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NATIVE HOUSING UPDATE

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Successful Outcomes at the First Annual Southwest Native Housing Forum

Albuquerque, NM

April 7-9, 2009

The First Annual Southwest Housing Forum was a success beyond expectations. Approximately 135 people attended the Forum with 28 tribes represented from Arizona and New Mexico. Tribal leadership was well-represented as was national tribal leadership. U.S. Congressional and New Mexico State leadership was also represented, including a surprise visit by U.S. Congressman Martin Heinrich (D-NM). In addition, 10 training courses were conducted through a sponsorship by the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC).

At the plenary session on April 7, tribal leadership from this region encouraged the development a new association to address unique housing challenges, the need to share ideas and develop closer relationships, and to strengthen their voice on a national level. In response, a new association was formed on April 8 to represent tribal housing interests in Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas. The name selected was the "Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (SWTHA)." The SWTHA will be formally incorporated in the near future, likely as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. SWTHA will represent NAIHC Region VIII.

Interim SWTHA Executive Officers were also elected by the participants until the new association is formalized:

- President: Timothy Horan, Mescalero Apache Housing Authority
- Vice President: Michael Chavez, Zuni Housing Authority
- Secretary: Marlene Garcia, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Treasurer: Rachel Salas, Pueblo of Zia Housing Services

The next SWTHA meeting is scheduled for May 11 in New Orleans, Louisiana, just prior to the NAIHC Annual Convention.

35th Annual Convention & Trade Show

The hotel cut-off date to receive the NAIHC group block rate is **April 24, 2009**. The NAIHC group block rate is \$154 for single or double occupancy. To reserve your room now at the Marriott New Orleans, 555 Canal Street, call 800-228-9290.

Scholarships are available to attend the 35th Annual Convention and Trade Show. For information on eligibility or how to apply, please contact Vanessa Van Pelt at 202-454-0929 or email her at vvpelt@naihc.net.

Register to attend the convention by calling 888-625-7667 or visit www.naihc.net. The registration rate for a NAIHC member is \$425 and Non-NAIHC member is \$475.

The following training tracks will be offered at this years convention:

- AMERIND Spring Institute
- Diversifying Your Financial Portfolio
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Basics
- Introduction to Indian Housing
- Youth Build
- Financial Education and Asset Building
- Maintenance
- NAHASDA
- Methamphetamine Awareness
- Developing Green

Agenda at a Glance

Tuesday, May 12

Registration

Tradeshow

Plenary Session

NAIHC Training Sessions

Regional Caucus Meetings

Evening off-site tours/activities

Wednesday, May 13

Registration

Trade Show

Plenary Session

NAIHC Training Sessions

Regional Caucus Meetings

NAIHC Banquet

Thursday, May 14

Regional Caucus Meetings

NAIHC Annual Business

Meeting

Notice of business meeting – In accordance with the Bylaws of the **National American Indian Housing Council**, the NAIHC Business meeting of the Members will take place on Thursday, May 14, 2009, at the New Orleans Marriott, 555 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Proxy for Business Meeting – If you are unable to attend the business meeting and would like to vote by proxy, please submit a proxy to NAIHC's Membership Coordinator at the convention by **Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 5:00 p.m. CDT**. Thereafter, proxies for the Annual Business Meeting will not be accepted. If your proxy is mailed or faxed to the NAIHC Office in Washington, DC, it must be received no later than **Friday, May 8, 5:00 p.m. EDT**. Visit www.naihc.net for a proxy form.

Resolutions for Consideration - Resolutions for consideration at the Members Meeting should be submitted to the NAIHC Office in Washington, DC by Friday, April 30, 2009 by 5:00 P.M. EDT. This allows time for draft resolution to be copied in advance of the Annual Business Meeting. Resolutions can be mailed to NAIHC, 50 F Street, NW, Suite 3300, Washington, DC 20001 or emailed to LDuncan@naihc.net. Additional resolutions can be submitted to the membership from the floor during the NAIHC Business Meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2009. These resolutions must be in the proper resolution format and 400 copies must be made by the draftee(s) for the membership.

2009 Resolution Process – Resolutions for consideration by the membership should be submitted to the NAIHC Office in Washington, D.C. by **Friday, April 30, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. EDT**. These resolutions will then be reviewed by the Board's Resolution Committee and inserted in the convention packets before the convention begins. Resolutions that are submitted by April 30 will be dated and numbered by the Resolution Committee. All members who submit resolutions by the April 30 deadline are responsible for ensuring they have received a dated and numbered resolution from NAIHC.

For more information of the annual business meeting and the resolution process, please visit www.naihc.net.

Sponsorship Opportunities – There are many sponsorship opportunities available. Please contact Phillip Hillaire for a list of opportunities.

Exhibitor Opportunities – If you would like to have an exhibitor or arts & craft booth, please call 888-625-7667 or visit www.naihc.net.

NAIHC Job Opportunities

Training & Technical Assistance Specialists

Application Deadline: Applications for the Training & Technical Assistance Specialist positions must be received by **Friday, April 24, 2009**. Please visit www.naihc.net for qualification requirements.

The National American Indian Housing Council is a national non-profit organization that assists tribes and tribal housing entities reach their goals of providing culturally relevant, decent, safe, sanitary and quality affordable housing for Native people in Indian communities, Alaska Native Villages, and Hawaiian Home Lands.