



In Attendance: Jeff DuManior (Vice Chair), Lisa Baker, Kerron Barnes, Liz Glenn, Joe Gray, Saeed Hajarizadeh, Michael Lazdowsky, Jim McGrath, Ann McKenzie, Betsy Morris, Sheldon Packer, Sherry Perkins, Laurie Putscher, Sharon Scudder

Liaison: Jenna Hampton (Tess Hembree filling in)

Optional: CEO Mark Thiele

A. WELCOME

Irma not here yet, Tess did a quick introduction

B. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Corne Koppelaar on the Housing Crisis in Ukraine

He has worked in affordable housing for over 30 years

Introduction to relief aid- foundation established by Dutch housing associations to help Polish children

Located in southeastern Poland on the Ukrainian border

1.3 million refugees in Poland, 1 million in Germany- mostly women and children, primarily from eastern Ukraine

Loose structures formed to help immediately, organized quickly with organization to help families find housing

Able to house over 1,000 people- got creative, utilized donated vacation homes, housed with families

Acted quickly- foundation has no overhead costs

Always build with local partnerships- never try to replicate your own system in another country, but make sure there are proper checks and balances

Would like the opportunity to talk about his work in other countries at future IRGE meetings

C. NATIONAL CONFERENCE

a. Session updates: Jeff said sessions are coming along- they have two remote presenters; South Africa will be in person. Coordinating with the CEO of Ireland housing agency to create a video (time zone issues)- Lunch and learn on Indian housing on Friday

b. Exhibitor booth: The booth is booked and working on a google sheet with timeslots for volunteers to work the booth. Need materials to decorate the booth- no tech, just things to print- email Jeff to provide materials (jeffdu.manoir@necsws.com)

c. IRGE meeting (Wed, Sept. 21)

d. IRGE dinner- Wondering how many people will attend?

D. INTERNATIONAL AWARD- Betsy working on it- got three strong nominees, difficult choice.

Leilani Farha. Betsy calls for a vote, Michael seconds. Approved unanimously. Betsy would like her to present when she receives her award

E. OTHER BUSINESS- None