

Illinois Association of Housing Authorities  
Executive Board Meet was held  
Friday, January 11, 2008  
Decatur Conference Center & Hotel  
Decatur, Illinois

The Executive Board meeting of the Illinois Association of Housing Authorities was held at 11:00 a.m. in the Decatur Conference Center & Hotel, Decatur, Illinois on Friday, January 11, 2008. President Debbie Smith called the meeting to order.

The following members were present:

PRESENT:

Debbie Smith, Edwards County  
Kate Barton, Henry County  
Susan Anderson, Rock Island  
Tom Smith, Decatur  
Regina Wolf, Henry County  
Tony Hasbargen, Vermilion County  
Mark Sosnowski, Williamson County  
Diana Etheridge, Marion City  
Lynn Deter, Whiteside County  
Peg Barkley, Macoupin County  
Carol Watkins, Johnson County  
Tom Myers, Lee County  
Anne Smith, Menard County  
Judy Plummer, Union County  
George E. Harper III, Quincy

Also present were:

Kim Holman-Short, President Illinois NAHRO  
Vicki Miles, Executive Coordinator

President Debbie Smith presented John Day's letter of resignation. Due to accepting other commitments, he felt he had to resign from the Executive Board. The NICA group appointed Steven Silverman, Executive Director, Waukegan Housing Authority, to fill John's vacancy.

President Smith also informed the Board that Ms. Debbie Helman had retired and that ECHO had appointed Judy Plummer, Executive Director, Union County Housing Authority, to fill her vacancy.

President Smith welcomed Regina Wolf, Assistant Executive Director, Henry County Housing Authority who is the new President of NICA.

President Debbie Smith presented the minutes of the Sept. 19, 2007 meeting for approval. A motion was made by Tom Smith, seconded by Anne Smith to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Personnel: Diana Etheridge – No report.

Resolution & Bylaws: No report.

Membership: President Smith informed the Board that Regina Wolf had accepted the Chair of this committee.

Vicki Miles reported that 99 housing authorities had paid their dues for the period October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008. She still has eight that she is trying to collect. They are Adams Co., Boone Co., Champaign Co., Danville, Maywood, North Chicago, and Oak Park.

Nominating: Peg Barkley – No report.

Public Relations: President Smith reported that Judy Plummer had accepted the Chair of this committee.

Legislative: No report.

Education: Lynn Deter reported that the balance in the IAHA Education Checking account as of Jan. 9, 2008 is \$2,792.23. She asked if anyone had any training session that they would like to have IAHA sponsor. If so, please call Tom Smith, Tom Myers or herself. Carol Watkins moved and Kate Barton seconded a motion to accept the Education Report. Motion carried.

Finance: Brent Newman had emailed the financial reports to the Executive Board. As of the end of the First quarter 2008 the Association had a balance of \$75,932.96. Peg Barkley moved and Judy Plummer seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Brent's report stated that the 2005-2006 audit was still in progress. The auditors had requested some additional information. He had been on vacation the last two weeks in December, but was working on getting the information to the auditors. At this time there did not appear to be any findings.

Old Business: Corporation Status.

Brent had emailed the Corporation File Detail Report which showed that the IAHA is now a Corporation in Good Standing.

New Business: Anne Smith requested that the IAHA contribute to each council for educational grants for residents. After a discussion, Tom Smith moved and Kate Barton seconded the motion to give each council \$2,500 to be used for resident scholarships. Motion carried.

Council Presidents' Reports:

NICHA: Regina Wolf reported that NICHA held their Annual Meeting November 30, 2007 in Galena, IL. They had election of officers.

CICHO: Tony Hasbargen reported that they were meeting later today. Tara Peele, Senior Housing Program Coordinator/Interagency Liaison would be there to talk on "Money Follows the People" initiative. Peg Barkley stated that under this program 3500 people will be coming out of institutions to be housed in the local communities over the next five years. They are just writing the regulations at this time. She has volunteered to serve on the committee and urged ECHO and NICA to have a representative on the committee also. Both Presidents agreed to appoint someone to serve. There was considerable discussion on this subject. All present were concerned that there is a good support system for these people.

ECHO: Mark Sosnowski reported that the ECHO group would be meeting Friday, January 18, 2008, at the West Frankfort Country Club.

AHRMA: Julie DePasse was unable to attend the meeting. Diana Etheridge shared that AHRMA has hired Kevin Blaine as General Council effective January 1, 2008.

EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR: Vicki Miles reported that the new website was posted on December 30, 2007. She also gave a summary report on the usage Jan 1-9, 2008, which is as follows: Traffic viewed: Unique Visitors – 207; Number of Visits – 269; Pages 1210; Hits – 4321. The next thing that is being worked on is developing a complete list of policies.

Vicki reported that the Maintenance/Management Clinic Committee had met this morning. The Theme this year is "IAHA Rock'n in the 50's." We are going to extend the vendor hours on Wednesday from 3:00 P.M. – to 8:00 P.M. and on Thursday from 8:00 A. M. – 11:00 A.M. Both the Maintenance and Management agendas are coming along. She requested that final agendas be submitted to her by Jan 28<sup>th</sup>. She will be working on updating the vendor list and proceeding to send out vendor packets in the next two weeks.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Debbie Smith thanked everyone for sending her to the NAHRO Annual Conference in San Diego, CA. She said she had contacted all the vendors there and passed out the pamphlets inviting them to our clinic.

A discussion was held in regard to the next Executive Board Meeting. Tom Myers moved and Peg Barkley seconded the motion to hold it April 23, 2008, at 10:00 A.M. at the Decatur Conference Center & Hotel, Decatur, IL. Motion carried.

Judy Plummer asked how others were handling opting out of the project based regulations. Peg said she passed a board resolution. There was some additional discussion.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Smith, seconded by Susan Anderson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Miles  
Acting Secretary