26 – 28 at the Bertram Inn & Conference Center in Aurora, Ohio. The committee has secured Jason Casterline of Casterline Associates that will train attendees on the latest Financial Updates. Dennis Morgan, DL Morgan & Associates, will be conducting a 2-day Fair Housing Training. Some other topics that will be covered are Rent Calculation Training, HOTMA, UPCS/REAC Update and a HUD Hot Topics session. For some leisurely networking on Thursday evening, the hotel will be chartering buses to transport interested conference attendees to Cleveland to enjoy a variety of activities.

The OHAC Administrative/Staff Services Committee is working on developing a new OHAC Web-site with the assistance of PHA-Web, who will also host the site. The goal is to make the web-site more user friendly for both the members and the administrator of the web-site.



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