MINUTES
2017 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2017
In Conjunction with the Regional Annual Conference and Exhibition
Renaissance Downtown Washington DC Hotel
President Regina Mitchell
Presiding

President’s Remarks and Report

President Regina Mitchell recapped major accomplishments over the last two years. Specifically: revamped the region’s website, launched the Gilliam, Milan, Moyer and Smith Memorial Scholarship, which will fund tuition and/or certification examination fees for NAHRO Professional Development offerings; kept members up-to-date via periodic newsletters in addition to the website; received a record number of submissions for the annual What Home Means to Me Poster Contest; continued engagement of regional members in national committees and task forces (their names are featured in the conference program); maintained stable year-to-date financial position; began the process of updating the region’s bylaws in order to align with current practices; lastly, the region produced its first stand-alone conference (in many years) “One Hope, One Mission, One Voice: Strategies for Change.”

Acknowledgement of Regional Agency Awards of Merit Winners
John Mahon, Senior Vice President

Nine agencies submitted 11 winning entries for the national Agency Awards of Merit: Allegheny County Housing Authority; Allentown Housing Authority; Housing Authority of the City of Erie; Housing Authority of Union County, Lewisburg, Pa., North Bergen Housing Authority, New Jersey; Philadelphia Housing Authority; Town of Islip Housing Authority, Oakdale, NY; and Westmoreland County Housing Authority, Greensburg, PA. Each agency received a certificate of acknowledgement from the region.
Announcement of “2018 What Home Means to me Poster Contest Winners”

Cliff Martin—Chair Housing America Task Force

Cliff Martin, who chairs the national Housing America Task Force, reported this year’s contest was “massive.” Approximately 3,000 posters were submitted nationwide. MARC NAHRO members submitted 90 posters: 50 from New Jersey; 28 from Maryland; three from Pennsylvania; and nine from Delaware. An independent panel of judges selected one winner from each category, whose names were submitted for the national competition: elementary school: Jonathan from Bayonne HA; middle school: Jake from Bayonne HA; and high school: Savannah from Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County.

The region’s winner in the inaugural NAHRO Merit College Scholarship is Arianna Hall, Wilmington, DE, a sophomore at Washington College.

Announcement of Winners

50/50 Raffle and Amazon Echo

Conference attendees were encouraged to consider purchasing a 50/50 raffle ticket for the benefit of the region’s Gilliam, Milan, Moyer and Smith Memorial Scholarship. Marsha Parham was the lucky winner. Kim Taylor was the lucky winner of the Amazon Echo, which was sponsored by Quadel Consulting.

Announcement of Election Results: 2017-2019 MARC NAHRO Regional President

Pamela Ferguson—Chair-Nominating & Election Committee

In accordance with the MARC NAHRO bylaws, the voting period for the election of MARC NAHRO Regional President for the 2017-2019 term began on July 28 and concluded on August 14. Voters cast their ballots electronically or via paper. Members of the Nominating and Election committee consider it a privilege to have served the membership in this important election and met to certify the election results. Ms. Ferguson announced Marsha Parham received the majority of the votes cast and thus will serve as the region’s 2017-2019 president. Her term will commence at the conclusion of the National Conference and Exhibition in Pittsburgh, Pa., on October 29, 2017.

Administration of the Oath of Office

Past President Cliff Martin

Past President Cliff Martin introduced officers who were duly elected by the membership for the 2017-2019 term and administered the oath of office to:

President: Marsha Parham—Executive Director-Baltimore County Office of Housing
Senior Vice President: John Mahon—Housing Authority of the City of Bayonne (NJ)
Secretary: Nathan Bovelle—District of Columbia Housing Authority
Treasurer: Diane Haislip—Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County (MD)

President-elect Parham expressed appreciation for the vote of confidence placed in her and pledged to work tirelessly to continue to move MARC NAHRO forward.
New Business

Executive Board member Elizabeth Glenn called for recognition of special guests from the National Association of Social Housing Organizations, Housing Association of East London, and the Steve Tswete Housing Association in South Africa. They were invited by the Maryland Association of Housing and Redevelopment Agencies for a week-long study exchange. Maryland and the National Association of Social Housing Organizations entered into a Memorandum of Understanding in 2015 for the purpose of sharing knowledge and information regarding the operation, financing, management and development of affordable housing.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Motion by Nathan Bovelle; second by Edna Dorothy Carty Daniel. Motion carried.