



President's Corner

Jennifer Keogh, President



New Year, New Leadership.

I want to begin my report by extending my heartfelt gratitude to Larry Williams. Larry Williams, formerly of Rockford and Freeport Housing Authority, resigned as our NCRC President at the end of 2017. Larry left the region to follow his passion and is now the Director of Social Services at the DC Housing Authority. One thing I admire about Larry is his ability to engage in authentic conversations. Whether it is with the families he serves, leaders of his community or members of the legislature, Larry has the keen ability to connect and make change happen. He has a passion for helping people move out of poverty and we should all tip our hats in honor and appreciation of his work. Congratulations, Larry. The region

and the State of Illinois are stronger because of your contributions.

The NCRC By-Laws state that the Senior Vice President assumes the role of President. I have graciously accepted this position and promise to serve you with grace and energy. At our Board meeting on January 5, George Guy was elected as Senior Vice President. George quickly stepped forward to lead and provided much needed assistance during this transition. I look forward to working in partnership with him. In addition, Rick Moore was elected to replace George as Vice President of Housing. Congratulations Rick, I know you will serve the region well in this capacity.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve our great eight states as your new President. One of the first tasks as your President was to put together our NCRC Board Annual Retreat. We convened January 4 and 5 in Chicago and had two incredibly productive days together. We hosted our first ever Board Orientation discussing our organization structure, mission, by-laws, expectations and spent the afternoon diving further into vision and work planning to set our course for

2018 Calendar

NCRC Board Meeting
April 30, 2018
Ft. Wayne, IN

**2018 NCRC Annual
Conference hosted by
Indiana NAHRO**
April 30 - May 2,
2018
Ft. Wayne, IN

NCRC Board Meeting
October 25, 2018
Atlanta, Georgia
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the next two years. On Friday we held our regularly scheduled Board meeting.

The Work Begins.

As your President, I introduced four overarching principles to guide our work for the next two years.

Relevancy, Advocacy, Diversity & Developing Leaders (RADD).

Relevancy. The definition of relevance is “the quality or state of being closely connected or appropriate” As the regional chapter of NAHRO, we want to be connected to our members and be the conduit from National NAHRO to the region and our states. As our committee and work groups move forward, relevancy will have imbedded into work plans to ensure that the work we are doing has meaning and connection for our members.

Advocacy. Advocacy is one of NAHRO’s greatest strengths and purposes. We will spend the next two years increasing our advocacy efforts through advocacy training and legislative work at all levels. I have asked the Legislative and Policy Work group to put together a legislative position paper by the end of February to present to National NAHRO to help shape their Legislative agenda. The needs of our region are unique, and the position paper will guide NAHRO staff as they represent us on the Hill. We will create training tools to increase advocacy and engagement with our members. I promise you all that I will be a strong voice for our members and the people we serve.

Diversity. Our strength is our diversity. We all bring our own diverse perspectives, work experiences, lifestyles, and cultures to our work. Organizations need both diversity, equity and inclusion to achieve their goals. As we move forward, we will place a priority on creating professional development opportunities focusing on diversity, equity and inclusion.

Developing Leaders. Our organization is full of amazing leaders that host a breadth of knowledge; many of which will be retiring over the next several years. We need to prepare NCRC, our agencies and our future leaders. NCRC will work in partnership with member agencies and leaders (both current and future) to ensure we are well positioned for our future.

Seven Work Groups were created at our retreat to focus on Leadership, Budget/Audit, Annual Conference/Meetings, Small Agency, Legislative

Policy and Advocacy, Website/Social Media and Membership, Awards, Scholarships and Emerging Leaders. As the work groups met, the principles of RADD were imbedded into their workplans.

Leadership

Purpose: To serve as a vehicle to new and emerging leaders by provide resources to agencies and NCRC for Succession Planning and creating new opportunities to engage with new leaders.

Lead: Demetria Simpson

Budget/Audit

Purpose: To provide financial oversight of all revenue/expenses of NCRC to ensure fiscal responsibility. This work group will also complete a review of the proposed budget and insurance policies to assist the Treasurer in making sound recommendations to the NCRC Board for approval.

Lead: Diane Larson

Annual Meeting/Conference

Purpose: To review profit sharing with State Chapters, review other potential revenue streams to reduce dependency on conference revenue and collaborate with Leadership Work group to explore opportunities to develop leaders in conjunction with January retreat

Lead: Peggy Rice

Small Agency

Purpose: To be the voice of small agencies. This work group will increase participation through recruitment of members and engage through regular correspondence relative to small agencies

Lead: Marty Ryan

Legislative Policy and Advocacy

Purpose: Increase advocacy efforts, collaboration and training. The work group will create a legislative position paper to send to NAHRO to guide legislative agenda, participate in quarterly conference calls, create advocacy and policy training and toolkits

Lead: Jim Dewey

Website/Social Media

Purpose To get relevant and timely information out to the membership via website and new social media platforms.

Lead: Anna Judge

Membership, Awards, Scholarships and Emerging Leaders

Purpose: Increase and Engage Membership, encourage more participation in awards and scholarships, to develop emerging leaders and build better communication between state, regional and national for membership.

Lead: Felicia Davis

Thank you to the board for their energy, dedication and engagement. Each work group created a list of goals with timelines to accomplish in the next two years. If you were not at the meeting and are interested in serving on a Work Group, we welcome your participation. Please reach out to me or a work group lead.

Photos of the NCRC NAHRO Board working in their perspective work groups at the board workshop in January.



What's Next.

I will be attending the Iowa NAHRO conference in April. In addition to visiting with members, I will be presenting two sessions; "Advocacy for the Busy Professional" and "Harm Reduction Strategies". I look forward to visiting with our Iowa delegation and learning more about their membership needs. I hope to see many of you at the Washington DC Conference April 22-24. The Washington Conference is an opportunity for Congress to see us and hear our stories. I will be working with our Legislative Chair to help provide you the tools you need to have successful meetings with your members of Congress. Fort Wayne, Indiana will be my final stop in April for our NCRC Conference April 30-May 2. Our theme is "Working Together"; the conference planning team has a host of educational and thought-provoking sessions to help you and your staff develop as housing professionals.

Our Mission.

As I write this, it is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. I cannot help but think about the work we do, our mission and vision and the principles of diversity, equity and inclusion. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is a man who challenged the way we think and changed America for the better. He had an obvious impact on society, and his words are full of wisdom that we can continually learn from. I am reflective of his message and our work. One of my favorite quotes from Dr. King is, "I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture of their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits. I believe that what self-centered men have torn down, men other-centered can build up I still believe that one-day mankind will bow before the altars of God and be crowned triumphant over war and bloodshed, and nonviolent redemptive goodwill will proclaim the rule of the land." The dream of Dr. King didn't die on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel. The dream lies within us all. NCRC is a membership organization serving as a catalyst for ethical leadership, professional development and legislative advocacy in the affordable housing and community development industry. I look forward to working with each of you to advance the dream and the mission of our work.



Senior Vice President Report

George Guy, Senior Vice President

To the Officers and Members of NCRC of NAHRO

I would like to thank the Board for electing me Senior Vice President of the Region at our annual meeting on January 5th.

I plan on representing our Region to the best of my ability. I will assist the President with her objectives over the next two years to move our organization forward.

I am currently working with our State Association

of Indiana on the NCRC annual conference which will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana on April 30-May 2. We look forward to the participation of the membership. This year we are grateful to have Carl Richie, NAHRO President, as the Keynote Speaker. We also want to thank Steven Galvan, HUD Region 5 Administrator for agreeing to speak at the conference as well.

I will be attending the Board of Governors Retreat in Austin, Texas on Friday January 19th- January 21st.

I look forward to working with you all on achieving our goals and objectives.

Housing Committee

Rick Moore, Vice President of Housing



A conference call of the Housing Committee was conducted on January 8, 2018. There were several agenda items for discussion including an update on EnVision Centers, Small Area FMR's and HUD's proposed Performance Measurement System for FSS.

The group had a wide-ranging discussion on the Performance Measurement System for FSS. Many commenters were concerned about the intent of HUD and the many possible outcomes from implementing this measurement system.

Summary of expressed concerns are as follows:

- Creaming of individuals to increase the chance of high performance scores

- Coordinators using measurement goals to design case management instead of individual needs of the client (i.e. teaching to the test)
- Questions on the weight of scoring criteria
- FSS Coordinators requiring additional formal training

Comments regarding EnVision centers are due to HUD no later than February 12, 2018.

It should also be noted that NAHRO sent correspondence to HUD General Council on December 29, 2017, requesting to extend implementing SAFMRs beyond the deadline of January 1, 2018. The letter requested that the General Council Office assist our members in navigating this rule and provide prompt guidance to agencies.

Thanks again to NCRC members in providing me this opportunity to represent our region on the National Housing Committee.



IRGE Committee

Randal Hemmerlin, Vice President of IRGE

Footings, Foundations and Basements

When I lived in the far North of Minnesota, I learned that even a state has micro-climates and a practice that works in one area of the state may not in another. The water table in the Thief River Falls area was about one foot deep! That meant if you were to build a basement in a house in Thief River Falls, you could expect it to fill up with water quickly without a constant running sump pump. I remember inspecting an inventory house, received back from a foreclosure, one morning. The electricity had been turned off and the house was dark and empty. I opened the basement door and knew instinctively that something was not right. There was an eerie, dark glistening in the basement. The entire basement was filled to the top step of the stairway with water!

In Minnesota, our footings are deep...4 to 7 feet depending on the area of the state and that is what makes us think we should have a basement. Why not have a basement if we have dug down that deep anyway for footings. So, we build houses with basements and a lot of them can be wet. A happy Minnesotan has a wet basement.

Because we Minnesotans love basements, we build foundations out of limestone, boulders, stones,

concrete block, poured concrete and wood. Here again, if not done right, the ground will give you a stern lesson and I saw this with two wooden basements in newly constructed houses in Wolverton, Minnesota in the Red River Valley of Minnesota just south of Fargo-Moorhead. Both basements collapsed due to the intense geo-technics of the clay of the former lakebed of Lake Agassiz. Installing the wrong material in the wrong place even expertly, sometimes will not work.

In Northeastern Minnesota, I saw a Section 515 USDA RD multifamily project built directly on bed-rock.

What has all this to do with IRGE you ask? First, let's recognize that we are all pretty smart in what we do but really, it is contained within a certain latitude of understanding, isn't it? That practice that works so well in Minnesota, may not work so well elsewhere...sometimes not even elsewhere in the State itself! Expand this worldwide, for some humility. By participating in projects like IRGE, we can begin to understand all the different components that make up housing worldwide and how it serves the people in their respective area. Perhaps it is best to learn from the locals first before teaching them how to build wood basements.

Applying the right knowledge of footings, foundations and basements builds a strong house. Let's build our understanding of other people in the world through right knowledge and application as well through IRGE.

Next NCRC Board of Directors Meeting

April 30, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Executive Board of Directors Meeting

Grand Wayne Center
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Professional Development Committee

Sharon Carlson, Vice President of Professional Development

Professional Development is an essential investment in providing necessary skills and knowledge, and in promoting advancement and leadership opportunities for those who serve our residents and our communities. Investment in our human resources demonstrates commitment to proper administration and helps to ensure our program operations are carried out with integrity. In association with the Board of Ethics and Credentialing Trustees, the Professional Development committee works to support NAHRO's Mission and Vision Statements by its contributions to be a leading resource in this regard.

The 2017-2019 Professional Development Committee met in Pittsburgh on October 26 during the annual conference. The committee reviewed the Transition Report and elected Marsha Parham as Chair for the term. Marsha is a NAHRO faculty member and serves as Executive Director for the Baltimore County of Housing. The Professional Development committee is currently working to identify objectives for professional development focus, to aid in reaching the goals put forth by the new term President, Carl Richie.

Program Delivery. NAHRO continues to advance its commitment to professional development by providing expanded learning opportunities in several formats. Established alliances with outside partners supplement our historical training programs and curriculum with offerings specific to Community Development, RAD, LIHTC, Sustainability and Growth, and more. Visit NAHRO's website at <http://www.nahro.org/partners> for information about these partnerships and available training.

In addition to its historical training programs and development of partnerships, NAHRO has expanded its in-house opportunities for professional development through its many e-learning and e-briefing offerings. The list of courses that offer Continuing Education Units, normally in 2.5 hour online sessions, may be found here: [e-Learnings](#).

[e-Briefings](#) are provided by industry experts dedicated to providing updates that focus on industry hot topics. These 90-minute sessions require only one

registration per site or connection device, regardless of the number of viewers, and provide opportunity for questions and answers. Visit the [Training Calendar](#) for information on the next available sessions.

NAHRO also has 18 training centers throughout the U.S., and the North Central Region is fortunate to have four of them in our midst, located in Cincinnati, Hammond, Livonia, and Peoria. The Livonia training center currently has PHM training and exam scheduled for 2/12 through 2/16/18 and HQS training and exam scheduled for 5/21 through 5/23. The training calendar has a complete list of current offerings and is updated frequently.

[On-Site Training](#) sessions are brought to locations on request located and are ideal for conferences, or for agencies that experience travel challenges. Contact NAHRO Professional Development at <http://www.nahro.org/professional-development-request-training> for more information.

John L. Carroll Memorial Scholarships for small agencies are awarded every year during the Spring and Fall Application periods. The spring period will open February 19 and close March 16. Scholarships cover tuition for one of National NAHRO's live seminars or online e-Learning registrations. To qualify, the agency must be a current member of National NAHRO and must have no more than 550 combined HCV-assisted and/or Public Housing (current or RAD-converted) units. NAHRO allows agencies using the scholarship flexibility in using it, so it is not necessary to know the location or date of a specific training product to apply. Visit <http://www.nahro.org/carroll-scholarship> for more information.

Please reach out with any professional development questions or concerns and I will be happy to assist. The next in-person meeting of the Professional Development Committee will be held at the Washington Conference in April.



Member Services Committee

Felicia Davis, Vice President of Member Services



At the National Conference in Pittsburgh, The Member Services Committee had the last meeting for the outgoing members for Member Services 2015-2017. At that meeting the committee reviewed the transition report and progress the committee/sub committees made during that time.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS-

Communications – In the past two years the committee discussed and took action on a variety of membership specific topics including the effectiveness of NAHRO's communication efforts, discount policies for partners, site selections for 2017-2019 conferences, the current site selection process, and best practices in attracting people to the industry.

Dues- In 2016 the committee focused on the current dues for Housing Agencies at the request of the CFO and the Budget and Administration Committee. A proposed 13% dues increase was presented, which would be the first in more than six years, in order to keep pace with actual cost escalations. The new rate went into effect January 2017. The committee also instituted a policy that it will review the dues structure every two years beginning summer of 2018.

Awards- Merit/Excellence Awards: The Committee continues to oversee the Agency Awards process. The regional Member Services Committee serves as the regional jury. At this time Members also help with the Award presentation ceremony at the Summer Conference. During this time 131 Awards of Merit were given in 2016 and 175 were given in 2017. National Juries convened at the Summer Conference to select the Awards of Excellence. During this time 20 Awards of Excellence were given in 2016 and 23 was presented at National. In 2016 they renamed the Solutions Database to the Best Practices Database as a way to better represent what members would find in the database, and in 2017 they changed the scoring criteria for the 2018 Awards of Merit. The Innovative category was lowered slightly, the ongoing/reliability category was split into two, and a new category on creativity was added. **Individual Awards-** The number of individual award applications submitted for the

Wells, Herman, Lange and Roll of Achievers has seen a decline, and the committee discussed ways to improve the applications and the marketing for each award submission. The Awards Subcommittee requested to take over the jury responsibilities for the Emerging Leaders Award in 2016 since it fell under their purview, and the committee assisted Emerging Leaders Subcommittee in overhauling the Award's description, application and scoring criteria in 2017.

Fellows- in 2016 four Fellows were inducted.

Emerging Leaders Subcommittee- During the 2015-2017 term, they had a seat on the National Conference Planning Committee to encourage sessions on leadership issues, and they sponsored Brown Bag luncheons at the 2016 and 2017 Summer Conferences. They also sponsored After Party networking events at the 2016-2017 Summer Conferences, and they hosted a Party with a Purpose at the 2016 and 2017 National Conferences that helped raise money for Housing America scholarships and a local Pittsburgh charity.

Information Technology Subcommittee- Throughout the term, the IT Subcommittee discussed upgraded to the Association's current technology including a new email marketing service, the ability to populate unused Associate slots through a batch process, downloading digital content from the database, and possibly moving NAHRO's data information from a physical server to the cloud. Lastly the subcommittee suggested a link be added to the website where members could suggest their own ideas on how to revamp the site.

Marketing and Relationships/Partnerships Subcommittees- The subcommittee discussed possible markets to target, including developers, tax credit providers, homelessness organizations, resident services groups, etc. The committee also wants new branding to better represent the association to appeal to the digital generation.

Conferences- the Committee played a role in the selection process for the 2017 and 2019 Summer and National Conference site selections and provided the following recommendations to the Site Selection Task Force concerning the process of selecting sites. The committee also assisted with the First-Time Attendee Overview session at all three

conferences both years.

The exiting 2015-2017 committee was thanked and meeting was concluded.

The meeting for the incoming Member Services Committee 2017-2019 was held and the NAHRO goals and other items were discussed as follows:

CONTINUING ITEMS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Dues- Review the dues structure every two years beginning Summer 2018

Awards: Continue to evaluate, promote, and fine tune the award program. Consider ways to increase the number of entries and to better market the program such as recognizing the size of each agency in the awards catalog.

Fellows- Continue the collaboration with the Emerging Leaders. Work with regions and chapters to increase the number of applications, and create more opportunities for the Fellows to be engaged with the membership.

Emerging Leaders- Continue to submit session ideas for conferences and plan events for Emerging Leaders. Look into the possibility of holding a sponsored hospitality suite or reception for Emerging Leaders, adding an Emerging Leader representative to the Regional Presidents meeting to bring more awareness of the group, including articles written by

and about the Emerging Leaders in the Monitor or Journal.

IT- continue to meet with NAHRO staff on technology updates and provide feedback.

Marketing and Relationship/Partnerships Subcommittees- Continue to have the two subcommittees meet together and review and create future survey questions.

Conference- continue to participate in the site selection process and work with the Site Selection Task Force to revamp it. Continue with the First-Time attendee's overview and with other committees functions such as Emerging Leaders, and representation on the National Conference Planning Committee.

Strategic Plan- Continue to work on Strategic planning and new tasks as needed.

Lastly, I would like to report that I was asked to represent our region on the Summer Conference Task Force. This Task Force was asked to look at the feasibility of the Summer Conference. the goal is to present an initial recommendation to President Richie in time for his leadership retreat in January, with a final recommendation going to the Member Services Committee/BOG in time for the Washington Conference.

Commissioners Committee

Sandra Boutel, Vice President of Commissioners



Happy New Year

Thank you for electing me to be your Vice-President of Commissioners for 2017-2019.

I am also serving on the National Commissioners Committee and will be able to pass along information as to what we are working on at the National level. Some of the projects are updating the Commissioner Handbook, Little Libraries, Professional Development, Mentoring at the conferences, and Advocacy.

Looking forward to going to Washington DC in April and gathering information to bring to the April Annual Meeting in Fort Wayne.

Small Agency Task Force

Marty Ryan, SATF Chair



Small Agency Task Force
Small Agency Task Force
(SATF) Chair – Marty Ryan
I have been appointed to
Chair the NCRC Small
Agency Task Force (SATF).

With the direction of the
NCRC President, I have been asked to have each State
Chapter President appoint one person from their respective
state to be on the NCRC Small Agency Task Force commit-
tee.

The SATF is a standing committee at the Regional and
National NAHRO level.

The role of the Small Agency Task Force is to safeguard
that small housing authorities concerns relative to regula-
tions and funding constraints that affect the administering of
HUD programs are heard and responsibly accounted for by
and through NAHRO. Smaller housing authorities manag-
ing fewer than 550 units, represent 80% of all agencies, but
administer only 20% of the units available nationwide. These
same agencies receive only 10% of the public housing and
housing choice voucher funds.

One vital objective of the SATF is to increase
Congressional awareness of issues affecting small housing
authorities such as:

- Small housing authority regulatory and statutory reforms which address cost and administrative burdens;
- Consolidation, consortia formation, and management agreements vs. federally-mandated consolidation of smaller authorities;
- Small authority professional development needs;
- Portfolio management with limited dollars (e.g. staff reductions, voucher administrative fee reductions,

etc.).

Committee Members to date:

Iowa – Jodi Royal-Goodwin Michigan – Sharon
Maki Minnesota – Jill Bengston
Ohio - Jenna Jenkins Wisconsin - Rebecca Kralewski

If you are interested in serving on the committee
or have any concerns that you would like addressed,
please contact me at albiahousing@iowatelecom.net or
641-777-6203. I am looking forward to serving in this
position as the Regional and National level.

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Legislative Report

Jim Dewey, NCRC Legislative Chair



Wow did the year end on an unpredictable note with congress extending the initial continuing resolution, then extending it a second time to keep the government open until January 19th 2018. Don't hold your breath as it's looking like a 3rd CR is in order. With

the timing of this report, the effects of the upcoming budget on our programs has not been fully identified. Therefore, stay tuned to your NAHRO e-blasts on the latest and how it may affect our programs.

The recently signed tax reform bill retains the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC). It preserves the Private Activity Bonds (PABs) which include Housing Bonds. The 2018/2019 annual allocation rounds for New Market Tax Credits (NMTCs) were retained at \$3.5 Billion each. It also retained the Historic Tax Credit. Though the battle to preserve those programs was won, the cut to the corporate tax rate will still hurt the value of the housing credit, making it less attractive for investors. NAHRO, in partnership with Enterprise Community Partners, hosted a webinar in early January outlining the tax reform bill and its implications for affordable housing; to view a recording of the webinar, visit NARHO's Advocacy and PR Toolkit page (available only to NAHRO members).

Due to language within Senate Bill HR S.1655 and House Bill H.R 3353, HUD anticipates the 2018 Housing Choice Voucher Program renewal awards and funding eligibility for non-Moving to Work (non-MTW) agencies will continue to be based on actual and eligible HCV HAP expenses incurred during CY 2017, as reported by your PHA in the Voucher Management System (VMS). The HAP prorations are to be between 95% and 99% while the administrative fee prorations appear will continue to be a dismal 70% to 76% proration.

The renewal funding eligibility for MTW agencies

will be in accordance with the terms of their individual MTW agreements.

Excerpt from Senate bill 2155 that was introduced on November 16, 2017, on Consortia amongst Public Housing Agencies:

(c) Reporting by agencies operating in consortia.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall develop and deploy all electronic information systems necessary to accommodate full consolidated reporting by public housing agencies, as defined in section 3(b)(6) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 ([42 U.S.C. 1437a\(b\)\(6\)](#)), electing to operate in consortia under section 13(a) of such Act ([42 U.S.C. 1437k\(a\)](#)).

(d) Effective date.—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the date that is 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(e) *Shared waiting lists.*—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall make available to interested public housing agencies and owners of multifamily properties receiving assistance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development 1 or more software programs that will facilitate the voluntary use of a shared waiting list by multiple public housing agencies or owners receiving assistance, and shall publish on the website of the Department of Housing and Urban Development procedural guidance for implementing shared waiting lists that includes information on how to obtain the software.

Advocacy- If we are not heard, Others will be!

Housing America Task Force Report

Anna Judge, Housing America Poster Contest Chair



Happy New Year! With this new year comes renewed opportunities for our residents to showcase their artistic skills and pursue their educational goals.

Those opportunities are:

"What Home Means to Me" Poster Contest

It is time to start planning your poster contests and getting the word out! As mentioned previously, we changed the due date for regional submissions to April 1st to ensure entries are submitted on time for the regional conference, and that the winners are sent on to NAHRO for national judging.

State Chapters should send their top 9 winning posters (top 3 from each age category) to me no later than April 1, 2018. Please remember to mail them flat.

**Dakota County CDA
Anna Judge, NCRC Housing America Task Force Chair
1228 Town Centre Drive
Eagan MN 55123**

At the national level, the top twelve winners will receive a \$100 VISA gift card, and their artwork will be showcased in the following year's calendar. The grand prize winner will receive an iPad, as well as transportation and lodging for NAHRO's Washington conference in DC, their artwork framed, and a tour of Capitol Hill for them and a family member.

Rules and entry applications can be found at <http://ncrcnahro.org/Poster-Contest>

Scholarship Opportunities

The Ernest J. Bohn scholarship is NCRC's scholarship opportunity for our region's students. At our last Board meeting it was voted on to make the following changes to this scholarship:

- Moving forward, the due date will be April 1st every year.
- Mirror the national scholarship application in order to move winners on more efficiently
- Add an additional \$500 scholarship
- Change the payment to a one-time scholarship and not have them spread over a two-year period

In addition to our regional scholarships, in 2017 NAHRO started its own scholarship program known as the "National Merit College Scholarship Program". This scholarship opportunity gives out \$15,000 annually to 8 winners from across the country (one to each of the 8 regions). In 2017, Taylor Mershon, from Portsmouth Metropolitan Housing Authority, was the winner and received \$1,000 on top of her \$1,000 scholarship from NCRC.

Please take the time to promote these opportunities to your residents and once again, Happy New Year!





Community Revitalization & Development Report (CR&D)

Judith Carlin, Vice President of CR&D

There is an old adage that goes “may you live in interesting times” and it is most certainly an apt expression for our industry. The President signed the first major overhaul to the tax code since 1986. The final form preserved Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Private Activity Bonds, the New Market Tax Credit, and the Historic Preservation Tax Credit. The advocacy efforts of NAHRO and other affordable housing organizations were critical to keeping these programs alive.

NAHRO’s Community Revitalization and Development Committee finalized Tasks and Action items in December 2017. The Committee will work to support NAHRO’s goals and provide leadership, education, outreach, and communication to PHAs. NAHRO’s national work, NCRC’s regional work, and work in our individual states is more critical than ever. The drop in the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21% will affect affordable housing development. Novogradac and Company estimates that tax reform will “reduce the future supply of affordable rental housing by nearly 235,000 homes over 10 years.” <https://www.novoco.com/notes-from-novogradac/final-tax-reform-bill-would-reduce-affordable-rental-housing-production-nearly-235000-homes>. We must work with each other to develop a deep understanding of tax reform, financing vehicles, and innovative public private partnerships to insure that innovative programs and partnerships happen.

NAHRO, in partnership with Enterprise Community Partners, held a webinar on January 9,

2018 to discuss Tax Reform. The Webinar is available to members as part of NAHRO’s Advocacy PR & Toolkit page. Additional resources and analysis of the bill’s provision are available at the National Law Review. <https://www.natlawreview.com/article/final-tax-bill-thoughtful-analysis>. In the year leading up to the tax overhaul the speculation on the corporate tax rate reduction impacted pricing and that trend is likely to continue.

The bill also creates a new community investment vehicle, the Opportunity Zone Program. It is not known when the program will be available as it has to go through the rule making process, however, Enterprise Community Partners, describe is as “designed to incentivize long-term capital to invest in distressed communities by providing tax benefits on investments in opportunity funds.” <https://www.multihousingnews.com/post/affordable-housing-a-practitioners-action-plan-for-2018/> NAHRO continues to focus on opportunity and advocacy for the expansion of the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Improvement Act (S. 548) introduced by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) Information on the bill is available at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/548>. The bill would increase the housing credit authority by 50%.

Regional Service Officer Report

Cheryl Anne Farmer, RSO



Seeking Nominations and Applications!

Ernest J. Bohn Education Scholarship

NCRC NAHRO is pleased to announce the availability of its annual Ernest J. Bohn Education Scholarship. Two successful candidates are eligible for scholarships in the

amount of \$1000 or \$500.00 respectively. . Scholarship funds may be used for any expenses directly related to post-secondary education (tuition, room/board, books, etc.). Application must be submitted to NCRC NAHRO by **April 1, 2018**. [Click here to download the Ernest J. Bohn Education Scholarship Application Form](#)

NCRC NAHRO Conference Scholarship

The NCRC Board of Directors has approved a scholarship opportunity for eight attendees for the upcoming 2018 Annual NCRC NAHRO Conference hosted by IN NAHRO which will take place in **Fort Wayne, Indiana, April 30-May 2, 2018**.

Each scholarship will include full conference fees plus two nights free lodging at the Convention Hotel. Eight Conference Scholarships will be awarded—one per state of the Region.

[Click here to download the Scholarship Application Form](#)

To qualify for a 2018 Conference Scholarship:

- Your agency must administer a Public Housing, Section 8, Community Development, HOME or Homeless Program.
- Your agency must be current with their NCRC membership dues.
- You must not have attended a NCRC conference outside of your residing state for the past three years.

The eight Conference Scholarships will be randomly drawn—one per state—from the pool of qualifying applicants.

Applications are due by Friday, February 25th, 2018. Submit by email to: Felicia Davis, Vice President of Member Services, phone: (815) 963-2133 • email: FeliciaDavis@wchauthority.com

All applicants selected to receive the awards will be notified no later than **Friday, March 10th, 2018**.

Charles A. Thompson Memorial Award for Distinguished Service

The Charles A. Thompson Memorial Award for Distinguished Service recognizes an individual who has exhibited outstanding leadership qualities, involvement in his/her community and sincere interest in the citizens served. Application must be received by **April 1, 2017**. [Charles A. Thompson Memorial Award Nomination Form](#)

Alvira B. Long Memorial Award

The Alvira B. Long Memorial 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 the name of Alvira B. Long to provide a living acknowledgment of the outstanding contributions she made to the housing field. Each nominee must be an individual or associate member of NCRC and National NAHRO and have contributed in the areas of community leadership, advocacy, and public relations as well as to the activities of NAHRO. Application must be received by **April 1, 2017**. [Alvira B. Long Memorial Award Nomination Form](#)

Rising Star Award

The Rising Star Award recognizes an individual at the regional level, who has been involved at the NCRC or National NAHRO level for 4 years or less and has distinguished themselves as an emerging leader. Nominations must be submitted by someone other than themselves and award winners can only receive the award one time in their career. Application must be received by **April 1, 2018**. [Rising Star Nomination Form](#)



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For more information on hotel accommodations, session topics, other event information, or to register, visit: **<http://conta.cc/2gM2IMd>**

National Board of Governors Retreat in Austin, Texas

Jennifer Keogh, President

Carl Richie, NAHRO President, hosted the National Board of Governors (BOG) retreat in Austin, Texas. Jennifer Keogh, George Guy, Jennifer Bergman, Marty Ryan and DeeAnna Peterson were in attendance. The retreat provided the BOG an opportunity to convene strategically over a 2-day period to think boldly and strategically about the future of NAHRO.

Members of the Board of Governors were offered the opportunity to attend a study tour of developments in Austin. The tour discussed the city's history of segregation and population boom and how the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) is working to address affordable housing and equity. Members toured 2 new tax credit properties developed by MN based Ryan Companies, a Jobs Plus center and the country's oldest Public Housing unit. The highlight for many of us was the tour of Community First! Village. Community First! is a 27-acre community of tiny homes and RV's that provides permanent housing for chronically homeless in Central Texas without public funding. Community First has communal kitchens and bath facilities, a clinic, a library, market, a playground, chicken coops, vegetable gardens, an outdoor movie theater where the public comes for movies and a commercial Bed and Breakfast of tiny homes for the public - 100% of the proceeds go toward supporting the village. Through their mobile Loaves and Fishes program, they provide food to about 1,200 people per night. I think I speak for everyone that attended the tour, this was

positively inspiring and made us all want to do more in our communities.

Jennifer Bergman, chair of the Strategic Planning Advisory Group, led the conversation on our 2017-2019 Goals and Objectives. Through fun activities like Shark Tank and Blue Ocean Strategy we discussed the future of NAHRO; relevancy, professional development, advocacy, membership, leadership, equity and organizational responsiveness. On Friday night we were incredibly fortunate to have former Deputy Assistant Secretary, Lourdes Castro Ramirez and Orlando Cabrera join us for dinner and a fire-side chat. On Saturday, David Iannelli from Hudson Pacific, provided the Board with a picture of the political landscape.

Overall, the retreat was energizing and we all left committed and with a sense of determination to work together to make NAHRO a leading organization.



Ypsilanti Community Celebrates Grand Opening for New Parkridge, a Landmark Affordable Housing Development that Brings New Homes, Hope and Opportunity to Residents

By Zachary Fosler, Ypsilanti Housing Commission



Ypsilanti Community Celebrates Grand Opening for New Parkridge, a Landmark Affordable Housing Development that Brings New Homes, Hope and Opportunity to Residents

- \$17.9 million community brings 86 new homes with “New Urbanism” design connecting housing and support services to individuals and families living in the community

- Community Building named in honor of the late Amos Washington during ribbon-cutting ceremony for lifelong commitment to affordable housing and leadership in the Ypsilanti community

- UnitedHealthcare was largest investor, providing \$8 million in equity; employees donate welcome baskets filled with healthy foods and household supplies to new residents

Ypsilanti, Mich. (Jan. 24, 2018) – Community leaders, newly moved-in residents and development partners came together today to celebrate the official opening of New Parkridge, a new affordable-housing community that features 86 quality apartments and townhouses with on-site support services for individuals and families.

“This is a dream come true,” said Amelia Reese, a long-time resident in the community who recently moved into her new home. “It means so much to me and to all of us living here that so many people came together to rebuild this community and provide hope for the future.”

Developed by the Ypsilanti Housing Commission (YHC) and Chesapeake Community Advisors (CCA), New Parkridge replaced the 70-year-old Parkridge public housing complex with a vibrant new community that includes 86 duplexes, townhouses and apartments with a mix of one-bedroom (14), two-bedroom (41) and three-bedroom (31) homes. New Parkridge provides resi-

dents quality, affordable housing and offers rental assistance through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

“Today is a celebration of what can happen when a community comes together,” said Zachary Fosler, Executive Director, Ypsilanti Housing Commission. “In building New Parkridge, we took the lessons learned over the last 70 years about what’s needed to help create a supportive community and have brought it to life with what we see here today. Together, we’ve created a vibrant community where residents have access to quality homes, services and support to enhance their well-being and quality of life.”

David Prout, President, Chesapeake Community Advisors, said: “There are so many wonderful things integrated into this community beyond the supportive services, such as playgrounds, a grilling area and a space for a community garden. New Parkridge will have a transformative impact on the Ypsilanti community and the people who live here for generations to come.”

New Parkridge’s “new urbanism” architectural



design, which connects its homes to the surrounding community and features street-facing housing, front porches, sidewalks, driveways and yards, was highlighted during a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open-house celebration. A multifaceted community building, with a large community room, kitchen, computer lab, and offices for social workers and management staff, was dedicated in honor of Amos Washington, the first African-American city councilmember and director of the Ypsilanti Housing Commission, which was responsible for overseeing the original Parkridge community in the 1950s.

“New Parkridge is a true model for new community development, and today’s celebration represents an important moment for Ypsilanti,” said Debbie Dingell, U.S. Congresswoman, 12th District. “Without the support of so many partners, today wouldn’t be possible. This new community opens the doors to a brighter future for the individuals and families who now call New Parkridge their home.”

Inside the Amos Washington Building, supportive services are offered to residents by Eastern Michigan University and Avalon Housing, providing greater access to health care, education, job training and child-care. This includes individualized case management planning; coordination of care provider services for primary health care, mental health services and dental care; assistance with Medicaid enrollment; and health education and wellness programs. Adult literacy, higher education instruction, job training and placement, and leadership development are also available.

“New Parkridge is a visionary model on how to create new, affordable housing with vital support services that help lift up and support residents who are aim-

ing to improve their futures,” said James M. Smith, President, Eastern Michigan University. “Today wouldn’t be possible without our community coming together to help others.”

UnitedHealthcare was the largest investor in New Parkridge, providing \$8 million in equity. The company worked with Cinnaire and Minnesota Equity Fund to utilize Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), approved by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Cinnaire secured an additional \$8 million in LIHTC equity through private sources and provided a \$1.3 million loan for the development. Washtenaw County Office of Economic and Community Development provided \$915,000 and the Ypsilanti Housing Commission another \$600,000. Bank of America approved a \$13 million construction loan.

“UnitedHealthcare’s investment in New Parkridge is part of our initiative to invest in helping build new communities that connect affordable housing and support services to help people live healthier lives,” said Dennis Mouras, CEO, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Michigan. “Access to safe, quality, affordable housing and local support services such as health care, job training and education are critical to helping people enhance their quality of life and well-being.”

During the event, UnitedHealthcare employees donated welcome baskets filled with household items and healthy foods that were given to each of the new residents to help welcome them into their new homes.

“Cinnare, working together with our equity partners, is helping meet a critical need within the Ypsilanti community to help provide at-risk individuals with quality, permanent housing with supportive services,” said Mark McDaniel, President & CEO of Cinnaire.

Rohde Construction Company was the contractor for the development. KMG Prestige is the property manager and Fusco, Shaffer & Pappas was the project architect. New Parkridge is built to environmentally green standards and conveniently located adjacent to the Parkridge Community Center, operated by Washtenaw Community College, which offers a wide range of recreational and educational programming for youth and adult community members.

Learn more about the new community visit www.ypsilantihc.org.

NAHRO Professional Development



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Live Seminar with C-PHM Certification Examination

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The PHM Seminar will be presented by NAHRO Faculty Member **Beth Turner**. Don't miss this opportunity to earn **NAHRO's flagship Certification!**

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STATE CHAPTER REPORTS

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Jackie L. Newman, President



The ILNAHRO Board was extremely busy during 2017 at regular monthly meetings conducting its business for ILNAHRO. We welcome the following new Board members to the ILNAHRO Board:



Nicole Krol of the Peoria Housing Authority
Kerri Freytag of the Freeport Housing Authority

**Nicole serves as ILNAHRO Secretary and Kerri serves as the ILNAHRO Treasurer*

The 2018 ILNAHRO Poster Contest has kicked off and is in full swing. Kim Holman-Short is serving as the 2018 ILNAHRO Poster Contest chair. We look forward to another successful year of submissions to NCRC and NAHRO. The 2017 ILNAHRO Poster Contest was a huge success resulting in twenty-three entries from ILNAHRO through NCRC. One of the national winners was Ms. Jasoni Crafton-Givens whose family is a participant of the Voucher Program through the Springfield Housing Authority. We are encouraging PHAs within the State of Illinois to promote the poster contest to their program participants, as it is an amazing way for our youth to garner regional and national exposure.

ILNAHRO will continue to host a two one-day workshops as well as its annual conference which will be held this year during the month of August in Rockford, Illinois. Stay tuned for additional details!! We hope you will join us!!



INDIANA CHAPTER

George Guy, President

The Indiana Chapter of NAHRO is pleased to report that the 2017 joint conference with Illinois NAHRO was a huge success! The conference was held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield, Illinois on August 16-18, 2017. Throughout the course of planning, the Executive Board Members and Joint Conference Planning Committee strived to provide a conference that would be appealing to all, with a wide variety of vendors and session topics available throughout the two and a half day event. The NAHRO Chapters of Indiana and Illinois plan to continue efforts to periodically hold joint conferences in the future as well.

The Annual Board and Member Meeting was also held at the conference on Friday, August 18, 2017 to elect new officers for the upcoming term. Officer nominees were presented and approved as follows: George Guy, President; Rick Moore, Senior Vice-President; Crissy Lawson, Treasurer; and Ralph Jordan, Secretary.

Indiana looks forward to hosting the NCRC NAHRO Conference 2018 will consist of eight states **"Working Together For A Better Tomorrow."** The conference will be held in downtown **Fort Wayne, Indiana at the Grand Wayne Convention Center, April 30-May 2, 2018.** The regional conference will feature relevant learning sessions, a variety of challenging and engaging speakers, 50+ national, state and local vendors including community partners, a Fort Wayne TinCaps (Midwest League) baseball game, networking opportunities, and much much more.

- Registration will open in early November
- Hotel accommodations at the Hilton Hotel

We welcome all volunteers to assist with the coordination of the Regional Conference. If you would like to assist please call Jessica Matuska at 260-267-9300 ext. 7601.



I look forward to serving as Iowa NAHRO's President for the coming two years. We had our first meeting in December, 2017 where we started planning for the 2017 – September, 2019 term. Officers on the Board for the 2017-2019 term include:

President: Marcy Conner, Central Iowa Regional Housing Authority

President Elect and NCRC At Large Representative – 2 year: Steven Rackis, Iowa City Housing Authority

Secretary: Jodi Royal-Goodwin, Muscatine Municipal Housing Authority

Treasurer: Michelle Spohnheimer, City of Marshalltown Housing Authority

Vice President – CR&D: Lori Brockway, Upper Explorerland RPC

IOWA CHAPTER

Marcy Conner, President



Vice President – Housing:

Amy Tooley, Sioux City Housing Authority

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Vice President – Professional Development:

Marty Ryan, Albia Housing Agency

Vice President – Scholarships:

Dawn Lorenzen, Manning Municipal Housing Authority

Vice President – Member Services:

Lori Amdor, Corning Housing Commission

NCRC at Large Representative – 4 Year:

Michelle Schnier, Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority

It is that time of year where Iowa NAHRO's Professional Development committee is finalizing the 2018 Annual Conference to be held in West Des Moines, Iowa on April 18 - 20, 2018.

It is expected to be a conference full of energy as "Power Up Communities" is this year's theme. We will begin with the Lead Base Paint Sampling Tech Refresher Course for those in need of the refresher certification. Other sessions will include: Drug Identification in Rental Properties; Lead-Based Paint Hazard Awareness & Safety; Safe Work Practices; and Spot on Advocacy presented by Jennifer Keough. We are very excited to have NCRC's President, Jennifer Keough, attend our conference and share her knowledge and bring NCRC relevance to the

Iowa Chapter membership.

Day two of the conference will be just as energized. Sessions offered will include: Fire Prevention Safety; Property management Assessment; and Tools & Strategies to Strengthen Affordable Housing. We will also be providing a one-day Commissioner training as many new Commissioners have joined PHA Boards of Commissioners. The CDBG sessions will include: How to write work specifications/ putting together cost estimates; Upper Story, Acquisition & Rehab; and How to do proper inspections. All around, the conference will provide exceptional information for the attendees.

ED Salary Survey: To assist Iowa PHAs and their Board of Commissioners, Iowa NAHRO performed an Executive Director salary survey. The salary survey was supported by many responses from the membership. After the results were compiled, the information was provided to the membership.

NAHRO Legislative Conference: Iowa NAHRO representatives look forward to attending the NAHRO Legislative Conference in April. The primary topic to be discussed with Senators Grassley and Ernst will be "Is portability Really Working for Iowa?" We will share documentation to show that due to Iowa's low housing costs in comparison to many PHAs across the nation, families porting out of Iowa incur much higher voucher costs. This creates many Iowa PHAs to lose the ability to assist the maximum number of families in their service areas due to high portability expenses.



MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Diane Larson, President

MN NAHRO has been busy since our first meeting of the new board held in early December. Following are some of our key initiatives:

2018 legislative session:

The MN legislative session starts on February 20th ending in the third week of May. We are currently planning our annual Day at the Capitol which will be held on February 28th. Weekly legislative committee meetings, chaired by our Past President Barbara Dacy, are being held to define our position on a number of key issues. Since it is a typical bonding year, MN NAHRO will be leading an initiative for both Housing Infrastructure Bonds (HIB) and GO bonds to provide funding for rehabilitation of the public housing stock across the state. In addition, we are seeking to expand the eligible use of HIB bonds for the development of affordable senior housing. Other priorities and initiatives currently on our priority list include tax increment financing, local housing trust funds, establishment of a state Low Income Housing Tax Credit, and Workforce Homeownership Minnesota.

Other Key Initiatives:

- Conducted an orientation for our new board members and organized committees including appointments needed to NCRC committees to support the region
- Detailed review of our membership survey results in preparation for our February board strategic planning session
- Approval of the 2018 budget and 2018 membership rates
- Voted to change the dates of our poster contest and scholarship awards to align with NCRC and national timeframes.
- Updating of our website to include a member only section where we will be able to provide additional resources to our membership.
- Partnering with Minnesota Housing Partnership to publish a document summarizing the importance of General Obligation Bonds for Public Housing rehabilitation and the progress made throughout the state towards keeping our public housing viable.
- Publication of our winter newsletter to distribute to the membership. It can be found on the MN NAHRO website at mnnahro.com.
- Preparing for our Spring Conference that will be held at Madden's Resort in Brainerd, MN, May 23rd – 25th. Several MN NAHRO members will be travelling to Washington for the Legislative Conference in March.



MICHIGAN CHAPTER
James Dewey, President

Michigan NAHRO is excited to have a new board in place to start the new year. We have our first board meeting with the new board scheduled to be held in Port Huron, MI January 25th.

We have two conferences scheduled for this year, the first being in Bay City, MI on April 11-13th and the second being in Grand Rapids on September 12-14th. MI-NAHRO extends an open invitation to all NCRC members to attend our conferences. Both will prove to be successful conferences with sessions that are current to our everyday changing work place.

During my two years as MI-NAHRO President, I intend to concentrate our efforts to strengthen our Small Agency Task

Force, develop a viable Emerging Leader program, implement a statewide resident college scholarship fund and to increase our advocacy efforts throughout the state. I hope this will be accomplished with increased communication between our board and our state chapter members.

I have appointed Zac Fosler to the NCRC board as my 2 year appointment. Zac is our current Sr. Vice President of MI-NAHRO and I am confident that he will fill that position well beyond expectations. Please welcome Zac to our NCRC family.

Michigan is fortunate to have a National NAHRO training site in Livonia Michigan, just outside of Detroit. This year the Livonia Training Center has the following trainings scheduled: Public Housing Manager (PHM) to be held February 12-16, 2018, Housing Quality Standards (HQS) to be held May 21-23, 2018 and Managing Maintenance (MM) to be held October 15-17, 2018. A Housing Choice Voucher Occupancy, Eligibility, Income and Rent Calculation (HCVOEIR) is being considered for August 2018.

I sincerely hope that all NCRC NAHRO members were able to enjoy the holidays with family, friends and residents alike.



NEBRASKA CHAPTER
Jeanne Leick, President



"Don't Stop Believing" was the theme for the 40th Anniversary of Nebraska NAHRO conference held at the River's Edge Convention Center in Columbus in September. Pre-conference started with New Executive Director training presented by Pat Hosick from the Cozad Housing Authority. The conference sessions started with Toni Blake, who gave a dynamic keynote address and a session on Customer Service/Communication. The Section 8 sessions included everything from interviewing to portability. Eric Oberdorfer from National NAHRO started the second day with the legislative update and it was followed by break-out sessions including a Mock Trial and how to do a PHA budget. It was a terrific conference with 127 attendees which included 8 new Executive Directors, 26 Vendors and 15 Sponsors.

NE NAHRO OFFICERS for 2017-2019 are as follows:

President – Jeanne Leick, Hall County Housing Authority
Immediate Past President – Anita Doggett, Burwell Housing Agency
Sr. Vice President – Trine McBride, Wayne Housing Agency
Secretary – Judith Carlin, Omaha Housing Agency
Treasurer – Bonnie McPhillips, Columbus Housing Agency

State Service Officer Heather Looper is in the process of updating our website and conducting a Salary Survey for the membership.

The board approved a Free National Training with a paid membership for 2018. This will be evaluated at the end of the year to determine if it will be offered in the future. The paid membership will cover the cost of the trainer and the members will be responsible for lodging, books and food.

The professional Development committee is currently working on the Spring Conference for 2018 and working on proposals to host the NCRC Conference in Omaha in the Spring of 2019.

The Legislative Committee continues to work on regulatory and legislative issues. LB 304 and 399 both passed General File with no opposition on January 9th and should go through the final rounds of voting without a hitch. LB304 would change provisions relating to the Nebraska Housing Agency Act and LB 399 would change provisions relating to housing commissions.

OHIO CHAPTER

Peggy S. Rice, President



OHAC is holding a 3-day training on HQS inspections February 12th -14th at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in

Columbus, OH. The training will be conducted by Dennis Morgan of DL Morgan & Associates. It will include a proficiency exam.

The OHAC Annual Spring Conference will be held April 11th – 13th at the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center in Sandusky, OH. Tracks are tentative. They include training on UPCS changes, PBV provisions under HOTMA, formal & informal hearings, EPIC,

AFFH, the 2 year tool & triennial recertifications, property management and resident services.

The Officers and the Legislative Committee has been following current legislation on both the state and federal level. The Financial Institutions, Housing and Urban Development Committee for the State of Ohio has introduced HB 282 to “amend section 2909.07 and to enact section 3735.411 of the Revised Code to expressly prohibit criminal mischief relating to residential rental property and to prohibit a metropolitan housing authority from renting or providing housing assistance to a person who has recently been convicted of criminal mischief relating to residential rental property.”

We are also working on drafting a letter of opposition regarding “Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act of 2017” (H.R. 2069) and the companion bill in the senate (S. 1638). These bills “provide priority under certain federally assisted housing programs to assist youth who are aging out of foster care...” Our opposition to the bill is that the issue has been addressed through HOTMA therefore there is no reason to pursue additional legislation.



WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Sarah Boss, President

Greetings to all from the State of Wisconsin. I am very humbled and excited to serve as the Wisconsin Association of Housing Authorities President for the coming two years. I want to personally thank the board members that served from 2015-2017, and in particular our out-going President, Rebecca Kralewski. Together, they all committed their time and talents to advocate for affordable housing opportunities in our state.

It is with pleasure that I announce our 2017-2019 Board Officers and Leaders:

President: Sarah Boss, Walworth County HA
Vice President: Luke Radomski, West Allis CDA
Recording Secretary: Elyn Schloer, Park Falls HA
Executive Secretary: Tammy Kasten, Watertown HA
Director at Large: Rebecca Kralewski, Menomonie HA

District 3 Representative: Louise Gudex, Fond du Lac City & County HA

District 4 Representative: Robyn Hallet, Green Bay & Brown County HA

District 5 Representative: Patrick Dienger, LaCrosse County HA

District 6 Representative: Keith Johnathan, Eau Claire HA

District 7 Representative: Linda Bartram, Lincoln County HA

Webmaster: Jim Lincoln, Outagamie HA

Upcoming events include the annual WAHA Spring Conference being held in Wausau, WI, April 17 and 18. The WAHA annual Fall Conference will be held September 17-20, 2018 at the Blue Harbor Resort on the shores of Lake Michigan in Sheboygan.

Our first meeting with the newly elected Board will take place on January 25, 2018. This meeting will include discussing our goals for this term.



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2018 National NAHRO Conference Dates

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