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MINUTES BOARD OF GOVERNORS TELECONFERENCE FEBRUARY 24, 2020

ACTION ITEMS

MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGIONAL COUNCIL (MARC NAHRO) BY-LAWS CHANGES

On January 29, 2020, the MARC NAHRO Executive Board unanimously passed amendments to its bylaws to comply with IRS guidelines, which relate to restoration of the region's tax exemption status. The Member Services Committee reviewed the changes and voted electronically.

Resolution: The Member Services Committee moves the acceptance of the additions/changes to the MARC By-Laws.

Action: Motion to approve the amendments to the MARC By-Laws by George Guy; seconded by Rob Fredericks. Motion carried.

2020 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY AGENDA

Staff provided the BOG with a draft agenda prior to the teleconference. During discussion, several amendments were offered, and there were several referrals to committees.

Amendments

Add language supporting national, state, and local resident supportive service programs
Add language supporting the HUD-VASH program
Strengthen support language for the Public Housing program

Referrals to Committees

What is NAHRO's role in advocating for safety net programs?
Examine multi-family housing vs public housing and the inability of agencies to operate under future funding allocations. Do we need Public Housing, Section 8, and RAD?
If we were to advocate for different eligibility for VASH participants, what would the language look like in the context of the myriad of issues related to VASH such as Affirmatively Affirming Fair Housing?
Are service coordinators eligible for funding under FSS?
Convene separate teleconferences to discuss homelessness and VASH.

President: **Sunny Shaw**, CME, C-PHM; Senior Vice President: **Patricia S. Wells**, CME; VP-Housing: **Lisa Ann Garcia**, CME, CMVO;
VP-Member Services: **Denita Johnson**; VP-Budget and Administration: **Clif Martin**, CME, CMPO, SPHM, PHM; VP-Commissioners: **Karina Mason Rorris**, NCC;
VP-Community Revitalization and Development: **Stacy L. Spann**; VP-Professional Development: **Sally Stang**, CMVO, CRPBV;
VP-International Research and Global Exchange: **Alan Zais**, SPHM, PHM; Chief Executive Officer: **Adrienne Todman**

President Shaw called for action on the 2020 Legislative and Regulatory Agenda:

Action: Motion by Preston Prince; seconded by Anthony Vasiliou to approve the 2020 Legislative and Regulatory Agenda with the proviso that staff incorporate the above-mentioned amendments. Motion carried.

MISSION STATEMENT AND 2019-2021 GOALS

The Strategic Planning Advisory Committee proposed revisions for the BOG's consideration:

PROPOSED MISSION STATEMENT

To be the leading housing and community development association that inspires the creation of strong and sustainable communities.

PROPOSED 2019-2021 GOALS

- A. Maintain NAHRO's position as the preeminent organization for the development and implementation of responsible housing and community development policy by vigorously advocating for legislation, regulations, core programs and innovative initiatives.
- B. Strengthen NAHRO's role as the leading resource in developing the professional expertise of housing and community development practitioners.
- C. Expand NAHRO's reach and improve its effectiveness by building and reinforcing partnerships, both with NAHRO's regions and chapters, and with outside organizations.
- D. Ensure NAHRO's continued financial stability by expanding revenue sources, exploring new business opportunities, and maximizing efficiency.
- E. Strengthen NAHRO as a thought-leader by improving communication, networking, information exchange, and knowledge transfer with and among members, partners and stakeholders, and by enhancing the experience of members and next-generation professionals.
- F. Advance diversity, equity and inclusion as crucial to healthy communities.

Action: Motion by Anthony Vasiliou; seconded by Diane Cohen to approve the Proposed Mission Statement and Proposed 2019-2021 Goals.

Discussion:

Mark Thiele offered a friendly amendment to Goal B: add “and credibility” following professional expertise. Both the mover and seconder accepted the friendly amendment.

There was also discussion about the use of the term “thought-leader.” Substitutions offered included: visionary, “go to,” innovative. President Shaw sought comment from staff, following which, the BOG agreed not to change the term “thought-leader.”

Regarding Goal F, President Shaw asked each committee to carefully and deliberately define what role the committee should play in actualizing the goal or how the committee can engage its members in helping the association have an impact on the goal.

President Shaw then called for vote on the motion.

Action: The BOG approved the Mission Statement and Goals as amended. Motion carried.

There being no further business, President Shaw called for a motion to adjourn.

Action: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Kathy Walter; seconded by David Gates. Motion carried.

Participants: Officers: Sunny Shaw, Patricia Wells, Karina Mason Rorris, Lisa Ann Garcia, Denita Johnson, Clif Martin, Stacy Spann, Alan Zais, and Sally Stang. **Past Presidents:** Carl Richie, Steve Merritt, and Preston Prince. **Advisory Chairs:** Liz Glenn, Richie Herrington, Jennifer Keogh, Senghor A. Manns, and Andrew Rodriguez. **BECT Chair:** Mark Thiele. **Regional Representatives and Presidential Appointees:** **NERC:** Anthony Vasiliou, Diane Cohen, and Randy Waters. **MARC:** John T. Mahon, Marsha Parham-Green, Kathy Walter, Diane Haislip, and Vernon Lawrence. **NCRC:** George Guy and Jackie Newman. **SERC:** C. Sean Gilbert and Michael Wong. **SWRC:** Tonya Mabry, David Gates, and Mike Gerber. **PSWRC:** Barbara Kauss, Rob Fredericks, and Suket Dayal. **PNRC:** Saeed Hajarizadeh, Jillian Patterson, and Lisa Stevens. **MPRC:** Peter Lifari, Duane Hopkins, and Julie Brewen. **Others:** BPC Leader Cynde Smith and HDLI Representative Vivian Bryant.

Excused Absences: **SERC:** Mark Taylor. **PSWRC:** Rick Gentry. **PNRC:** Cupid Alexander
Absent: **SERC:** Shaundra Clark and Susan Johnson-Velez. **SWRC:** David Lange. **MPRC:** Joan Smith. **Parliamentarian:** G. Matt Pike.

Staff: Adrienne Todman, Georgi Banna, Sylvia Bowen, Sylvia Gimenez, Tushar Gurjal, Tess Hembree, Lori Myers-Carpenter, Blake Pavlik, LaTonya Rajah, Jackie Rhodes, Chuck Wellard, and Ashanti Wright.