
Attendees:	Alan Zais, Irma Gorham, Joe Gray, Kerron Barnes, Liz Glenn, Laurie Putscher, John Mahon, John Chow, Ann McKenzie, Patricia Allen, Sheldon Packer, Jeff Du Manoir, Kia Fuller, Robin Walls, Ramsey Jay, Betsy Morris, Dawn Bonsu, Margaret Brammall, Kurt Creager, Lloyd Halverson, Saeed Hajarizadeh, Tami Fischer, Don May
Liaison:	Sylvia Bowen (Jori Solomon unavailable)
Guest Speakers:	Bethan Buck, Kate Henderson
Guests:	Patricia Wells, Randy Waters (NERC), Shaundra Clark (SERC)

A. WELCOME

Alan welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

B. DIVERSITY DISCUSSION WITH NATIONAL HOUSING FEDERATION

We had two guest speakers from the National Housing Federation, **Bethan Buck** and **Kate Henderson**, where each speaker presented highlights from the “Equality, Diversity, & Inclusion” paper presented to committee members prior to our meeting.

Liz shared that our NHF speakers will present at the upcoming DEI webinar and encouraged IRGE members to attend

C. DISCUSSION WITH REGIONAL SR. VICE PRESIDENTS

Regional Sr. VPs that attended our meeting were **Randy Waters** from NERC and **Shaundra Clark** who both expressed appreciation for being invited to our meeting and they had positive comments about the presentation by our guests from NHF.

D. INTERNATIONAL AWARD PROMOTION – INFO ABOUT THE AWARD & PROCESS

TBD if this was discussed

E. QUESTIONS ABOUT SUB-COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- **Communications** – **Jeff D** mentioned that we are making some headway on the archive front. We have a June 21st meeting with NAHRO IT and shared what the committee would like to accomplish about archiving our past IRGE information (in the cloud) so that we can share archives via our webpage. Additionally, Jeff D shared that he just received communication from CIH – Canada, stating that they are interested in establishing a relationship with NAHRO. (Note – Jori to connect with Jeff so that she can take idea to Ms. Todman)

F. IRGE MEMBER HONORS

- **John Chow** was honored by NCRC recently during the NCRC regional conference in April
- **Lloyd Halverson** was honored with an award for sustained contributions to effect democratic local self-government in Poland

G. FOLLOW UP ITEMS

- *Phoenix*
 - Thinking ahead to IRGE hosted dinner; do we know if there will be any international guests at the conference?
 - Lunch & Learn session – follow up with **Lloyd** who says he'd be willing to put together a session; group inquired about whether NAHRO would pay for lunch but this is not how we've done L & L in the past. L & L, each attendee grabs their own lunch and brings it back to where the session is. If we have a sponsor, perhaps this could change, especially if we cannot/do not have an IRGE hosted dinner.
 - Booth Exhibition – planning to have a booth at exhibition, most likely will convert material into “pop-ups” and not rely on videos, looking into the feasibility of developing some sort of giveaways.

Motion to adjourn the IRGE meeting came from Lloyd and seconded by Jeff D.

Next meeting: June 11, 2021