

**Minutes**  
**NAHMA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**The Fairmont Hotel, Washington, DC**  
**October 26, 2015 – 5:00 to 6:15pm**

**Participants:**

**Board members:** President Ken Pagano, President-Elect Michael Johnson, Vice Presidents Tim Zaleski and Michael Simmons, Secretary Karen Newsome, Treasurer Steve Henderson, Immediate Past President Gianna Solari, Ron Burson, Melanie Kibble, Pamela Monroe, Christina Sanchez, Larry Sisson, Rich Skoczylas, Lisa Tunick, Angie Waller, Chris White

**Past Presidents:** Phil Carroll, Jim McGrath, Dan Murray

**Staff:** NAHMA Executive Director Kris Cook, Director of Government Affairs Larry Keys, Jr.

**Guests:** NAHMA Foundation President Melissa Fish-Crane, Mark Livanec, Kathryn Kargman Holden

President Ken Pagano welcomed our new Board Member Pam Monroe and gave a special thank you to outgoing Board Member Bill Wollinger for his years of service.

The minutes from the June 2015 meeting were approved.

Ken Pagano's President's Report highlighted the need for all members to ensure that their companies order the 2016 Drug Free Kids Calendars and to promptly pay all invoices for certification/COQ/SHCM renewals so NAHMA will finish the year on budget.

Steve Henderson presented a review of:

- a. Latest Financial Statement (no questions)
- b. Dashboard Report for ytd 2015 (no questions)
- c. Review and approval of the FY 2016 Budget – motion to accept was seconded and approved

Kris Cook gave an overview of the Advocacy Matrix and Strategic Dashboard. In Mark Morgan's absence, Kris reviewed the work of the Strategic Advocacy Goals Task Force and thanked Mark for his tireless efforts to make the Task Force such a success.

Successes in the current objectives were reviewed:

- Energy Issues and Opportunities Clearinghouse
- Urban Farming Information Clearinghouse
- Advancing Workforce Housing through a Grand Challenge Initiative

Public Policy Discussion – Larry Keys, Jr. indicated that no new items were brought forth from the Committee Chairs for review by the Board. He did review a request from Sheila Crowley, National Low Income Housing Coalition, to support their latest initiative. As items in the initiative may conflict with relationships we have with the Home Builders and others, the Board voted to remain neutral on the initiative at this time.

Melissa Fish-Crane updated the Board on the recent activities of the Educational Foundation and announced that 85 scholarships had been awarded this year. She indicated that plans are underway for the fund-raising event to be held in San Francisco and urged all to be as generous as possible at the Calendar Poster Auction scheduled to follow the Board of Directors meeting.

Kris Cook's Executive Director's Report highlighted the work of NAHMA's staff over the past quarter.

The Follow-Up Chart of business from past meeting was reviewed, with no changes or new items added.

There was a renewed discussion on having meetings during the work week rather than weekends. Kris reminded the group that the costs to move to a weekday format would skyrocket as noted by a recent comprehensive survey of hotels that match with NAHMA's meeting size requirements. The only alternative to keep weekday costs in line with our current expense would be to move out of DC, which was deemed unfeasible as our government speakers would not be able to attend.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 5:45pm.

Minutes submitted by Karen Newsome, Secretary