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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

January 14, 2020

Dear SWTHA Members:

Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (SWTHA) held the Triannual Meeting and Training at Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, El Paso, TX, on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. Thank you to those that attended and those that sponsored the event. Below are some of the highlights of the event:

The meeting was represented by 12 Tribes and a quorum was made.

**Reports:**

- AMERIND: Lisa Manwell, Region VIII AMERIND Representative, presented the report.
- NAIHC: Brook Kristovich, NAIHC Representative, presented the report.
- HUD: Cheryl Dixon Zuni, HUD-SWONAP Deputy Administrator, presented the report.
- SWTHA: Floyd Tortalita, SWTHA President, submitted the Financial Report.

**Old Business:**

- SWTHA Non-Profit Status was reported by Michael Chavez, SWTHA Vice President. The process is in final stages, application will be sent to IRS with payment for fee. Documents prepared by Tim Humphrey of Stetson Law, pro-bono. Appreciation to Tim for his assistance.

**New Business:**

- Vote for Bylaw Change: Amendment to combine Secretary/Treasurer into one position. All voted in favor for the amendment to the bylaws.
- AMERIND Poster Contest: Housing Departments to send 1 finalist from each category (K-3, 4-6, 7-8) to Lisa Manwell, [lgm@jahal.org](mailto:lgm@jahal.org), by February 14, 2020. Region VIII to vote for finalists through [swtha.org](http://swtha.org), March 2-14. National vote on [amerind.com](http://amerind.com) during April.
- AMERIND Scholarship: Begin application process, deadline by end of May, distribution by end of July or early August, for fall semester.
- Presentation - RTHawk Housing Alliance, Robin Thorn, VP, Training & Asset Management Finance & Development
- Presentation - Housing Data Systems, James Gutierrez, Account Manager

**Schedule of Meetings 2020:**

- Summer: May 4th, in conjunction with AMERIND/NAIHC Annual Convention, The Westin, Seattle, WA, May 5-7, 2020.
- Fall: Arizona, during the last week of October. Requesting a sponsor to host.

**Open for Comments:**

- White Mountain Apache Housing Authority requested SWTHA follow-up with NAIHC regarding Resolution 2018-2 to advocate for funding dedicated for meth remediation, convene a national task force and hold annual summits.
- Floyd Tortalita handed out draft changes to the SWTHA White Paper 2019 for member's input. Requested that paper be updated for 2020 to present to NAIHC.

**SWTHA Meetings 2020:**

- May 4, 2020: In conjunction with AMERIND/NAIHC Annual Convention, May 5-7, The Westin, Seattle, WA.
- October 2020: The last week of October in AZ. We are looking for a host for this event, please inform SWTHA if your housing authority is interested.

Please visit [swtha.org](http://swtha.org) for news and events in Indian Housing. Submit your information to share on website and newsletters to [swtha.region8@gmail.com](mailto:swtha.region8@gmail.com).

In conclusion, thank you to Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo for hosting the meeting and training and providing lunch at the meeting. Also, thank you to the sponsors - 1st Tribal Lending, RTHawk Housing Alliance LLC, New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, and to NAIHC for sponsoring the training with White Mountain Apache Housing Authority and Seven Sisters Community Group.

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

Sincerely,



Floyd Tortalita  
SWTHA President