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I just returned from our successful Spring Conference in Indianapolis. Over 250 were registered and we had 62 booths at the Exhibition with 89 vendors. There were so many great sessions, including a last minute visit from Greg Byrnes from HUD Washington. We were one of the first groups to hear firsthand about the proposed Transforming Rental Assistance (TRA) Program. Conference handouts will be available soon on the NCRC website.

Many thanks to Conference Chair Kathy Walden, her committee from Indianapolis, Bob Lane, President of Indiana NAHRO, and Pat Gustafson, RSO.

During the Executive Board Meeting, the Nebraska Bylaws were updated and approved, as well as two resolutions urging NAHRO to encourage legislation to allow PHAs to keep more of the cost savings associated with energy improvements and requesting congress to include PHAs in IRS funding recapture to collect money owed to PHAs. Currently several states collect this debt through their state income taxes and adding this federal layer could potentially bring in millions of dollars to our budgets.

The Annual Meeting was held at Thursday's luncheon and awards were presented at the banquet Thursday evening. My appreciation goes out to David Northern, Vice President of Member Services and the jury committee for their work in selecting Merit Awards, the Scholarship recipient and the winner of the Alvira Long Award.

The President's Award went to Sheila Miller, past president of NCRC. Sheila has been a tremendous help to me by recently forming an evaluation and audit committee and conducting both in January.

It was also great to see our national NAHRO staff in our region: Saul Ramirez, Sharon Sherrill, Lori Myers Carpenter and Jonathon Zimmerman. Think NAHRO First when it comes to training and don't forget to check out the new Certifications!

Last, it is never too early to mark your calendar for next year's NCRC Spring Conference to be held in Omaha, Nebraska April 26-29, 2011.

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