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MINUTES STEERING COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING January 28, 2022 11:00AM-12:00PM ET

President Patricia Wells called the meeting to order. Board Liaison Sylvia Bowen called the roll, and a quorum was established.

Washington Conference: In-person or Virtual

Due to the surge of COVID-19 with the Omicron variant spreading across the country and DC regulations requiring masks and vaccination to attend DC conferences, staff surveyed previous Washington Conference attendees to gauge their willingness to attend an in-person event. The survey results were mixed. Staff sought advice from NAHRO legal counsel Morgan Lewis, who advised the impact of government regulations “has caused us to be impracticable to discharge our conference duties.” Staff recommended hotel negotiations include “a lift and shift,” without penalty. This information was also conveyed to and recommended by the Budget & Administration Committee (B&A) at its January 26 meeting. The following motion was offered:

Action: Motion by George Guy; seconded by Duane Hopkins to pivot the Washington Conference from in-person to virtual and directed staff to strategize to bring NAHRO back in-person for an event in 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Build Back Better Act

Staff commented on the need to send letters in support of the \$150 billion in housing and community development funding. It was noted a lot of agencies do not support the full Build Back Better legislation; thus, we may want to change our messaging to reflect the need for the resources in the bill without referencing a divisive piece of legislation. Staff responded that Build Back Better is a deliberately partisan bill and therefore we needed to balance our messaging to ensure that the interns on the Hill understand that we needed housing to be included in Build Back Better, however Democrats choose to label it.

Patricia Wells, MPA, CME, President; **George Guy**, Senior Vice President; **Lucille Boss**, Vice President-Commissioners; **Sharon L. Carlson**, CME, SPHM, PHM, SHM, CRPBRA, CSO-PH, CSEC-PH Vice President-Professional Development; **Irma Gorham**, PHM, Vice President-International Research and Global Exchange; **Duane Hopkins**, Vice President-Budget & Administration; **Milet Hopping**, PHM, Vice President-Member Services; **Peter F. LiFari**, Vice President-Community Revitalization and Development; **Wayne Pollard, Jr.**, Vice President-Housing, **Michael Gerber**, Interim CEO

Executive Session

Action: Motion by George Guy; seconded by Carl Richie that the Steering Committee approve the salary range for the NAHRO CEO of \$275,000-350,000 annually. Motion carried unanimously.

In attendance: Officers: President Patricia Wells. **Senior Vice President** George Guy. **Vice Presidents:** Lucille Boss, Sharon L. Carlson, Irma Gorham, Duane Hopkins, Peter F. LiFari, and Wayne Pollard. **Past Presidents:** Sunny Shaw (also Chair of the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee), Carl Richie, and Steve Merritt. **BECT Chair and Advisory Committee Chairs:** Bobby Collins, David Gates, Elizabeth Glenn, and Anna Judge. **Regional Presidents: MARC:** Kathy Walter. **NCRC:** Alan Zais. **SERC:** Shaundra N. Clark. **MPRC:** Lori Rosendahl. **Board Parliamentarian** G. Matthew Pike. **CEO Search Committee Members:** Julie Brewen, Senghor Manns, and Marsha Parham-Green. **Staff:** Mike Gerber, Sylvia Bowen, Tess Hembree, Eric Oberdorfer, and Chuck Wellard, CAE.

Absent: Officer: Milet Hopping. **Regional Presidents:** Randy Waters, Tonya Mabry, Barbara Kauss, and Jillian Patterson. **Advisory Chair:** Jennifer Keogh (Excused).