

NRHA COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Committee name: Affiliate Committee

Meeting date: 8/20/09

Committee Members Present: Rick Clark (Chair), Judy Caton, Marshall Baird, Mike Deer, Nancy Eppers, Cathy Irvin, Rick Ramsey, Brett Walters

Staff Present: Ashley Weyland (Committee Liaison), Hannah Spitler

Guests: None

Mission Statement: To increase the presence and visibility if the NRHA among affiliates and to facilitate communication, cooperation, and support with existing and new NRHA affiliates. To facilitate the communication process both vertically and horizontally among NRHA stakeholders.

Agenda Items:

▪ **Review of bids for 2010 Northeast RAF**

- Central New York RHA and Eastern Pennsylvania RHA presented bids to the committee to host the 2010 Northeast RAF in place of OVRHA who was the original host but has since resigned this hosting (approved by the board email in August). Bids were reviewed discussed and voted on.

Judy Caton-motioned to accept EPRHA's bid to host the 2010 NE RAF's
Marshall Baird-Second
All in favor-passed

▪ **Ongoing 2010 NAAC Conditions discussion**

- After lengthy discussion all year and a few minor changes at previous conference calls Rick Clark recommended that a subcommittee be appointed to review all still pending issues and recommend any final changes to the committee. This way it will be properly reviewed all issues looked into and then the committee can look at the changes in the document as a whole. Subcommittee to include Rick Clark, Judy Caton, Cathy Irvin, Sherry Wayne and a staff liaison (Ashley or Melanie)

Mike Deer-motioned to accept subcommittee and its outlined task
Brett Walters-Second
All in favor-passed

▪ **New Business**

○ **Southern Nevada RHA complaint**

- A formal written complaint was made to the NRHA Affiliate department regarding the Southern Nevada RHA. Affiliate committee notified of complaint and will receive further information after the fact gathering has been completed. The NRHA Affiliate department has formally contacted the SNRHA with official notification of the complaint and is awaiting further response and requested documentation. Deadline for this request is 9/15/09. The affiliate committee will further review once documents

have been received and pending review will make a recommendation to the board regarding the complaint.

▪ **Outcome of Designation vote**

- The affiliate committee reviewed the 7 late designations that the office received after the July 1st deadline. The committee voted to not approve their acceptance for 2009 and all designation will be applied to next year's (2010) qualification period.

▪ **New Region for RAF and Regional Directors in the US beginning in 2010**

- Rick Clark presented to the committee an idea to create a new region within the US. It would be the East Central region and would include Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, West Virginia, and Illinois. The establishment of this new region would make the RAF's a lot more member friendly and increase the participation at the RAF's and the NAAC's which is one of the goals of the committee. More research is being conducted and final recommendations will be presented to the committee in September with the recommendation of the 2010 NAAC. With the creation of the East Central region the North Central region would need to be redistricted. The new North Central Region will include Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska. This would allow for the North Central to keep one Regional Director vote and a finals in Minnesota for these states would be much more member friendly then traveling across the Rockies to either Denver or Salt Lake city (where the 2009/2010 Mountain finals are.)
- All of this is still being furthered researched and will be addressed in the NAAC subcommittee and final decisions will be presented to the committee. The subcommittee will work with all the necessary committees to make sure this is a possible move to add a new region.