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2015



National American Indian Housing Council

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ABOUT NAIHC

NAIHC MISSION

To effectively and efficiently promote and support American Indians, Alaska Natives and native Hawaiians in their self-determined goal to provide culturally relevant and quality affordable housing for native people.

NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL

The National American Indian Housing Council is the nation's only Native American non-profit organization dedicated solely to improving housing conditions in Native American communities, advancing housing infrastructure development, and expanding economic and community development across Indian Country.

The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) is the only national organization representing housing interests of Native people who reside in Indian communities, Alaska Native Villages, and on native Hawaiian Home Lands. The NAIHC is composed of 271 members representing 463 tribes and housing organizations. NAIHC also has associate and individual members and organizations that support our mission. NAIHC is guided by a 10-member Board of Directors representing Native housing entities in nine geographical regions throughout the United States. NAIHC promotes and supports Native housing entities in their efforts to provide culturally relevant and quality affordable housing on behalf of Native people. NAIHC was founded in 1974 as a 501(c)(3) corporation. NAIHC is supported by member dues and fees, government, foundation, association and private grants.

NAIHC has established a reputation as the national leader in Indian housing and works with many federal agencies, financial institutions and community groups to bring housing progress to Native people throughout Indian country.

NAIHC services to its members and the general public include:

- Advocacy for housing opportunities and increased funding for Native American housing and community development programs;
- Training in many areas of Native housing management;
- On-site technical assistance for Native housing professionals; and
- Research and information services related to Native housing issues and programs.



LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear NAIHC members, funders, partners and friends,

The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) is pleased to share this Annual Report and financials for the fiscal year 2015. It was a very busy and successful year in many regards. Starting with the introduction of NAHASDA reauthorization legislation in both the House (HR360) and Senate (S710) and a very productive Legislative Conference in Washington, DC, February 3-5.

In May, Pamala Silas (Menominee/Oneida) joined the NAIHC family as Executive Director with her first day on the job, attending the first ever, joint conference between NAIHC and Amerind Risk, held in Phoenix, AZ, May 12-14 2015. That collaboration proved to be a win-win for both organizations as well as our mutual members. From an amazing line-up of content presenters, excellent speakers, high attendance, significant cost savings for both organizations and convenience and value added for our membership – this was a huge success! So much so, that both organizations agreed to continue the joint conference collaboration through 2017.

We ended the year on a high note, bringing back the Legal Symposium by popular demand, held in Las Vegas, NV, December 7 -9 2015. We were pleased that attendance returned to over 500. The success of our national events, the high level of technical assistance and training we were able to deliver, along with the tight management of our organizational spending allowed us to end the year with a financial surplus (see audited financials on pages 24 and 25)

It is not often enough that we pause for a moment to take in the road traveled and appreciate the great work we have accomplished together. Of course NAIHC is only as strong as its members, and the continued leadership and commitment to our common goals this past year has made NAIHC successful in its mission. A big thank you to all of you especially the NAIHC board members, staff, our training and technical assistance consulting team and the many volunteers who contributed to NAIHC's accomplishments.

We thank our funders, sponsors and contributors for the investment in our work! Housing continues to be a critical component of the health, safety and economic well being of our Native communities across the country and we are grateful of your continued financial investment in making housing a priority. You can count on NAIHC to continue to strengthen the capacity of our members and amplify the voice of our tribal housing members to Congress and the public!



Sami Jo Difuntorum
Chairwoman, Board of Directors



Pamala M. Silas
Executive Director

ABOUT NAIHC MEMBERSHIP

Membership is the key ingredient to our strength throughout Indian country when it comes to Indian housing and community development. The only national organization dedicated to providing training and advocacy on important matters impacting communities located throughout the country, NAIHC's membership sets the direction of the organization by passing resolutions each year during the annual meeting.

NAIHC's goal is to "maintain unity and strength with high level of NAIHC Membership satisfaction." Increased membership each year is very important to NAIHC. We believe all Indian Housing Block Grant recipients should be NAIHC members. NAIHC provides a forum to allow Indian housing professionals, tribal leaders and industry experts to engage in dialogue and develop solutions to legislative and regulatory issues.

In December 2015, NAIHC hired a full-time Membership and Advocacy Program Assistant to serve as an active resource contact for members, with the primary goal of providing excellent service to our members. With the membership renewal cycle, we're pleased to announce that we've adopted a new online process that will simplify membership renewal.

NAIHC membership is made up of tribes and individuals who have met the eligibility criteria and paid dues as outlined in Article XIV of the NAIHC Bylaws. Members are determined to be in good standing upon the full payment of dues.



NAIHC'S MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF THREE CATEGORIES

Voting Members

A Housing Authority or Tribally Designated Housing Entity or Tribe which does not have such an entity, but is the recipient of a grant for Indian Housing from HUD, including a single native Hawaiian entity that is the authorized recipient of grants for native Hawaiian Housing from HUD. These members have the right to vote on issues raised before the organization that will impact the direction of the organization.

Associate Members

Vendors, consultants and businesses that provide unique goods and services to housing programs around the country. NAIHC's 16 current associate members have shown consistent support by working with native housing programs on a myriad of matters. This complementary relationship serves to keep both voting and associate members aware of needs and products essential to creating quality affordable housing, and associate members have become strong advocates of the work of both their housing program clients and NAIHC.

Individual Members

Individuals who support the work and mission of the organization.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHAIRWOMAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sami Jo Difuntorum
Siletz Tribal Housing Department
(Kwekae Shasta)

REGION V: MT, WY, CO, UT

Chancy Kittson, Executive Director
NAIHC Treasurer
Blackfeet Housing Authority
(Blackfeet Nation)

REGION V – Alternate
Jason Adams, Executive Director
Salish & Kootenai HA
(Salish & Kootenai)

REGION VI: WA, OR, ID

John Williamson, Executive Director
Lower Elwha HA
(Cherokee Nation)

REGION VI – Alternate
Annette Bryan, Executive Director
Puyallup Tribal HA
(Puyallup Tribe)

REGION VII: CA, NV

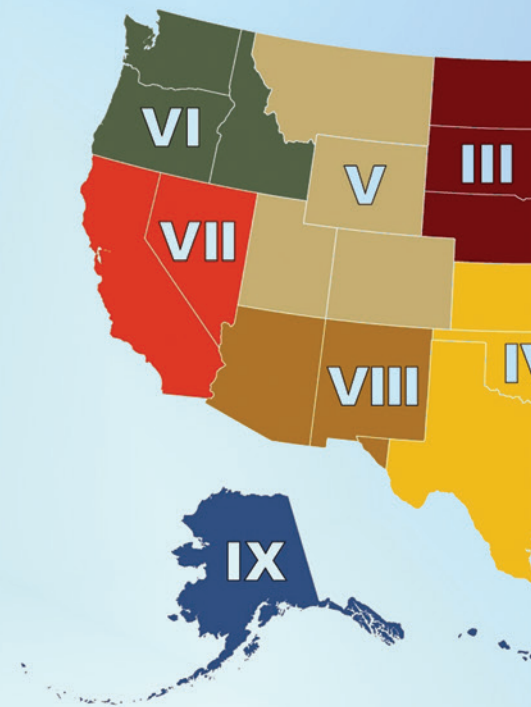
Karen Gonzales, Executive Director
Round Valley Indian Housing Authority
(Little Lake Pomo/Tohono O'odham)

REGION VII – Alternate
Glenda Nelson, Tribal Chairwoman
Enterprise Rancheria
(Estom Yumeka Maidu)

REGION VIII: AZ, NM, WEST TX

Floyd Tortalita, Executive Director
Acoma Housing Authority
(Pueblo of Acoma)

REGION VIII – Alternate
Linda Alvarez
(Pascua Yaqui Tribe)



REGION III: ND, SD, NE, IA

Stuart Langdeau, Grants/
Dev Coordinator
Lower Brule HA
(Lower Brule Sioux)

REGION III – Alternate
Sharon Vogel, Executive Director
Cheyenne River Housing Authority
(Cheyenne River Sioux)

REGION II: MN, MI, WI

Joni Talentino, Executive Director
Sault Tribe Housing Authority
(Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians)

REGION II – Alternate
Eric Shepherd, Operations Manager
Leech Lake Indian Housing Authority
(Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribe)

REGION I: AL, FL, ME, MA, MS, MO, NY, NC, RI

Paulette Cox, Interim Director
EBCI Housing and Community Development
(Eastern Band of Cherokee)

REGION I – Alternate
Adrian Stevens, Executive Director
Seneca Nation Housing Authority
(Seneca Nation)

REGION IV: OK, LA, KS, EAST TX

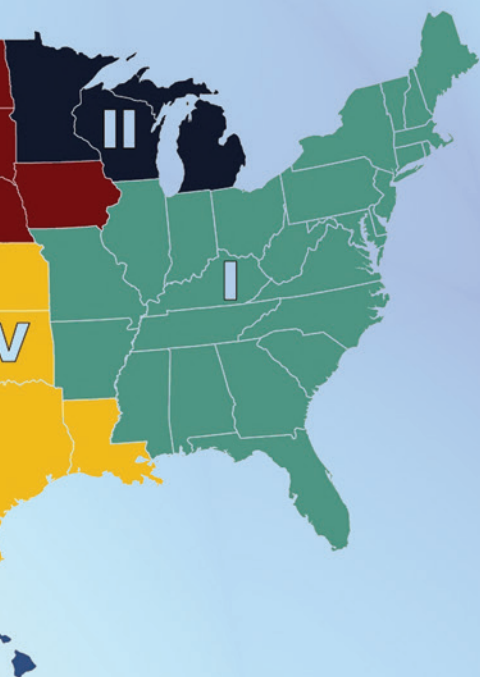
Gary Cooper, Executive Director
Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation
(Cherokee Nation)

REGION IV – Alternate
Russell Sossamon, Executive Director
Choctaw Nation HA
(Choctaw Nation)

REGION IX: AK, HI

Teri Nutter, Executive Director
AHTNA Reg/Copper River Basin HA
(Gulkana Village)

REGION IX - Alternate
Carol Gore, President CEO
Cook Inlet Housing Authority
(Ninilchik Village)



TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SINCE 1987

For more than 25 years, the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) has been the leader in the provision of high quality training and technical assistance (T/TA) services to tribes and tribal housing professionals. Each year, hundreds of tribal housing professionals attend NAIHC training courses to enhance their management skills and broaden their knowledge of tribal housing operations and management. Tribes and tribal housing programs benefit from free, specialized technical assistance (on and off-site) provided by highly experienced NAIHC staff and consultants. NAIHC utilized the services of 113 expert consultants to supplement NAIHC's full-time T/TA staff. Each Specialist has direct and extensive experience in tribal housing program administration.

NAIHC training courses were designed to increase the knowledge and proficiency of tribal housing professionals in specialized areas of housing management, finance, budgets, resident services, development, procurement, occupancy, maintenance, modernization, program administration, and crime prevention and safety issues. The NAIHC comprehensive course schedule includes Leadership Institute and HUD/ONAP in conjunction with NAIHC training courses. Innovative training and course content are routinely updated to meet the continually evolving needs of tribal housing.

In addition to formally scheduled classroom training sessions, NAIHC also offers specialized training on a regional basis, and during the Annual Convention and Legal Symposium. Under certain circumstances, NAIHC also creates custom training programs designed to accommodate unique specifications and timelines. All training sessions are conducted by experienced instructors with first-hand knowledge of tribal housing operations, providing participants with the best technical and professional tools available to enhance the successful operation of tribal housing programs.

All recipients of Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) IHBG funding are eligible to receive technical assistance/training at no cost. Technical assistance can range from a simple phone call to a multi-day on-site visit by an NAIHC TA provider. NAIHC works with tribal housing staff to design and develop a technical assistance delivery plan custom tailored to meet specific needs. To apply for technical assistance/training clients need to submit a request for assistance to their local area ONAP office. The area ONAP office will, in turn, forward the request on to the ONAP HQ office. Upon receipt, ONAP HQ will review the request and issue a tasking order to one of the entities whom they awarded a TA Cooperative Agreement and funding to. That entity will then be responsible for contacting the client, developing a technical assistance/training delivery work plan and delivering the assistance requested. Although tribes are not required to pay any fees for technical assistance services, funding for this program is limited. While all requests may not warrant an on-site visit, assistance is consistently first-rate.

CONVENTION AND LEGAL SYMPOSIUM TRAINING

In 2015, NAIHC offered break-out training sessions at our Annual Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona (May 12-14, 2015) and at our Legal Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada (December 7-9, 2015).

CONVENTION

Breakout training/lecture/seminar/workshop sessions offered: 39
Combined attendance: 1356

LEGAL SYMPOSIUM

Breakout training/lecture/seminar/workshop sessions offered: 23
Combined attendance: 881

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

NAIHC's Leadership Institute, LI, is a training program designed to improve the management skills of tribal housing professionals. LI Training is specific to the tribal housing industry. NAIHC's Leadership Institute, the only national certification program for the tribal housing industry, provides training in all areas of tribal housing. Students complete individual specialized tracks to earn certification as specific program specialists. Those who satisfactorily complete all of the required LI courses earn certification as Professional Indian Housing Managers, PIHM.

Leadership Institute courses offered: 11

Students attending the LI courses: 228

Average attendance per course: 21

Housing professionals trained through 2015: 4411

Total PIHM through 2015: 45

Professional Indian Housing Managers (PIHM) Certified in 2015

Tracie Baker	Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority
Charlotte Roberts	Red Lake Reservation Housing Authority
Sidney Shourds	Salish & Kootenai Housing Authority
Christine Thompson	Ute Indian Housing Authority
Casey-Diane Thrush	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Leadership Institute Students Certified in 2015:

Tracie Baker	Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority	Occupancy Management
Serena Jose	Tohono O'odham Ki:Ki Association	Occupancy Management
Raylene Pease	Crow Creek Housing Authority	Occupancy Management
Mathew Brocchini	Tuolumne Me Wuk Housing Authority	General Housing Management
Martha Beltran	Ysleta del Sur Pueblo	Occupancy Management
Marian Berryhill	Muscogee Creek Nation	Development Management
Charlotte Roberts	Red Lake Reservation Housing Authority	General Housing Management
Charlotte Roberts	Red Lake Reservation Housing Authority	Development Management
Brett Lane	Siletz Tribal Housing Department	Occupancy Management

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (ON-SITE)

HUD's demand response technical assistance process requires that a detailed Needs Assessment be submitted for each T/A assignment. These are subject to approval by HUD. After the Needs Assessment is approved, a work plan and budget must be developed and submitted to HUD for approval, once the work plan is approved, NAIHC can proceed with the delivery of the T/A.

T/TA Task orders received from ONAP HQ: 59

On-site TA sessions completed: 59

PATHWAYS HOME: A NATIVE GUIDE TO HOMEOWNERSHIP

This comprehensive train-the-trainer course designed specifically for Native communities instructs tribal housing and financial education professionals on how to provide the course to prospective native homebuyers in their local communities. Those who complete the course and pass the exam earn a national certification as Homebuyer Education Instructors.

Pathways Homebuyer Education Instructors certified in 2015: 60

Pathways Homebuyer Education Instructors certified from 2004 to 2015: 732

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

NAHASDA TAX CREDIT COMPLIANCE PROFESSIONAL (NTCCP) CERTIFICATION

NAIHC has been offering the NAHASDA-LIHTC Compliance course since 2011. This course is designed to provide tribal housing professionals with an overview of the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, LIHTC program, and how the program can complement other tribal housing initiatives. The course provides both a general explanation of the program and describes detailed procedures and requirements for continuing operational compliance under the LIHTC and the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act, NAHASDA, programs.

The course addresses the fundamentals of tax credit compliance from a global perspective and explains how compliance can be integrated into an existing property management regimen. Individuals that successfully pass the NAHASDA & Tax Credit Compliance Professional, NTCCP, exam at the end of the NAHASDA-LIHTC compliance certification course:

- Demonstrate a minimum of 2 years' experience in NAHASDA-LIHTC related projects
- Complete Certification of Work Experience
- Execute the NTCCP Code of Professional Responsibility
- Receive an NTCCP certification

The NTCCP certification is a unique national certification that acknowledges expertise in both the NAHASDA and LIHTC programs.

LIHTC class attendees in 2015: 58

NTCCP recipients in 2015: 36

NTCCP recipients 2011-2015: 214

HUD/ONAP FREE TRAININGS

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Native American Programs, HUD/ONAP, NAIHC delivered various training courses tailored to tribal housing authorities. The course topics offered were stipulated and identified by ONAP offices. NAIHC worked closely with the area ONAP offices to establish dates, locations, and the frequency at which each course would be offered.

HUD/ONAP courses offered: 19

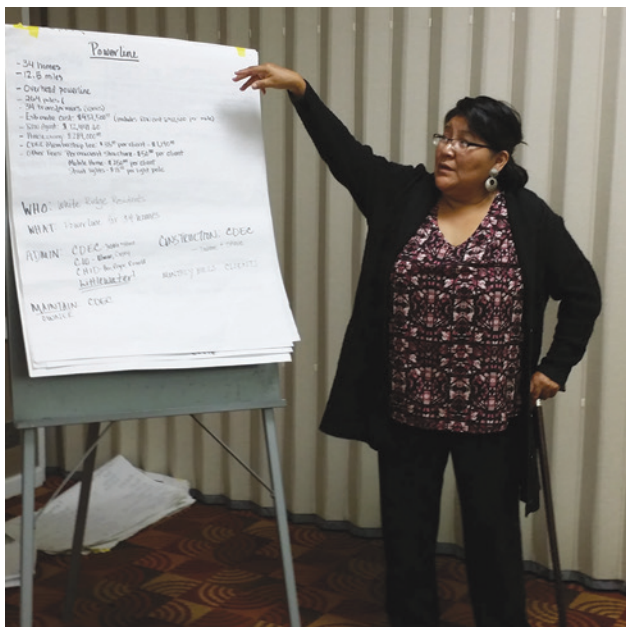
Students attending HUD/ONAP courses: 377

Average attendance per course: 20



NTCCP RECIPIENTS 2015

Debra Whitefoot	Yakama Nation Housing Authority	Marlito Daut	Tulalip Tribes of Washington
Linda Alvarez	Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona	Samantha Dressler	Washoe Housing Authority
Glen Anderson	Dakota Nation Development Corporation	Michael Herbert	Washoe Housing Authority
Migdalia Corbine	Bad River Housing Authority	Erin Hillman	Karuk Tribe Housing Authority
Pearl Gray Boy	Fort Belknap Housing Authority	Kim Kumpf	Suquamish Tribe
Terra Haug	Dakota Nation Development Corporation	Matthew Pagels	Seneca Nation Housing Authority
Tyna Hickman	Pascua Yaqui Tribe Housing Department	Trish Peterson	Travois
Serena Jose	Tohono O'odham Ki:Ki Association	Sid Shourds	Salish & Kootenai Housing Authority
Roberta Perez	Menominee Tribal Housing Department	Georgia Smith	Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
Julie Stately	Red Lake Housing Authority	Paula Bonney	Red Cliff Housing Authority
Fran Tease	Dakota Nation Development Corporation	Isaac Deanda	Siletz Tribal Housing Department
Rosa Valenzuela	Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona	Linda Diaz	Pueblo of Pojoaque Housing Corporation
Cosette Wahwassuck	Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Housing Dept	Angela Emrich	Red Cliff Housing Authority
Wendy Warrington	Menominee Tribal Housing Department	Quintonia Grinnell	Fort Berthold Housing Authority
Jeri Bartow	Karuk Tribe Housing Authority	Rhonda Hunt Locklear	Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina
Martha Beltran	Ysleta del Sur Pueblo	Brett Lane	Siletz Tribal Housing Department
		Josephine Little	Mescalero Apache Housing Authority
		Faith Pinal	White Mountain Apache Housing Authority
		Paula Stiffarm	Fort Berthold Housing Authority
		Samantha Votis	Sokaogon Chippewa Housing Authority



MEMBERSHIP

Region I

AL, FL, ME, MA, MS, MO, NY, NC, RI

Akwesasne Housing Authority
Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribal Housing Authority
Cayuga Nation Housing Authority
Haliwa-Saponi Housing Department
Indian Township Passamaquoddy Housing Authority
ISWA Development Corporation
Lumbee Tribe Of North Carolina
Maliseet Indian Housing Authority
Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Program
Micmac Housing Authority
MOWA Choctaw Housing Authority
Narragansett Indian Tribe Housing Authority
Penobscot Nation Housing Department
Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy Indian Housing Authority
Poarch Creek Housing Department
Qualla Housing Authority
Seminole Tribe of Florida Housing Department
Seneca Nation Housing Authority
Waccamaw Siouan Indian Tribe

Hogansburg, New York
Chillmark, Massachusetts
Seneca Falls, New York
Hollister, North Carolina
Princeton, Maine
Rock Hill, South Carolina
Pembroke, North Carolina
Houlton, Maine
Mashpee, Massachusetts
Presque Isle, Maine
Mt. Vernon, Alabama
Charlestown, Rhode Island
Indian Island, Maine
Perry, Maine
Atmore, Alabama
Cherokee, North Carolina
Hollywood, Florida
Irving, New York
Bolton, North Carolina

Region II

MN, MI, WI

Bad River Indian Housing Authority
Bay Mills Housing Authority
Bois Forte Band of Chippewa - Housing Dept.
Fond du Lac Housing Authority
Grand Portage Indian Housing Authority
Grand Traverse Band Indian Housing Authority
Hannahville Community
Ho-Chunk Housing Authority
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Housing Department
Lac Courte Oreilles Housing Authority
Lac du Flambeau Chippewa Housing Authority
Lac Vieux Desert Indian Reservation
Leech Lake Indian Housing Authority
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indian
Lower Sioux Indian Community Housing Authority
Menominee Tribal Housing Department
Mille Lac Band of Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Housing
Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Housing Authority
Oneida Housing Authority
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Housing Department
Red Cliff Indian Housing Authority
Red Lake Reservation Housing Authority
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Housing Authority
St. Croix Chippewa Indian Housing Authority
Stockbridge-Munsee Division of Community Housing
WI Potawatomi HA - Forest County Potawatomi

Odanah, Wisconsin
Brimley, Michigan
Nett Lake, Minnesota
Cloquet, Minnesota
Grand Portage, Minnesota
Suttons Bay, Michigan
Wilson, Michigan
Tomah, Wisconsin
Baraga, Michigan
Hayward, Wisconsin
Lac Du Flambeau, Wisconsin
Watersmeet, Michigan
Cass Lake, Minnesota
Manistee, Michigan
Harbor Springs, Michigan
Morton, Minnesota
Keshena, Wisconsin
Onamia, Minnesota
Fulton, Michigan
Oneida, Wisconsin
Dowagiac, Michigan
Bayfield, Wisconsin
Red Lake, Minnesota
Kincheloe, Michigan
Webster, Wisconsin
Bowler, Wisconsin
Crandon, Wisconsin

Region III

ND, SD, NE, IA

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
Crow Creek Housing Authority
Flandreau Santee Housing Authority
Fort Berthold Housing Authority
Lower Brule Housing Authority
Northern Ponca Tribe Housing Authority
Oglala Sioux Housing Authority
Omaha Tribe Department of Housing
Sac-Fox Tribe Housing Authority (IA)
Santee Sioux Tribal Housing Authority
Sicangu Wicoti Awayankapi Corporation
Sisseton-Wahpeton Housing Authority
Spirit Lake Housing Corporation / Fort Totten
Standing Rock Housing Authority
Trenton Housing Authority
Turtle Mountain Housing Authority
Winnebago Housing & Development Commission
Yankton Sioux Tribal Housing Authority

Eagle Butte, South Dakota
Fort Thompson, South Dakota
Flandreau, South Dakota
New Town, North Dakota
Lower Brule, South Dakota
Norfolk, Nebraska
Pine Ridge, South Dakota
Macy, Nebraska
Tama, Iowa
Niobrara, Nebraska
Rosebud, South Dakota
Sisseton, South Dakota
Fort Totten, North Dakota
Fort Yates, North Dakota
Trenton, North Dakota
Belcourt, North Dakota
Winnebago, Nebraska
Wagner, South Dakota

Region IV

OK, LA, KS, East TX

Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority
Alabama Quassarte Tribal Town Housing
Alabama-Coushatta Indian Housing Authority
Bak-Kho-Je Housing Authority of Iowa Tribe (Oklahoma)
Cheyenne Arapaho Housing Authority
Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing
Chitimacha Housing Authority
Citizen Potawatomi Nation Indian Housing Authority
Comanche Indian Tribe Housing Authority
Delaware Nation Housing
Delaware Tribe Housing Department
Fort Sill Apache Housing Authority
Housing Authority of the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation of OK
Housing Authority of The Choctaw Nation
Housing Authority of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska
Housing Authority of the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas
Housing Authority of the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma
Housing Authority of the Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma
Housing Authority of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
Miami Tribe
Modoc Housing Authority
Osage Nation Housing Department
Otoe-Missouria Indian Housing Authority
Pawnee Nation Housing Authority
Peoria Housing Authority
Ponca Tribal Housing Authority

Shawnee, Oklahoma
Wetumka, Oklahoma
Livingston, Texas
Perkins, Oklahoma
Clinton, Oklahoma
Ada, Oklahoma
Charenton, Louisiana
Shawnee, Oklahoma
Lawton, Oklahoma
Anadarko, Oklahoma
Barterville, Oklahoma
Apache Oklahoma
Anadarko, Oklahoma
Tahlequah, Oklahoma
Hugo, Oklahoma
White Cloud, Kansas
Horton, Kansas
McLoud, Oklahoma
Shawnee, Oklahoma
Wewoka, Oklahoma
Miami, Oklahoma
Miami, Oklahoma
Hominy, Oklahoma
Red Rock, Oklahoma
Pawnee, Oklahoma
Miami, Oklahoma
Ponca City, Oklahoma

NAIHC MEMBERSHIP BY REGION

Region IV OK, LA, KS, East TX CONTINUED

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Housing Department
 Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma
 Sac-Fox Tribe of Missouri Housing Authority
 Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma
 Shawnee Tribe
 Thlopthlocco Tribal Town
 Tonkawa Tribal Housing Authority
 Tunica Biloxi Housing Authority
 United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma
 Wichita Housing Authority
 Wyandotte Nation Housing Department

Mayetta, Kansas
 Quapaw, Oklahoma
 Reserve, Kansas
 Grove, Oklahoma
 Miami, Oklahoma
 Okemah, Oklahoma
 Tonkawa, Oklahoma
 Marksville, Louisiana
 Tahlequah, Oklahoma
 Anadarko, Oklahoma
 Wyandotte, Oklahoma

Region V MT, WY, CO, UT

Blackfeet Indian Housing Authority
 Eastern Shoshone Housing Authority
 Fort Belknap Housing Authority
 Fort Peck Housing Authority
 Goshute Housing Authority
 Northern Arapaho Housing Authority
 Northern Cheyenne Housing Authority
 Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation
 Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah
 Rocky Boy's Chippewa Cree Housing Authority
 Salish and Kootenai Housing Authority
 Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority
 Upper Sioux Community Indian Housing Authority
 Ute Indian Housing Authority
 Ute Mountain Housing Authority

Browning, Montana
 Ft. Washakie, Wyoming
 Harlem, Montana
 Poplar, Montana
 Ibapah, Utah
 Ethete, Wyoming
 Lame Deer, Montana
 Brigham City, Utah
 Cedar City, Utah
 Box Elder, Montana
 Pablo, Montana
 Ignacio, Colorado
 Granite Falls, Minnesota
 Ft. Duchesne, Utah
 Towaoc, Colorado

Region VI WA, OR, ID

Chehalis Housing Authority
 Coeur d'Alene Tribal Housing Authority
 Colville Indian Housing Authority
 Confederated Tribes of the Coos Lower Umpqua
 and Suislaw Indians
 Coquille Indian Housing Authority
 Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing
 Fort Hall Housing Authority
 Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority
 Hoh Tribe
 Housing Department of Confederated Tribes of the
 Umatilla Indian Reservation
 Kalispel Tribe of Indians
 Klamath Tribe Housing Department
 Lower Elwha Housing Authority
 Lummi Housing Authority

Oakville, Washington
 Plummer, Idaho
 Nespelem, Washington
 Coos Bay, Oregon

Coos Bay, Oregon
 Chehalis, Washington
 Pocatello, Idaho
 Grand Ronde, Oregon
 Forks, Washington
 Pendleton, Oregon

Usk, Washington
 Chiloquin, Oregon
 Port Angeles, Washington
 Bellingham, Washington

Region VI

WA, OR, ID

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Makah Tribal Housing Department
Metlakatla Housing Authority
Muckleshoot Housing Authority
Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority
Nisqually Tribal Housing Program
Nooksack Indian Housing Authority
Port Gamble S'Klallam Housing Authority
Puyallup Tribal Housing Authority
Quileute Housing Authority
Quinault Housing Authority
Samish Indian Nation
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe Housing
Shoalwater Bay Tribal Housing
Siletz Tribal Housing Department
Skokomish Indian Tribe
Spokane Indian Housing Authority
Squaxin Island Tribe
Stillaguamish Tribal Housing Authority
Suquamish Tribal Housing Authority
Swinomish Housing Authority
Upper Skagit Indian Tribe
Warm Springs Indian Housing Authority
Yakama Nation Housing Authority

Neah Bay, Washington
Metlakatla, Alaska
Auburn, Washington
Lapwai, Idaho
Olympia, Washington
Deming, Washington
Kingston, Washington
Tacoma, Washington
La Push Washington
Taholah, Washington
Anacortes, Washington
Darrington, Washington
Tokeland, Washington
Siletz, Oregon
Skokomish, Washington
Wellpinit, Washington
Shelton, Washington
Arlington, Washington
Suquamish, Washington
La Conner, Washington
Sedro Woolley, Washington
Warm Springs, Oregon
Wapato, Washington

Region VII

CA, NV

All Mission Indian Housing Authority
Big Pine Tribe
Bishop Paiute Tribe
Campo Housing Authority
Chemehuevi Housing Department
Cloverdale Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California
Cortina Rancheria
Cuyapaipe Tribe (Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay)
Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians
Duck Valley Indian Housing Authority
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe Housing Authority
Elk Valley Rancheria
Ely Shoshone Tribe Housing Department
Enterprise Rancheria Indian Housing Authority
Fallon Reservation - Paiute Shoshone Tribe
Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria
Fort Bidwell Indian Community Housing
Fort Mcdermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe
Greenville Rancheria
Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake
Hoopa Valley Indian Housing Authority

Temecula, California
Big Pine, California
Bishop, California
Campo, California
Havasu Lake, California
Cloverdale, California
Williams, California
Alpine, California
Geyserville, California
Owyhee, Nevada
Duckwater, Nevada
Crescent City, California
Ely, Nevada
Oroville, California
Fallon, Nevada
Rohnert Park, California
Fort Bidwell, California
McDermitt, Nevada
Greenville, California
Upper Lake, California
Hoopa, California

NAIHC MEMBERSHIP BY REGION

Region VII CA, NV CONTINUED

Karuk Tribe Housing Authority
 Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of Stewart's Point Rancheria
 Lovelock Paiute
 Mechoopda Tribe of Chico Rancheria
 Mesa Grande Indian Housing Authority
 Moapa Paiutes Housing Authority
 Modoc-Lassen Indian Housing Authority
 Grindstone Rancheria
 Quartz Valley Rancheria
 Morongo Realty Department
 North Fork Rancheria
 Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority
 Berry Creek Rancheria
 Guidiville Rancheria
 Hopland Rancheria
 Manchester Point Arena Rancheria
 Mooretown Rancheria
 Redwood Rancheria
 Pala Band of Mission Indians
 Pyramid Lake Housing Authority
 Quechan Tribally Designated Housing Entity
 Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
 Round Valley Indian Housing Authority
 San Pasqual Housing and Community Development
 Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians
 Susanville Indian Rancheria Housing Authority
 Te-Moak Western Shoshone Housing Authority
 Timbisha Shoshone Tribal Housing Program
 Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation of Smith River Rancheria
 Tule River Indian Housing Authority
 Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Housing Authority
 Walker River Paiute Tribe
 Washoe Housing Authority
 Yerington Paiute Tribal Housing Authority
 Yomba Shoshone Housing Authority

Happy Camp, California
 Santa Rosa, California
 Lovelock, Nevada
 Chico, California
 Santa Ysabel, California
 Moapa Nevada
 Lake Almanor, California

Banning, California
 North Fork, California
 Ukiah, California

Pala, California
 Nixon, Nevada
 Winterhaven, California
 Sparks, Nevada
 Covelo, California
 Valley Center, California
 Lakeport, California
 Susanville, California
 Elko, Nevada
 Bishop, California
 Smith River, California
 Porterville, California
 Tuolumne, California
 Schurz, Nevada
 Gardnerville, Nevada
 Yerington, Nevada
 Austin, Nevada

Region VIII AZ, NM, West TX

Aha Macav Housing Entity
 Ak-Chin Indian Community Housing Department
 Cocopah Indian Housing & Development
 Colorado River Residential Management Corporation
 Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Housing Department
 Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority
 Jicarilla Apache Housing Authority
 Kaibab Paiute Housing Authority
 Laguna Housing Development and Management Enterprise
 Mescalero Apache Housing Authority

Mohave Valley, Arizona
 Maricopa, Arizona
 Somerton, Arizona
 Parker, Arizona
 Fountain Hills, Arizona
 Isleta Pueblo, New Mexico
 Dulce, New Mexico
 Fredonia, Arizona
 Laguna, New Mexico
 Mescalero, New Mexico

Region VIII

AZ, NM, West TX

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Nambe Pueblo Housing Entity
Navajo Housing Authority
Northern Pueblos Housing Authority
Ohkay Owingeh Housing Authority
Pascua Yaqui Housing Department
Pueblo of Acoma Housing Authority
Pueblo of Jemez Housing Department
Pueblo of Pojoaque
Pueblo of Zia
San Carlos Apache Housing Authority
San Felipe Pueblo Housing Authority
Santa Clara Pueblo Housing Authority
Santo Domingo Tribal Housing Authority
Tamaya Housing Incorporated
Tohono O'odham Ki:Ki Association (TOKA)
White Mountain Apache Housing Authority
Yavapai-Apache Nation Tribal Housing
Ysleta Del Sur Housing
Zuni Housing Authority

Sante Fe, New Mexico
Window Rock, Arizona
Santa Fe, New Mexico
San Juan Pueblo, New Mexico
Tucson, Arizona
Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico
Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Zia Pueblo, New Mexico
Peridot, Arizona
San Felipe Pueblo, New Mexico
Espanola, New Mexico
Santo Domingo, New Mexico
Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico
Sells, Arizona
Whiteriver, Arizona
Camp Verde, Arizona
El Paso, Texas
Zuni Pueblo, New Mexico

Region IX

AK, HI

Aleutian Housing uthority
AVCP Housing Authority
Baranof Island Housing Authority
Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority
Bristol Bay Housing Authority
Cook Inlet Housing Authority
Copper River Basin Regional Housing Authority
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Haida Nation / HCA
Interior Regional Housing Authority
Kenaitze Indian Tribal IRA
Ketchikan Indian Community
Knik Tribal Council
Kodiak Island Housing Authority
Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government
Ninilchik Traditional Council
North Pacific Rim Housing Authority
Northwest Inupiat Housing Authority
Nvok Housing Department (Kotzebue)
Orutsaramiut Native Council
Tagiugmiullu Nunamiullu Housing Authority
Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority

Anchorage, Alaska
Bethel, Alaska
Sitka, Alaska
Nome, Alaska
Dillingham, Alaska
Anchorage, Alaska
Glenallen, Alaska
Honolulu, Hawaii
Hydaburg, Alaska
Fairbanks, Alaska
Kenai, Alaska
Ketchikan, Alaska
Wasilla, Alaska
Kodiak, Alaska
Barrow, Alaska
Ninilchik, Alaska
Anchorage, Alaska
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Kotzebue, Alaska
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Barrow, Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

WHAT NAIHC MEMBERS ARE SAYING

AKWESASNE HOUSING AUTHORITY

"Clean, sanitary housing is EVERYTHING to our tribal members – it is a place of safety to the children, an oasis for the elderly who may have only known hardship in their lives, a place to call home to growing families, supportive housing for elders and veterans; this is our housing, and these are our lives.

"The AHA has relied upon the training and technical assistance provided by NAIHC for many years. The NAIHC has been the AHA's link to many unanswered or wavering questions about housing management that has really bettered our overall understanding throughout the years. The on-site T/A is invaluable.

NAIHC has provided immeasurable good for the staff and leadership of the AHA with their available technical staff. Our jobs have been enhanced by the services and leadership of the NAIHC organization."

Retha M. Herne, Executive Director—Akwasasne Housing Authority



SAC AND FOX NATION HOUSING AUTHORITY

"The Sac and Fox Nation Housing Authority is very vital to our community. We have 47 units of which we only have 10 of those vacant, and 37 of the units are occupied by Indian families of various tribes, as we serve any federally enrolled Indian family. The Sac and Fox Nation Housing Authority is very essential in helping very low to low-income families get back on their feet and become self-sustaining and we take great pride in helping these families, and in helping all families."

Angie Gilpin, Executive Director—Sac and Fox Nation Housing Authority

SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS

TOHONO O'ODHAM KI:KI LIHTC HOUSING PROJECTS



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KARUK TRIBE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Low Income Housing Tax Credit Project

The Karuk Tribe Housing Authority broke ground on their first tax credit project in Yreka, California, on January 29, 2016. The project includes thirty single family homes, for low and very low income families in the community. This project is funded through Karuk Tribe Housing Authority Indian Housing Block Grant funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) were awarded to KTHA from the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (CTCAC) and purchased by our Investment Partner, the Richman Group Affordable Housing Corporation. This is the first LIHTC project for the Karuk Tribe and the largest Native American project in the State of California.



The groundbreaking was held January 29, 2016 and the individuals in the photo are Left to Right: Stanford Rollins (Energy Consultant), Steve Mitchell (KTHA Inspector), Lauren DuCharme (Travois Architect), Sara Spence (KTHA), Erin Hillman (KTHA Executive Director), Elsa Goodwin (KTHA Board Chair), Russell Attebery (Karuk Tribe Chair), Frank Masten (Civil Consultant), Bill Bowman (DT Builders Foreman), Richard Black (KTHA Construction Manager), and Terry Wilson (DT Builders Owner).



NAIHC NATIONAL EVENTS

As the premiere national tribal housing organization, NAIHC convenes excellent forums for tribal housing leaders and professionals to engage in active and productive dialogue on pivotal housing issues. Every conference and event aligns with the organizational goal of advancing a national agenda on tribal housing at the grassroots, regional, national, and international levels. NAIHC conferences are where Indian Country gathers to develop new missions, visions, goals, and objectives in order to create quality and affordable housing for generations to come.

2015 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Each year, NAIHC is pleased to bring together tribal leaders and tribal housing professionals in Washington, DC to advocate on Capitol Hill and engage with federal agency representatives. These meetings often lead to increased awareness of Indian housing issues on Capitol Hill and our federal partners.

NAIHC's Annual Legislative Conference offers tribes, TDHEs, and HAs a chance to discuss—with one other and with representatives of the federal government—the scope and impact of legislative issues affecting Indian Country. The event brings tribal housing representatives face-to-face with lawmakers, both during the conference and during Congressional visits on Capitol Hill.



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2015 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The 2015 Legislative Conference was held in Washington, DC on February 3-5, 2015 at the Mayflower Renaissance Hotel. This year there were 86 registered attendees.

Congressman Don Young (R-AK)
Congressman Steve Pearce (R-NM)
Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI)
Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-WI)
Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-WI)
Senator John Tester (D-MT) via video
Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN)
Congressman Derek Kilmer (D-WA)
White House Domestic Policy Council
Jodi Gillette, Senior Policy Advisor
National Congress of American Indians
Jackie Pata, Executive Director
Housing Assistance Council
Jeff Mosley, Director
Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
Mike Andrews, Majority Staff Director and Chief Counsel



Census Bureau

John Thompson, Director

USDA Rural Development

Tony Hernandez, Administrator for Rural Housing Service

HUD Office of Native American Programs

Rodger Boyd, Deputy Assistant Secretary

The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs held an oversight hearing in conjunction with this year's legislative conference. NAIHC Board and industry experts made up the witness list.

NAIHC NATIONAL EVENTS

2015 LEGAL SYMPOSIUM

NAIHC's Legal Symposium is the premier learning event for housing and legal professionals from across the country working to address the availability and access to affordable housing for Native American families. This event brings together over 500 legal practitioners, housing organizations, tribal housing authorities, law students, legal academics and other tribal leaders each December with the foremost experts in Indian housing law and regulations to explore ideas, experiences, share insights and address emerging issues.



Highlights of the 2015 Legal Symposium

The 2015 Legal Symposium took place at the Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas, December 7 -9, 2015.

After a year's absence, the Legal Symposium had very high attendance with 501 attendees and 16 exhibitors.

Monday began with registration and a Legislative Committee Meeting chaired by Gary Cooper, which had unprecedented standing room only attendance. In addition to an open forum to discuss legislative and regulatory issues, Mr. Mike Andrews, Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs addressed attendees. Mr. Andrews discussed the Committee's top priorities that included NAHASDA reauthorization, Indian Energy reform and a Tribal Self-Governance legislation. He also stated one the first official actions scheduled by the Committee was an oversight hearing in February of 2015 on "Loan Leveraging in Indian Country". Witnesses at that hearing included NAIHC Chairwoman Sami Jo Difuntorum, Cook Inlet CEO, Carol Gore and United Native American Housing Association administrator, Bob Gauthier. He gave the audience an update on Senate Committee challenges and strategies on moving NAHASDA reauthorization through the Senate. Mike wrapped up by stating Senate Committee Chairman John Barrasso (WY) is firmly committed to passing NAHASDA reauthorization during the 114th Congress.

The Plenary Session was well attended and featured a number of excellent speakers beginning with Phil Bush, Chairman of AMERIND Risk Management Corporation and Bryan Schuler, Vice President for Housing Development at Travois. Mr. Bush provided an update on AMERIND business and Mr. Schuler spoke about Low Income Housing Tax Credit projects throughout Indian country. In addition, a number of Federal Partners provided remarks including the Native American Coordinator for Rural Development within USDA, Tedd Buelow; Mr. Chris Deschene, Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs and Mr. Randy Akers, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, ONAP.

2015 LEGAL SYMPOSIUM

NAIHC also highlighted two fantastic success stories from the NAIHC membership. Wendy Lawrence, Housing Director Makah Tribe – Sail River Heights offered an inspiring presentation – “Makah Self-Determination at Work”. And, Neil Whitegull, Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency, Executive Director spoke in depth about how his community was handling much needed Veteran housing. The Plenary concluded with a Legal Issues Panel featuring Sylvia Wirba, Associate Attorney, Wagenlander & Heisterkamp LLC; and Zoe LeBeau, President, LeBeau Development with Brian Pierson acting as moderator. This expert “legal panel” delivered the essence of the Legal Symposium in discussions regarding the many legal and regulatory matters impacting Indian housing programs throughout the country.



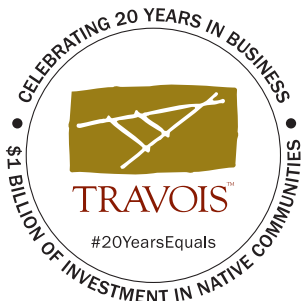
24 concurrent sessions were offered over two days and covered a wide range of educational and relevant topics. Tuesday evening members were invited to attend a Welcome Reception featuring entertainment by the Las Vegas Indian Center's Red Hand Dancer Troop.

The Closing Assembly on Wednesday was highlighted with Robert Gauthier, President of Ahoy Leasing and Development who provided additional success stories of Indian housing programs accessing multiple funding program opportunities in development of large scale housing and community development projects.

Finally, the prestigious NAIHC Lawyer of the Year award was presented to Denise Zuni, Sh'eh Wheef Law Offices.

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NAIHC NATIONAL EVENTS

2015 ANNUAL CONVENTION

With the forty first year that NAIHC has offered an annual convention for its members, 2015 was also the first year that the event would be held in conjunction with sister organization AMERIND Risk. NAIHC is proud to announce the first AMERIND Risk NAIHC Annual Convention & Tradeshow, held May 12-14, 2015 at the Talking Stick Resort & casino in Scottsdale, Arizona. The theme was "Connection, Collaboration, Community".



Attendees benefited from the joint annual convention. Co-hosting one joint annual event is like offering two conventions in one and reduces travel and registration costs for our members. It also brings together an amazing amount of resources, expertise and content by combining the membership, presenters, speakers and exhibitors from both hosting organizations. Attendance was strong with 620 attendees and 47 exhibitors. And the content offered was outstanding with 84 concurrent sessions offered over a wide range of topics.

At the Opening General Session, the keynote address was offered by Gary Davis, President CEO, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development.

2015 ANNUAL CONVENTION

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FINANCIALS

NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2015

(With Comparative Totals for 2014)

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 766,808	\$ 901,688
Grants receivable	749,337	255,313
Prepaid expenses	4,745	23,431
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>1,520,890</u>	<u>1,180,432</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Furniture and fixtures	113,408	113,408
Computer equipment	74,474	74,474
	<u>187,882</u>	<u>187,882</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(184,453)</u>	<u>(181,197)</u>
NET PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	<u>3,429</u>	<u>6,685</u>
OTHER ASSETS		
Deposits	<u>27,318</u>	<u>27,318</u>
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	<u>27,318</u>	<u>27,318</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,551,637</u>	<u>\$ 1,214,435</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 280,917	\$ 153,871
Prepaid revenue	2,535	
Capital lease payable		1,482
Deferred rent		11,405
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>283,452</u>	<u>166,758</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>283,452</u>	<u>166,758</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted net assets	1,262,185	1,032,677
Temporarily restricted net assets	<u>6,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>1,268,185</u>	<u>1,047,677</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,551,637</u>	<u>\$ 1,214,435</u>

NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING COUNCIL

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

(With Comparative Totals for 2014)

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total 2015	Total 2014
REVENUES				
HUD grants	\$ 1,835,262		\$ 1,835,262	\$ 1,233,809
Leadership institute	162,518		162,518	188,477
Membership dues	337,800		337,800	316,725
Legal symposium and legislative conference	186,959		186,959	35,337
Convention	183,865		183,865	270,018
Advocacy	200,000		200,000	150,000
Grants	60,000		60,000	60,000
Other revenue	7,157		7,157	15,117
Interest income	376		376	442
Net assets released from restrictions	9,000	(9,000)	-	
TOTAL REVENUES	2,982,937	(9,000)	2,973,937	2,269,925
EXPENSES				
Program Services:				
HUD Grants for training programs	1,428,397		1,428,397	964,514
Leadership institute	137,867		137,867	172,241
Member service	114,866		114,866	172,259
Advocacy	213,705		213,705	253,102
Convention	27,108		27,108	149,331
Government affairs	115,391		115,391	131,932
Legal symposium and legislative conference	112,021		112,021	23,178
Total Program Services	2,149,355		2,149,355	1,866,557
Supporting Services:				
Management and administrative	604,074		604,074	545,598
Fundraising				4,561
Total Supporting Services	604,074		604,074	550,159
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,753,429		2,753,429	2,416,716
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	229,508	(9,000)	220,508	(146,791)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,032,677	15,000	1,047,677	1,194,468
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 1,262,185	\$ 6,000	\$ 1,268,185	\$ 1,047,677

ADVOCACY & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) is positioned as the authentic voice of native housing bringing representing 463 tribal communities to Capitol Hill and within the Administration. One of the primary reasons for the creation of NAIHC in 1974 is to bring attention to American Indian, Alaska Natives and native Hawaiians in their self-determined goal in providing culturally relevant and quality affordable housing for their communities.

NAIHC's Office of Governmental Affairs (OGA) manages all aspects of developing and maintaining effective working relationships with key decision makers and policy experts. In 2015, NAIHC provided oral and written testimony during official Congressional committee proceedings, and participated in Congressional committee briefings related to Indian housing and community development. In addition, dozens of meetings with federal partners including the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) were critical in carrying our positions on various issues impacting Indian housing programs.

To provide the world class advocacy, NAIHC relies on active participation and collaboration with NAIHC membership to enable the organization to achieve advocacy goals. Throughout 2015, work focused on passage of legislation to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) and securing continued program funding for tribal housing programs.

NAHASDA REAUTHORIZATION

Extensive outreach done by NAIHC to formulate an organizational position on reauthorization provided Congress a place to begin legislative deliberations for the 115th Congress (2015-2016). Our advocacy resulted in introduction of H.R. 360, a bill to reauthorize NAHASDA. Representative Steve Pearce (R-NM) led this bi-partisan bill that included 17 co-sponsors and passed the House in March 2015. Quick passage of H.R. 360 shows concise and effective advocacy with the House of Representatives. This measure is pending in the Senate. On March 11, 2015 Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Chairman John Barrasso (R-WY) introduced S. 710, a NAHASDA reauthorization bill in March of 2015. The bill was favorably reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in August 2015, and is pending on the Senate calendar.

In addition to multi-year reauthorizations of the Indian Housing Block Grant, the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant and related loan guarantee programs, there are very constructive provisions in each of these bills, including timelines for departmental decisions and approvals, use of NAHASDA funds to leverage other funds or to fulfill matching requirements, new authority to use Indian Health Service sanitation facilities funding when building HUD-assisted homes, a demonstration project to encourage private investment in tribal communities, a provision to create new opportunities for Indian Housing providers to serve Native American Veterans modeled on the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program, and favorable amendments to the Brooke Amendment.

By enacting NAHASDA reauthorization, Indian Country will take a big step forward in promoting Indian self-determination and reforming the main federal statute governing how low-income housing assistance to Indian families and communities is administered.

NAIHC continues to strongly urge Congress to pass NAHASDA reauthorization this year using necessary strategies and asks membership to take all opportunities to reach out to Congress to urge for passage of reauthorization legislation.

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

In early February, President Obama submitted to Congress the President's Budget Request (PBR) and Congress spent several months on the Congressional appropriations process, but were unable to come to an agreement on the 12 appropriations bills. This resulted in passage of a Continuing Resolution (CR) to continue funding for federal programs beyond the end of the fiscal year, September 30th.

The week of December 14, 2015, Congress successfully completed its work in passage of the \$1.15 trillion fiscal year 2016 Omnibus Appropriations bill, the legislation that will provide discretionary funding for the federal government for the current fiscal year including the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies. The bill was signed by President Obama on December 18, 2015.

The bill includes full Appropriations legislation and funding for the 12 annual Appropriations bills through the end of the fiscal year, September 30, 2016. This level reflects the increased domestic discretionary funding provided by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015. Many feel the omnibus spending bill is not perfect, but recognize that it could have been a lot worse if raising the sequester spending caps were not included. The legislation is a result of this extensive negotiation between House, Senate and White House officials to avert a government shutdown and provide clarity for federal programs this coming year. The legislation includes a total of \$38.6 billion for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Indian Housing Program Highlights in Omnibus-

- \$650 million for Indian Housing Block Grant. This is level funding with previous allocations.
- \$3.5 million for Training and Technical Assistance, including not less than \$2 million for a national organization as authorized by section 703 of the NAHASDA.
- \$2 million, for Title VI with a limitation on guaranteed loans of \$17.45 million.
- \$7.5 million, for 184 Loan Program with a limitation on guaranteed loans of \$1.190 billion.
- \$60 million, for Indian Community Development Block Grant including \$4 million for "imminent threats."

A provision was included that prohibits any recipient that has a total amount of undisbursed block grants in the Department's line of credit control system is greater than three times the formula allocation. Funds recaptured after this adjustment will be distributed to all other recipients under the needs formula. Any recipient receiving less than \$8 million will be exempt.

HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

In 2015, the Bureau of Indian Affairs continued its process of updating regulations governing the Housing Improvement Program (HIP), which provides grants for repairing, renovating, or replacing existing housing and for providing new housing. This initiative is an important part of the Tiwahe initiative, which is designed to promote the stability and security of Indian families.

A listening session was held on these proposed changes in conjunction with NAIHC's Legislative Conference February 3, 2015.

This final rule aligns the program with other Federal requirements, allowing leveraging of housing funds to increase the number of families served and projects funded, and promotes tribal sovereignty and self-determination by providing tribes with more flexibility in determining how to address waiting lists of tribal members awaiting housing assistance.

The final rule became effective December 10, 2015 and can be viewed by visiting our website at www.naihc.net.

ADVOCACY & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

STREAMLINING THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

Development of housing on Indian lands often involves funding from multiple agencies, often-duplicative environmental review regulations make building homes and other structures more expensive than they need to be. NAIHC has long advocated a change to NAHASDA to make clear that a single environmental review carried out under NAHASDA meets and discharges any other federal environmental requirements. NAIHC promoted streamlining the environmental review process during the 2012 White House Tribal Housing Summit and also included a provision on NAHASDA reauthorization moving through Congress and applauds HUD's Office of Native American Programs efforts that began in early 2015 to consolidate environmental review requirements for tribal housing.

This effort is aimed at developing a single, coordinated environmental review process for housing and community development in Indian Country. To simplify and streamline Federal environmental review requirements, HUD is working with the Council on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Energy, the Department of Health and Human Services (Indian Health Services), the Department of the Interior (Bureau of Indian Affairs), and other Federal agencies. A single process that would satisfy all relevant federal environmental review requirements will save time and money for tribal housing programs in their development of affordable housing and its related infrastructure. Outreach began during NAIHC's Legislative Conference held February 3, 2015.

On May 6, 2015, HUD issued an interim status report on the environmental streamlining effort to the House and Senate Committee on Appropriations. According to the report, this project is designed to be implemented in three phases. The first phase involved the review of each of the Federal department requirements for environmental reviews. In addition, during the first phase, a number of listening sessions, briefings and interviews are being held with tribal housing programs, or the day to day managers tasked with developing Indian housing developments. Once the interviews and briefings are completed, the interagency workgroup will use the information from the partner agencies and funding recipients to develop potential solutions. Those possible solutions will be further considered using a tribal consultation process. Input from the tribal housing programs (stakeholders) will be gathered and considered during the second phase of the project.

Phase II will focus on analyzing the information collected in the first phase to identify commonalities and impediments in environmental review processes and develop workable solutions. During this phase, the interagency workgroup will continue to meet and identify possible recommendations.

In the final phase, HUD will explore the agency recommendations and conduct formal consultation with the tribes prior to determining the final recommendations designed to improve and expedite the environmental review processes.

NAIHC will continue its role in this process and inform tribal housing programs, Members of Congress and Indian housing advocates.

For a copy of the report, please visit our website at www.naihc.net.

BUSINESS MEETING RESOLUTIONS

NAIHC 2015 BUSINESS MEETING RESOLUTIONS

#2105 – 01, A Resolution Upon Congress and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to Honor the Congressional Intent of Section 703 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act and Restore Full Funding to the National American Indian Housing Council.

- WHEREAS, the National American Indian Housing Council represents the housing interests of American Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, and native Hawaiian Home Lands and more than 277 tribally designated housing entities providing housing services to approximately 466 tribes, Alaska Natives, and native Hawaiians; and
- WHEREAS, the stated purpose of the organization is to promote advocacy for policy and legislative changes that will favorably impact our primary goals of providing culturally relevant and quality affordable housing for Native people in a manner recognizing the unique government to government relationship of tribes and the federal government; and
- WHEREAS, Housing opportunities are among the most significant for Indian Country in advancing sovereignty, and developing prosperous, healthy communities and economies; and
- WHEREAS, NAHASDA was landmark legislation because, for the first time under any HUD program, the right to self-governance and self-determination for tribes was formally recognized in a federal statute; and
- WHEREAS, The enactment of Section 703 of NAHASDA implements the original spirit and intent of NAHASDA, whereby tribes control and design programs and services to meet their housing needs; and
- WHEREAS, NAHASDA Section 703 states that funds shall be appropriated each year for a national organization representing Native American housing interests for providing Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) to Indian housing authorities and tribally designated housing entities, so that tribes can oversee and control the delivery of tribal-specific T&TA to meet their needs; and
- WHEREAS, The National American Indian Housing Council is the only experienced and qualified national organization that is competent to provide T&TA to Indian housing authorities and TDHEs; and
- WHEREAS, In some NAIHC regions, tribes have experienced positive training and technical assistance outcomes, including cost savings, improved quality and greater relevancy, through the delivery of T&TA by the regional tribal housing associations; and
- WHEREAS, President William Jefferson Clinton on November 6, 2000 issued Executive Order 13175 that stated in Section 5: "Consultation. (a) Each agency shall have an accountable process to ensure meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications. Within 30 days after the effective date of this order, the head of each agency shall designate an official with principal responsibility for the agency's implementation of this order. Within 60 days of the effective date of this order, the designated official shall submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a description of the agency's consultation process."
- WHEREAS, In accordance with the aforementioned Presidential Executive Order, HUD published its Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation policy on September 28, 2001 with the purpose to "enhance communication and coordination between HUD and federally recognized Indian tribes"; and
- WHEREAS, Section IV of the policy states that "when proposed federal government policies, programs or actions are determined by HUD as having tribal implications, HUD will notify the affected tribe(s) and take affirmative steps to consult and collaborate directly with the tribe(s) or its (their) designee; and
- WHEREAS, On September 23, 2004, President George W. Bush issued his Executive Memorandum, Government-to-Government Relationship with Tribal Governments recommitting the federal government to work with federally-recognized Native American tribal governments on a government-to-government basis and strongly supporting and respecting tribal sovereignty and self-determination; and
- WHEREAS, Beginning in 2011 and in the following years, up to and including FY 2014, the HUD "Transformation Initiative," has been presented to Congress which ignored these Presidential Executive Orders and HUD's own policies; this Transformation Initiative required a portion of HUD's budget, including appropriations for the Indian Housing Block Grant program – be transferred to the Transformation Initiative to provide general HUD programs; and

BUSINESS MEETING RESOLUTIONS

NAIHC 2015 BUSINESS MEETING RESOLUTIONS *CONTINUED*

- WHEREAS, During the past several appropriations cycles, the Administration has proposed and Congress has adopted language in the annual Indian Housing Block Grant appropriation that directly undercuts Section 703 by requiring HUD to allocate the T&TA funds under the IHBG by competition to national and regional organizations; and
- WHEREAS, Similar language has now been proposed to be incorporated into the NAHASDA reauthorization legislation; and
- WHEREAS, The provision of T&TA to Indian Country through the HUD Transformation Initiative and through the national and regional competitive process is directly contrary to Section 703 of NAHASDA, which section was requested and supported by tribes throughout Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS, The provision of T&TA through this process has significant tribal implications, yet HUD has never conducted any government-to-government negotiations with the tribes over this proposal in direct contravention of the Presidential Executive Orders and HUD's own Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation policy; and
- WHEREAS, Each year since 2006, tribes have passed resolutions and have urged Congress to continue to implement the letter and spirit of NAHASDA by designating a portion of Indian Housing Block Grant funds to the National American Indian Housing Council to provide tribal-specific T&TA.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National American Indian Housing Council urges Congress and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to honor and implement Section 703 of NAHASDA and provide to a national organization such amounts necessary for Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) to tribes, housing authorities, and tribally designated housing entities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Training and Technical Assistance from HUD to Indian Country should not have been funded through the Transformation Initiative, and that no funds from the Indian Housing Block Grant should be transferred to the Initiative for this or any other purpose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National American Indian Housing Council does hereby call upon Congress to protect the existing language in Section 703 and not to amend it to authorize competitive allocation of T&TA funds to regional and national organizations; and

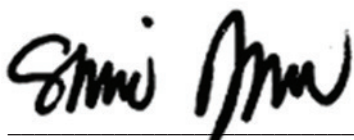
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National American Indian Housing Council recognizes that positive outcomes have been achieved through the delivery of training and technical assistance by some regional tribal housing associations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National American Indian Housing Council commits to collaborate with regional tribal housing associations that have successfully delivered T&TA within their regions to ensure that they remain able to deliver quality T&TA services to tribes in their regions and that equitable resources remain available to them for that purpose, through subcontracts or otherwise; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the National American Indian Housing Council urges the National Congress of American Indians and the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) to support this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

As the duty appointed Secretary for the National American Indian Housing Council, I hereby certify that Resolution #2015-01 was adopted May 14, 2015 at NAIHC's Annual Members Meeting in Phoenix, AZ, with a quorum present and by a supermajority of the vote.



Sami Jo Difuntorum, Chair



Floyd Tortalita, Secretary

NAIHC 2015 BUSINESS MEETING RESOLUTIONS *CONTINUED*

#2015-02, A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FY 2016 HUD INDIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT FUNDING

- WHEREAS, the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) is the primary national organization advocating for the housing interests of American Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, and Native Hawaiians; and
- WHEREAS, the stated purpose of the organization is to promote advocacy for policy and legislative changes that will favorably impact our primary goals of providing culturally relevant and quality affordable housing for Native people in a manner recognizing the unique government-to-government relationship of tribes and the federal government; and
- WHEREAS, Congress recognized the need for housing assistance and economic development in Indian Country when it passed the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA); and
- WHEREAS, the Government Accountability Office has determined that NAHASDA has been effective tool in providing affordable housing to Native Americans and Alaska Natives (GAO-10_326); and
- WHEREAS, NAHASDA has proven to be one of, if not the most effective program in all of Indian country in terms of meeting congressional and administration goals and objectives to promote not only housing development but job creation and workforce development; and
- WHEREAS, housing conditions and the availability of housing in Indian country fall far below those of the general United States population; and
- WHEREAS, U.S Census data has consistently documented that Native households were overcrowded or lacked adequate plumbing and kitchen facilities by a factor of 4-5 times the national average; and
- WHEREAS, Indian housing is not merely a federal entitlement or “discretionary program,” but has its roots in a solemn trust responsibility to Indian nations and peoples; and
- WHEREAS, safe, healthy and affordable housing is the very foundation for sustainable, healthy communities and the underpinning for most, if not all, BIA and IHS programs; and should therefore be given equal consideration in federal budget deliberations; and
- WHEREAS, to address the crisis in Indian housing and meet its trust responsibility Congress has in recent years provided “flat-lined” funding of \$650 million or less for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Program; and
- WHEREAS, it must be noted that public housing appears to consistently receive greater consideration for increases within the HUD budget relative to Indian housing and in FY 2015 appropriations, BIA received an overall increase of 3% and IHS a 5% increase while NAHASDA remained flat; and
- WHEREAS, adjusting a \$650 million appropriation for the cumulative impact of inflation since 1998 (using the Social Security inflation rate) leaves recipients with the purchasing power approximately 50% of that amount (\$325 - \$335M); and
- WHEREAS, an adjustment for inflation requires and appropriation of no less than \$960 million:

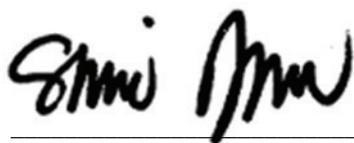
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National American Indian Housing Council’s highest priority is ensuring that there is sufficient funding in the congressionally approved and enacted federal budget for NAHASDA recipients to meet the basic housing needs of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiians beneficiaries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National American Indian Housing Council therefore strongly urges the Congress of the United States to fund the IHBG Program at no less than \$700 million for FY 2016, and to provide consistent, substantial increases in subsequent fiscal years of not less than \$50 million each subsequent year until the program has at a minimum recovered its inflationary losses;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the National American Indian Housing Council therefore strongly urges the Congress of the United States to fund the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant Program at no less than \$12 million for FY 2016, and to provide consistent, substantial increases in subsequent fiscal years.

CERTIFICATION

As the duty appointed Secretary for the National American Indian Housing Council, I hereby certify that Resolution #2015-02 was adopted May 14, 2015 at NAIHC’s Annual Members Meeting in Phoenix, AZ, with a quorum present and by a supermajority of the vote.



Sami Jo Difuntorum, Chair



Floyd Tortalita, Secretary

NAIHC SUPPORTING PARTNERS

NAIHC has formed long-standing partnerships with a variety of organizations, resulting in initiatives that better address affordable housing, economic opportunities, homeownership opportunities, and fundraising options. Through these alliances, NAIHC gains a strong network of housing industry support, as well as greater access to useful resources.

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