



Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Dear SWTHA Conference Attendees:

Thank you so much for attending the Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (SWTHA) Triannual Meeting at Vee Quiva Hotel in Laveen, Arizona in February 2017.

Here are some highlights of the meeting:

- The AMERIND report was presented by Floyd Tortalita. The AMERIND Risk / NAIHC 2017 Annual Convention & Tradeshow is Tuesday, June 27, 2017 - Thursday, June 29, 2017 at the Nashville Music City Center.
- The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) report was presented by Aneva J. Yazzie, Region 8 alternate, Navajo Housing Authority (NHA). The NAIHC Legislative Conference will be held March 6-8, 2017, in Washington, DC.
- The SWTHA report was presented by Jamie Navenma, SWTHA President. The Financial Report was presented. Schedule of SWTHA meetings for 2017: SWTHA will hold its next meeting in conjunction with AMERIND/NAIHC Convention & Tradeshow in Nashville from June 27-29, 2017. The SWTHA meeting will be on June 26, before the convention. More details will be forthcoming. The September 2017 meeting will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Jamie Navenma presented SWTHA Service Awards to Michael Chavez, ZHA, in recognition of 7.5 years of service as the President of SWTHA, and to Floyd Tortalita, Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority, in recognition of 7 years of NAIHC Representative for Region 8.

- Zuni Housing Authority (ZHA) request from Virginia (“Gina”) Kallestewa was presented by Mr. Michael Chavez. The request was in regards to a salary comparability study for the housing staff in Region 8. Housing Authorities and Housing Departments may be contacted by Ms. Kallestewa.
- A presentation was given by Mellor Willie, Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) regarding their 5-year expenditure plan for the NHA IHBG Funds. The presentation was to deliver information and clarify any questions that the housing programs may have had in regards to their expenditure plan.
- In addition to the SWTHA meeting, there was a roundtable meeting with the Southwest Office of Native Programs (SWONAP) staff and the membership of Nevada/California Tribal Housing Association. This was meeting to bring the regions together to learn more from one another, to see what similar types of issues we as tribal housing programs are dealing with and to see how we can be resources to each other. The regions agreed to discuss making this an annual meeting and will work to make this a forum to help each other with housing issues we all face.
- SWONAP provided a training on Self-Monitoring as part of the tri-annual meeting.

Please visit swtha.org to stay current on upcoming events and to view reports from the SWTHA meeting.

If your tribe/organization is already a SWTHA member, thank you. If you are not, please consider joining.

Again, thank you and we look forward to your continued support and participation in SWTHA's mission of to be the Southwest Tribal voice of housing by providing relevant, timely information, resources, and a valuable network for the SWTHA membership.

Sincerely,
Jamie

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie B. Navenma', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jamie B. Navenma
SWTHA President