



Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

January 29, 2019

Dear SWTHA Members:

Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (SWTHA) presented the Triannual Meeting and Training at Isleta Resort on January 29-31, 2019. Thank you to those that attended, and especially to those that sponsored the event, Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority, Rural Community Assistance Corporation, Travois, Inc, and Raymond James Tax Credit Funds, Inc. Below are some of the highlights of the event:

Reports:

- AMERIND Report – Presented by Floyd Tortalita, AMERIND Representative, and Tina Duncan, AMERIND Risk, Business Development Director
- NAIHC Report – Presented by Michael Chavez, NAIHC Alternate Representative
- HUD Report - Presented by Cheryl Dixon Zuni, SWONAP Deputy Administrator SWTHA
- SWTHA Financial Report – Presented by Jonathan Robertson, SWTHA Treasurer

Old business:

- Salary Comparability Study - Virginia Kallestewa, HR Manager, PHR, presented an update to the study. Results can be found on swtha.org.
- SWTHA Associate Members - Michael Chavez, Interim President, gave a report on the current Associate Members: 1st Tribal Lending, Big Water Consulting, Chee Consulting, Fannie Mae, Greenberg Construction, Housing Data Systems, Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC), RTHawk Housing Alliance LLC, Travois, Inc, Triadvocates, LLC, Raymond James Tax Credit Funds. Please see swtha.org for more information on the Associate Members.

New business:

- SWTHA Elections (Visit swtha.org for complete list of Board Members and Representatives)
 - President - Bill Picotte, Gila River
 - Secretary - Nina Jaramillo, Tamaya Housing
 - NAIHC Representative - Brook Kristovich, Mescalero Apache Tribe Housing Dept.
 - NM Representative – Debra Hansen, Santo Domingo Tribal Housing Authority
 - AZ Representative – Jesus Mora, Pascua Yaqui Housing Development
 - West TX Representative – Veronica Ruiz, Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Housing

- SWTHA Bylaws Update - Tim Humphrey, Esq explained edits and additions made to the Bylaws. Additions include Article IIb - Associate Membership, Article VII - Contracts; Loans; Checks and Deposits, and Article VIII - Contracts with Insiders. SWTHA Bylaws were approved and are posted at swtha.org.
- SWTHA Resolution - Presented by Allen Zuni, Isleta Pueblo Housing Director regarding the Exemption from Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973. Resolution was approved and is posted on swtha.org.
- SWTHA Position Paper – Presented by Stephine Poston, Poston & Assoc. Posted on swtha.org.
- Travois, Inc. Presentation - Alexandria Murnan, Sr. Project Coordinator
- Big Water Consulting Presentation - Kevin Klingbeil, Managing Director
- New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness Presentation - Hank Hughes, Director
- Raymond James Tax Credit Funds Presentation - Benjamin Shockey, Acquisitions Manager
- Rural Community Assistance Corp Presentation – Juanita Hallstrom, Loan Fund Director


Schedule of Meetings 2019:

- January 29-31, 2019 – SWTHA Business Meeting and Training, Albuquerque, NM.
- May 7-9, 2019 – SWTHA Business Meeting held in conjunction with the AMERIND Risk / NAIHC Convention & Tradeshow in Denver, CO.
- October 2019 - SWTHA Business Meeting held in conjunction with the AMERIND Risk Symposium at Santa Ana Pueblo, NM
- Next SWTHA Conference Call is Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 1:00pm, MST

Please visit swtha.org to stay current on upcoming events and news. If your Tribal Housing Department has job openings, events, or news to share, please submit information to swtha.region8@gmail.com for approval and we will post on SWTHA website and newsletter.

Thank you and we look forward to your continued support and participation.

Sincerely,



Bill Picotte
SWTHA President