



Executive Board
Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2015

Meeting Date: 7/23/2015

Location: Rutgers Club

New Brunswick, NJ



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Attendance: Noted on Attached Sign-In Sheets

Madeline Cook – Welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Approval of Previous Meeting – May 28, 2015

Lou Riccio made a motion to approve the May minutes, seconded by **Joseph Billy**, and unanimously approved.

Resolutions:

None

Approval of Bills:

President Cook presented the bill list provided by **Bill Katchen**. **Lou Riccio** made a motion to approve the bill list, which was seconded by **Jack Warren** and unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Senior Vice President, Joseph Billy:

None

Treasurer, Douglas Dzema: Absent

Recording Secretary, Janice DeJohn:

Janice distributed a spread sheet detailing **NJAHRO** Scholarship awards and payments starting with **FY's 2005** thru **2016**.

Janice has given information regarding this year's recipients to **Bill Snyder** to post on our website. She suggested we invite the recipients of Scholarship Awards to our annual conference and introduce them during our luncheon. Everyone thought that was a great suggestion.

Vice President-Commissioners, Dorothy Carty-Daniel:

Absent

Vice President-Professional Development, Victor Cirilo: **Victor** discussed the need for Tax Credit training which will be scheduled for the fall. Completion of the training would qualify housing authority staff to be certified for the tax credit programs. The committee is currently getting proposals and want to make the cost as low as possible. This would be a 3 day program.

Vice President-Housing, Eric Chubenko: **Eric** reported **HUD** has set aside approximately \$7 million in funding for additional **VASH** vouchers which will support roughly 1,000 units. Applications are due on **August 28, 2015**.

Vice President-Legislation, John Mahon: John reported on the bills that are working through sub committees and commented that they are not looking good.

Madeline questioned the RAD program. She said many housing authorities have questions on how RAD would affect employee benefits. Bill Snyder and Lou Riccio both discussed how your agreements with partners would affect your employees. Lou said there is a 700 page FAQ on RAD on line.

Grace Dekker asked if Bill and Lou, because of their experience with consulting on this subject, if they would like to do a presentation at the NJAHRA Conference in September. They both agreed that would be a great opportunity for authorities to ask questions. The panel would probably be a 2 hour session depending on the attendees.

Vice President-Member Services, Gary Centinaro: Absent

Service Officer, Bill Snyder: Bill distributed the following notices for NJNAHRO Professional Training for Commissioners and Staff and the MARC/NAHRO Annual Conference. Both events were discussed in detail with regard to dates and agendas. The Professional Training will be held November 17-18, 2015 at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City. The MARC/NAHRO Annual Conference will be held April 24-27, 2016 at the Resorts Hotel in Atlantic City.

New Business:

Lou Riccio distributed his memo from the NJNAHRO Nominating Committee dated June 3, 2015. The memo addressed the Executive Board vacancies and November Elections. He welcomed Lynne Nutley, Chairperson of the Berkeley Housing Authority, to the Board. Lynne replaces Lillian Ciufu who retired from the Fort Lee Housing Authority in May. The replacement for Kay West, who resigned from the Board in April, is Ronald Van Rensalier, Chairman of the Passaic Housing Authority. Mr. Rensalier was not able to attend this meeting. Lou distributed and will be sending out to all members an announcement regarding the 2016-2017 Executive Board Elections with a ballot sheet and petition attached.

Bill Snyder recently spoke to John Schmidt, head of the Foundation for Open Government, and reported all authorities should make sure their web sites meet all OPRA requirements. Bill also discussed the importance of commissioners completing the training requirements in a timely manner and the option to get permission to set up special training for those who may have been denied the training due to Rutgers canceling due to insufficient attendees on the scheduled dates.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: Eric Chubenko made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Janice DeJohn, and unanimously approved.