

New Mexico NAHRO
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 06, 2008

The NM NAHRO BOARD MEETING was held on Friday, June 06, 2008 at the HUD Field Office in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER – ROBBIE R. LEVEY

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m.

ITEM 2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The following attendance was recorded:

Presiding

Robbie R. Levey President

Officers Present

Karen K. Wilson	Past President
Dodi Salazar	Senior VP
Lori Gonzales	Secretary
Richard Chavez	VP for CR&D
Gilbert Almanza	VP for Member Services
Chris Herbert	VP for Professional Development
Win Jacobs	VP for Commissioners
Patricia Chavez	At-Large Representative
Betty Valdez	At-Large Representative

Officers Absent

Lori Grimm	Treasurer
Thomas G. Hassell	VP for Housing
Chris Barela	At-Large Representative
Mary Ann Chavez	At-Large Representative
Rick Courtney	At-Large Representative
Rita Johnston	At-Large Representative
Robert Pacheco	At-Large Representative
Alicia Rios	At-Large Representative
Ed Romero	At-Large Representative

Guests

Floyd Duran – HUD Field Office
Mandy Griego – HUD Field Office

Presenters

Rand Kennedy – Consultant, Community Strategies Institute

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dodi Salazar made a motion to approve the agenda. Gilbert Almanza seconded the motion. President Levey declared the motion carried.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March 14, 2008 and the April 15, 2008 meetings were presented for the committee's review and approval.

ACTION TAKEN: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chris Herbert. Patricia Chavez seconded the motion and the following vote was recorded. President Levey declared the motion carried.

ITEM 5. FINANCIAL REPORT – No report given. Lori Grimm is awaiting the information from the conference. Once she receives the information a report will be e-mailed to the committee members.

ITEM 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Review of NM NAHRO Annual Conference**
 - Surveys were very positive.
 - Commissioners Training should be longer.
 - FSS Training had good reviews.
 - Suggestions to change location.
 - One Day Training

Chris requested comments or suggestions pertaining to the Annual Conference from the board:

- A recommendation was made by Dodi to do away with the dinner and dance; and perhaps change the event to an award luncheon. Everyone was in agreement to the recommendation.
- A recommendation to increase the Commissioner's Reception from 1 hour to an hour and a half.
- A recommendation was to add an additional fee for registrants that show up on the day of the conference.

ACTION TAKEN: A motion was made by Chris Herbert to propose a Cancellation Policy for registration fees. The Cancellation Policy should state a cancellation must be done before five business days of the actual conference to be fully refunded; if a registrant does not cancel before five business days no refund will be given. Chris requested approval from the Executive Board to work on a Cancellation Policy and Registration Policy to bring forth at the next meeting for approval. Karen Wilson and Betty Valdez seconded the motion and the following vote was recorded. President Levey declared the motion carried.

- **Update on communications with Commissioners**
 - Commissioner Win Jacobs handed out a summary report of the questions discussed at the Commissioners Training which was prepared by Paul Miller, Las Cruces Commissioner.
 - A recommendation was made to continue having Commissioner's Training on Friday afternoon and Saturdays.

- **Update – NM NAHRO Website**

- Gilbert Almanza reported that web site has been completed. The forum is up and ready to go. The web site has different categories and will be monitored by Gilbert. There is a section for board members only. The domain name has been paid for and has been renewed for five years.
- President Levey stated she had received comments on the pictures posted on the web page from the Annual Conference.

ACTION TAKEN: A motion was made by Richard Chavez to eliminate pictures reference to any alcohol from being posted on the web site. Chris Herbert seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion, the following vote was recorded. President Levey declared the motion carried.

- **Housing America Proclamation**

ACTION TAKEN: A motion was made by Chris Herbert to approve Resolution #01-08 Housing America 2008, supporting the Housing America Campaign and submit it to Southwest and National NAHRO. Dodi Salazar seconded motion and suggested to consider adopting this resolution within each community, the following vote was recorded. President Levey declared the motion carried.

- **Update - GO Section 8**

Richard reported the system would be implemented without any cost to public housing authorities for a period of three years and having the contract implemented by July.

- **Update – SW NAHRO Conference in Lafayette, LA**

Dodi reported the SW NAHRO 68th Annual Conference will be held on June 21 – 26, 2008 in Lafayette, LA.

- Reviewed the listing of NM NAHRO Members serving on SW NAHRO Committees.
- Handed out the NM ad for the SW NAHRO Annual Conference brochure.

- **Donations for gift basket for SW NAHRO**

Karen is requesting donations from the board to put in the state basket for the SW NAHRO Annual Conference.

ACTION TAKEN: A motion was made by Karen to keep fifty dollars from the money that has been collected for the state basket to pay for shipping costs. Richard Chavez seconded motion and the following vote was recorded. President Levey declared the motion carried.

ITEM 7. NEW BUSINESS

HQS Training

Richard Chavez reported that MFA is looking into a one day HQS training by NCHM on July 15, 2008 in Albuquerque.

Governor's Housing Summit

ACTION TAKEN: A motion was made by Chris Herbert for the board exhibit at a cost of \$425 and housing authorities who want to contribute to the exhibit fee may and have their materials placed on the same table. Richard Chavez seconded motion and the following vote was recorded. President Levey declared the motion carried.

Invitation from NAHRO to participate in the Licensing of Comm. Fundamentals Seminar Program

President Levey asked board members if anyone was interested in attending Train the Trainer to be held at the end of the conference held in Nashville to come back and provide the Commissioners' Training in New Mexico. After considerable discussion, it was decided not to contract with NAHRO.

HUD Update:

Mandy Griego gave an overview of the HUD Quarterly Training and thanked the NM NAHRO Board for their support at the training. Listed below are topics Mandy mentioned:

- o Homeownership
- o Revitalization
- o Conducting eight quality control checks
- o HUD Conference call scheduled for next week.

Presentation by Rand Kennedy

Mr. Kennedy mentioned he was working under contract with New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority. He is part of the team who is undertaking what is called the regional housing authorities study and requested everybody's help. This study is to develop strategies to deliver the whole range of housing services, developments and programs throughout the state of New Mexico; particularly the rural areas outside the Albuquerque and Santa Fe areas.

Resignation

Rita Johnston, Member at Large from the Truth or Consequences HA, had submitted a letter of resignation from the NM NAHRO Board.

ITEM 9. Next NM NAHRO Executive Meeting set for Friday, September 12, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at Bernalillo County Housing Authority.

ITEM 10. Meeting Adjourned at 1:10p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: A motion was made by Chris Herbert and Betty Valdez seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. President Levey declared the motion carried.

Robbie R. Levey, President

Lori S. Gonzales, Secretary