



SWTHA Triannual Business Meeting
Open Media, Denver, CO
May 6, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: The business meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m. by Michael Chavez, SWTHA Interim President.

Roll Call: Roll call was given by Nina Jaramillo, SWTHA Secretary/Interim Treasurer. A quorum was established from the following that were in attendance: Ak-Chin, Gila River Indian Community, Navajo Housing Authority, Pascua Yaqui Housing Development, Jicarilla Apache Housing Authority, Laguna Housing Development & Management Enterprise, Mescalero Apache Tribe Housing Department, Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority, Pueblo of Isleta, Pueblo of Jemez, Pueblo of Zia, Tamaya Housing Inc, Zuni Housing Authority, and Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Housing.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the Agenda was proposed, seconded and passed.

Approval of Minutes – January 29, 2019, Isleta, NM: A motion to approve the Minutes of January 29, 2019 was proposed, seconded and passed.

Announcements: Michael Chavez announced the annual Zuni Housing Fair will be the 3rd week of September, everyone is invited. Nina Jaramillo announced the new, permanent SWTHA address is P.O. Box 10572, ABQ, NM 87184. This post office is the Alameda location at 9132 4th Street NM, Albuquerque, NM 87114-9998.

Reports:

- a. **AMERIND Risk** - Report presented by Floyd Tortalita, AMERIND Risk Representative. Floyd informed the results for the 2018 Regional Fire Incentive – Region 8 will receive \$18,000 this year. The motivation for this program is education regarding fire safety, which keeps the premiums low. AMERIND will offer work comp in house next year. They offer a one stop shop for all insurance products – Business, Homeowners and Renters Insurance, Workers Compensation, Employee Benefits and Auto Insurance. Floyd announced the AMERIND Chairman of the Board of Directors position is up for election this year. Floyd informed of his intent to run for the position. Michael Chavez made a motion for SWTHA to support Floyd Tortalita in the nomination of chairman. The motion was seconded and passed.
- b. **NAIHC** - Report was presented by Brook Kristovich, NAIHC Representative. **Update on HUD Grants:** FY 2018 ICDBG, FY 2018 \$100 Million Competitive Grant Application, FY 2019 ICDBG; **NAIHC News:** Pathways Home trainings throughout 2018, more to come in 2019. Travel scholarships likely available. Implementing LI classes through online training (only 1 or 2 courses in 2019); **Upcoming Events:** Legal Symposium 2019: December 9-11 at Bally's, Leadership Institute Events, HUD/ONAP Summits, Trainings and Conference, HUD Trainings; **Legislative Updates:** New 116th Congress in

session; **Overall reminders:** Newsletter, Legislative Committee - next calls: June 6, July 11. Resolutions were discussed. View the full report on swtha.org, Past Events Page.

- c. **HUD** – 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.
- d. **SWTHA Financial Report** – Report was presented by Nina Jaramillo, SWTHA Interim Treasurer. She reported that Jonathan Robertson resigned the position and that she was nominated for the position in March at a board meeting. Nina provided numbers and will provide a printed report to members soon.

Old Business:

- a. **SWTHA Bylaws Update** – Michael Chavez reported on the changes made to the SWTHA Bylaws by Timothy Humphrey, Esq. The bylaws had been previously sent to members for their review. Specific mention was made concerning Section 9, Removal/Vacancies. It states that if an Officer is no longer employed, he/she has 90 days to become an employee of another Member in the Region. The Board of Directors may appoint an interim Officer until the next quarterly regular meeting. The current president is no longer employed, and it has almost been 90 days. We will wait until next meeting to decide. In the meantime, Michael Chavez will step-up as Interim President. The bylaws were open for discussion. Floyd Tortalita suggested that retention of the position by the returning officer shall be ratified by a 2/3 majority vote of the membership. No other comments were made. A motion to approve changes, including Floyd's suggestion was made and seconded, and passed. SWTHA Bylaws are posted at swtha.org.

New Business:

- a. **SWTHA Treasurer Election** – Nina Jaramillo was elected as Interim Treasurer at a special Board Meeting on March 29, 2019. Floyd Tortalita made a motion to combine the Secretary/Treasurer position for now and moved to table the election. The motion was seconded and passed. A note was made that the bylaws would need to be updated to make this a permanent change.
- b. **SWTHA Scholarship Announcements** - Floyd Tortalita, AMERIND Representative announced the winners, as follows: Kimberly Chapman-Natewa, Pueblo of Zuni, University of New Mexico Graduate Student, Medicine – \$1250; Jaclyn Armijo, Santa Ana Pueblo, University of New Mexico Senior, Family and Child Studies – \$1000; Ashley Beltran, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, University of Texas at El Paso Senior, Nursing – \$1000. SWTHA will announce another scholarship grant available in the fall.
- 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 in August. The report can be viewed at swtha.org.
- e. **2019 Schedule of Meetings** - The next SWTHA meeting will be held in October 2019 in conjunction with AMERIND Risk Symposium.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.