



**Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

May 15, 2019

Dear SWTHA Members:

On May 6, 2019, Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (SWTHA) held it's Triannual Meeting in Denver at Open Media, in conjunction with the AMERIND Risk / NAIHC Convention & Tradeshow. Thank you to all those that attended. Below are highlights of the event:

**Announcements:**

- Michael Chavez announced the annual Zuni Housing Fair will be Friday, September 13, 2019, everyone is invited.
- Nina Jaramillo announced the new, permanent SWTHA address is P.O. Box 10572, ABQ, NM 87184.

**Reports:**

- AMERIND Report – Presented by Floyd Tortalita, AMERIND Representative. The 2018 Regional Fire Incentive results state that Region 8 will receive \$18,000 this year. AMERIND offers a one stop shop for all insurance products.
- NAIHC Report – Presented by Brook Kristovich, NAIHC Representative. Updates were provided regarding the 2018/2019 ICDBG, and \$100 Million Competitive Grant Applications. NAIHC Pathways Home trainings throughout 2018, more to come in 2019. Travel scholarships likely available. Implementing LI classes through online training. Upcoming Events are Legal Symposium, December 9-11, 2019 at Bally's, Leadership Institute Events, HUD/ONAP Summits, Trainings and Conference, and HUD Trainings. Legislative Updates - New 116th Congress in session. Overall reminders - Newsletter, Legislative Committee - next calls are June 6, July 11. Resolutions were discussed. View the full report on [swtha.org](http://swtha.org), Past Events Page.
- HUD Report – No representative in attendance, report presented by Michael Chavez, SWTHA Interim President. HUD may combine both FY18 and FY19 funding to total \$200 million. Funds should be dispersed in a timelier manner.
- SWTHA Financial Report – Presented by Nina Jaramillo, SWTHA Interim Treasurer. Nina was recently appointed to the position of treasurer and provided a verbal overview.

### Old Business:

- a. **SWTHA Bylaws Update** – Michael Chavez reported on the changes made to the SWTHA Bylaws, it was open for discussion. Bylaw changes were approved unanimously, bylaws are posted at [swtha.org](http://swtha.org).

### New Business:

- a. **SWTHA Treasurer Election** – Nina Jaramillo was elected as Interim Treasurer at a special Board Meeting on March 29, 2019. A motion was made to combine the Secretary/Treasurer position for now and moved to table the election.
- b. **SWTHA Scholarship Announcements** - Floyd Tortalita, AMERIND Representative, announced the winners. SWTHA will announce another scholarship grant available in the fall.
  - Kimberly Chapman-Natewa, Pueblo of Zuni, University of New Mexico Graduate Student, Medicine – Award \$1250
  - Jaclyn Armijo, Santa Ana Pueblo, University of New Mexico Senior, Family and Child Studies – Award \$1000
  - Ashley Beltran, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, University of Texas at El Paso Senior, Nursing – Award \$1000.
- c. **SWTHA Grant Application** - Jesus Mora announced that he was searching for grant options and hopes to have an application complete by the end of July. He requested the board suggest any opportunities.
- d. **Drug Issues in Indian Country** - White Mountain Apache Housing Authority presented a report on the serious issue of Meth remediation. They are planning to host a SWTHA Meth Remediation Roundtable on August 15, 2019 at the Hon-Dah Resort Casino and Conference Center in Pinetop, AZ. Their report can be viewed at [swtha.org](http://swtha.org).

### Schedule of Meetings 2019:

- October 2019 - SWTHA Business Meeting held in conjunction with the AMERIND Risk Symposium at Santa Ana Pueblo, NM
- Monthly SWTHA Conference Calls are 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm, MST. Call in: 605-562-0421, Pass Code: 467 6102. Call is open to all members.

Please visit [swtha.org](http://swtha.org) to stay current on upcoming events and news. If your organization has news, job openings, or events to share, please submit information to [swtha.region8@gmail.com](mailto:swtha.region8@gmail.com). SWTHA will post on the website and in newsletters.

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

Sincerely,



Michael Chavez  
SWTHA Interim President