

New Mexico NAHRO
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 15, 2008

The NM NAHRO BOARD MEETING was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at The Lodge Conference Room in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER – ROBBIE R. LEVEY

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

ITEM 2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The following attendance was recorded:

Presiding

Robbie R. Levey President

Officers Present

Dodi Salazar	Senior VP
Karen K Wilson	Past President
Thomas G. Hassell	VP for Housing
Win Jacobs	VP for Commissioners
Chris Herbert	VP for Professional Development
Richard Chavez	VP for CR&D
Gilbert Almanza	VP for Member Services
Mary Ann Chavez	At-Large Representative
Patricia Chavez	At-Large Representative
Robert Pacheco	At-Large Representative
Alicia Rios	At-Large Representative
Ed Romero	At-Large Representative
Betty Valdez	At-Large Representative

Officers Absent

Lori Gonzales	Secretary
Lori Grimm	Treasurer
Chris Barela	At-Large Representative
Rick Courtney	At-Large Representative
Rita Johnston	At-Large Representative

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tom Hassell made a motion to approve the agenda. Win Jacobs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Robbie Levey stated that the approval of the minutes from the March 14, 2008 meeting will be on the Agenda at the next Board meeting.

Betty Valdez graciously volunteered to take the minutes for this meeting.

ITEM 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Brief Review of Financial Statement:

Robbie Levey reviewed the Balance Sheet (as of 3/31/08) provided by Lori Grimm, Treasurer. Net assets after liabilities are paid are \$12,871.08. Robbie reminded the Board that these financials do not include annual conference expenses/income.

Final Review of Annual Conference:

Chris Herbert reviewed the conference registration. 148 people have registered and 35 of those are Commissioners. He said this has been the highest registration for this conference in its history. Robbie Levey thanked Chris and Region VI HA for paying for the training manuals for the Commissioners' Training.

Robbie Levey and Tom Hassell reviewed the speakers for the conference and which Board members would be introducing them.

Tom Hassell asked the board and each agency represented by the board to support Housing America by signing a support statement. All board members agreed to do this. It was also decided that a support declaration sheet would be provided at the registration desk for signatures of those that would like to support it. At the end of the conference, Robbie Levey will be sending this to National NAHRO showing support from the NM NAHRO membership.

The board discussed how to get attendees to complete the evaluation forms passed out at the conference. An idea for next year's conference was to take each evaluation form completed and have a drawing for a gift certificate or basket or some other item. One winner would go to the registrants and one to the Commissioners. Win Jacobs also asked Chris Herbert for help in developing a specific evaluation for the Commissioners.

Chris Herbert followed up the discussion with the feedback he is getting on the registration this year. Many people have liked the fact that they can send more people to the conference by having a reduced one-day registration fee.

Several Board members expressed disappointment that they had volunteered to work on the conference and had not been contacted.

NM NAHRO Website:

Gilbert Almanza reviewed the costs of updating the NM NAHRO website. The new hosting plan will cost \$329.45 annually. The previous plan cost \$164 annually. There will also be a \$500 additional fee to develop a forum instead of a blog.

Chris Herbert made the motion to approve the increased costs and Tom Hassell seconded the motion. The board approved this unanimously.

SW NAHRO Conference in Lafayette, LA:

Dodi Salazar encouraged the board to attend the SW NAHRO conference that was going to be held in June at Lafayette.

Karen Wilson is on the SW NAHRO Member Services Committee, and will be attending the conference. She is looking for gift basket items from each HA to put in the NM NAHRO gift basket for the conference.

ITEM 6. NEW BUSINESS

Volunteer from NM District 2 for NAHRO Action Alerts:

Robbie Levey discussed the request from NAHRO for a volunteer from Congresswoman Heather Wilson's district for NAHRO's Action Alerts. Betty Valdez volunteered.

ITEM 7. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The Next NM NAHRO Executive Meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 6, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at the HUD Albuquerque Field Office.

ITEM 8. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gilbert Almanza to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Alicia Rios. Meeting Adjourned at 7 p.m.

Robbie R. Levey, President

Lori S. Gonzales, Secretary