



Regular Meeting: Thursday, February 22, 2018
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Rutgers Club, Piscataway, NJ

MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Cirilo called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM at Rutgers Club,
85 Avenue E, Piscataway, NJ 08854

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

- Victor Cirilo, President
- Janice DeJohn, Vice President
- Douglas Dzema, Treasurer
- Sherry Sims, Recording Secretary
- Rick Iovine, Corresponding Secretary -
- Eric Chubenko, Vice President, Professional Development
- John Mahon, Vice President, Legislation
- Christopher Marra, Vice President of Housing
- Joseph Billy, Trustee Immediate Past President,
- Jack Warren, JIF Representative
- Lynn Bartlett, Trustee
- John Clarke, Trustee -
- Louis Riccio, Trustee
- Randall Woods
- Ron Van Rensalier, Trustee
- Hector Fuentes, Trustee -
- Vernon Lawrence, Vice President, Community Development
- Kymberly Gober, Trustee
- Anthony Feorenzo, Trustee
- Bill Snyder, Service Officer

ABSENT

- E. Dorothy Carty-Daniels, Vice President, Commissioners
- Gary Centenaro, Vice President, Member Services
- Susan Thomas, Trustee - Resigned 2/2018
- Grace Dekker, Trustee
- Robert DiVincent, Trustee

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: January 18, 2018

Motion: Janice DeJohn

Second: Lou Ricco

All members present voted in the affirmative; there were none opposed.

RESOLUTIONS:

None

REPORTS

- President Cirilo had a meeting with Mr. Mr. McCabe from NJ State Boiler and Pressure Department. He said what was needed is a two tour of duty with in 24/hr. period. It is still a State Statute and it remains a requirement to maintain the log book. Perth Amboy was approved b the State to have Exception 6 plan. The Statute states the log books must be recorded every 2 hours. Automation is an approved supplement to this requirement. . A meeting will be scheduled in the future to get clarification.

- Sr-Vice President DeJohn received an application to hire a graduate student under the Internship Program. She requested the board to consider a waiver for the student requirements and hire a full-time college graduate instead of a full-time student for an 8-week period at a maximum liability of \$2100.00 to NJNAHRO. Chairperson called for a motion.

Motion: Doug Dzema

Second: Joseph Billy

All members present voted in the affirmative; no one was opposed.

- Douglas Dzema, Treasurer, presented four bills for payment in the amount of\$5,258.92. Review and approval will be taken later in the Agenda. There is no budget-to-actual report at this time.
- Sherry Sims, Recording Secretary – Nothing to report
- Rick Iovine, Correspondence Secretary – Nothing to report
- E. Dorothy Carty-Daniels, Vice President Commissioners – Absent
- Vernon Lawrence, Vice President Community Development reported as follows:

Commissioner Lawrence introduced the discussion on President Trump's 2019 budget and outlined the major program cuts in all areas, at the federal level, across the board. There was a lengthy discussion by all members present on the major impact the budget cuts will have on the administration of all programs and the lack of benefits to serve our

constituents. It was reported that the proposed HUD budget is proposing a 14% cut in the Operating budget and extreme cuts to the capital fund program as well. The HUD budget continues to cut away at the HCV program.

HUD Washington's continues to push the RAD PVB program because they no longer want to fund public housing programs.

The federal government continues to bring back the block grant funding concept with the states. This will require all HA to approach their individual tates to seek funding for public housing financial support.

Communicating with the specific leaders in Congress and target to help them understand the importance of not cutting program funds will be NJNAHRO's priority. There was much discussion about coordinating and organizing with other housing authorities, organize a resident protest trip in front of the Congress building in Washington DC. More discussion on this topic will be continued.

We will create position papers for NJNAHRO; identifying the negative impact of the budget cut on program participants, staffing, and the administration of the housing authorities. Please send emails to Lou Riccio regarding how the budget cuts will impact your Agency operations or lack thereof.

John Clark informed the Board that PHADA CLAPHA and National NAHRO have come together to partnership and collaborate on working papers showing unity and support on the same "hot topic" issues to present to HUD. National NAHRO will be publishing the working papers and we should look at them as we compile ours.

Commissioner Lawrence suggested we invite candidates for both parties who are running for office, to attend a round-table discussion at the conference in May 2018. Give them an opportunity to express their opinion on Housing. Send new people names of people running for office to Lou Riccio and he will follow up and coordinate the round table.

- **Professional Development**

Vice President Chubenko continues to work on the May and November 2018 conference plans with the Professional Development committee.

Legislation

VP John Mahon announced that he is NAHRO National VP of the Housing committee. The committee is focusing also on putting together

working papers on “hot topics” to address specific leadership groups within Congress to address housing issues.

The Legislative Committee and the President, held a brief meeting this morning to set goals and objectives to work on. (Lynn Bartlett, Hector Fuentes, Eric Chubenko, Dorothy Daniels, Lou Ricco)

- **Housing**

Vice President Marra – No report

- **Membership Services**

Vice President Centenaro. – Absent

- **Service Officer**

Bill Snyder did updates on the status of the newsletter and articles His goal is to make the agenda inside the newsletter more in sync with what will actual take place at the May conference. A draft of the newsletter was passed out for review. It is being reviewed by the committee for final proofreading and corrections, if any.

Bill Snyder suggested to the President that we reconsider reorganizing a new PAC committee. This type of connections shades a very different approach when lobbying is need on behalf of housing.

The Retreat was very successful. It accomplished what the organization wanted. The tone was set; and direction the organization will move forward under the new President. Lou Riccio is summarizing the results of the meeting and will email everyone the report.

The Legislative conference is scheduled Washington, DC. An email will be sent to everyone, encouraging everyone to come and participate In addition, Directors will be will encouraged to reach out to their Congressmen/women to schedule appointments. Let him let him know who is going so he can coordinate the people’s schedules for the meetings on the Hill.

Conference Update was given by Lou Ricco. He gave overview of the perspective speakers, topics and the agenda. The committee will continue to tweak the agenda and reach out to get commitments from vendors who want booths. Restore Core and Local 55 will give a full one-day maintenance training class. Mr. Lawrence will provide the materials needed.

The Logo Committee, meet, reviewed and selected a new logo for NJNAHARO. It will be put on the t-shirts which is one of the giveaways in addition to luggage tags at the May conference.

The Nominating Committee received a letter from Susan Thomas, who resigned from NJNAHRO Board. Emails will be sent out to solicit resumes from all Executive Directors/Commissioners who want to be considered for the open position.

APPROVAL OF THE BILL LIST:

February 2018 Bill List \$5,258.92

MOTION: Joe Billy

SECOND: Lynn Bartlett

All members present voted in the affirmative, no one was opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Dzema request we follow up with Bill Katchen to attend a meeting to discuss the pros/cons of authorized expenses for a 501C3 organization. In addition, he can give the Board an update on NAHRO's financial position.

VP DeJohn requested we follow up on collecting the payments of the extra theatre ticket from those who have not yet paid.

NEW BUSINESS

Poster Contest- Gary Centenaro coordinates the poster contest for the National NAHRO. National NAHRO is suggesting there be competition at the state level. Those selected will be sent to the MARC NAHRO Conference in June.2018

A new logo was selected for NJNAHRO. It was reviewed, discussed and accepted by all present at the meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Douglas Dzema

SECONDED: Vernon Lawrence

TIME: 12:03PM