TEXAS HOUSING ASSOCIATION

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

AUGUST 22, 2012

CALL TO ORDER AND RECOGNITION OF NEW 2012-2014 OFFICERS AND EXISTING AND NEW BOARD MEMBERS

President Ethel Bluitt called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. and recognized the New 2012-2014 Officers and Existing and New Board Members by asking them to stand for the members to recognize.

Officers:

President: Bill Miller (Tahoka)

1st VP: Stan Dulaney (Gladewater)

2nd VP: Ben Stephenson (Baird)

Treasurer: Robby Crow (Nacogdoches)

Secretary: Shirley Hensley (Denton)

Pres. Elect: Cal Davis (New Boston)

BCHA – Dee Zachry (Dublin) and Johnann Schaefer (Childress)

CTHA – Vicki Young (Meridian) and Tina Steglich (Bartlett)

CHAT – Aileen Montgomery (Devine) and Cristi LaJeunesse (Kenedy/Karnes City/Three Rivers)

NAESW – Gina Limon (Uvalde) and Nora Rodriquez (Cotulla)

HAVE – Arnold Padilla (San Benito) and Mike Lopez (Hidalgo Co.)

NETHA – Steve Martin (Mt. Pleasant) and Med Daniels (Pittsburg)

NTHA – Denish Wilson-Owens (Garland) and TBA

SETHA – Tammy Hensarling (Newton) and Ginger Hendrix (Livingston)

TOTHA – Monica Moneymaker (Borger) and Carolyn Sessom (Ralls/Lockney)

WTCPHA – Monica Maldonado (Stanton) and Bernadine Spears (Odessa)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ethel Bluitt presented the minutes. Monica Moneymaker moved and Stan Dulaney seconded to approve the minutes. All approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Robby Crow presented the members with the treasurer’s report. He reported that THA is doing very well.

MaryAnn Russ moved and Carolyn Sessom seconded a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. All approved.

TML REPORT

Scott Epperson of TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool gave his annual update report on the THA-Endorsed TML Insurance program. He reported that TML provides coverage for 27,000 Texas Government agency members. TML has been able to provide reduced rates over the past 6 years and that many housing agencies have gotten equity back depending on the years in the program. It was also reported that the off-site training program offered by TML has been successful. Attendees were provided with a summary sheet in their packets.

THA Executive Director’s Report

Linda Bryant reported that there were a total of 627 attendees, 485 representing 170 housing agencies in attendance and 103 vendors, 58 booths. She stated that 97% of the PHAs in Texas are members of THA. She also reported that they held 39 workshops this year which brought in $105,000.

REPORT ON NEW JOINT LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS WITH TXNAHRO

Ethel Bluitt updated members on the decision of the Board to join with TxNAHRO in hiring a Legislative Consultant.

Recognition of Exhibitors and Drawing for Free Booth Next Year

Cal Davis reported that there were 58 vendor booths this year. He recognized all vendors including several first time attendees.

The winner of the free vendor space next year in Corpus Christi was won by Bath Fitters.

Recognition of THA Trainers

Linda Bryant recognized, thanked and presented gifts to all the trainers responsible for helping THA provide excellent and affordable training to members. The following trainers were recognized: Cal Davis, Christi LaJeunesse, JoAnn Rodriguez, Sharon Connor and MaryAnn Russ. Also recognized was Travis County for hosting several of the training courses.

Scholarship Committee Report and Recognition:

Denish Wilson-Owens, Committee Chairperson presented the scholarship awards to the following deserving young people:

Lauren Dawson, San Saba HA, Caylon Hodges, Breckenridge HA, Susie Lara, Tahoka HA, Lawrence Patterson, Dallas HA, Zoe Steele, San Antonio HA.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Cristi LaJeunesse, THA Member Services Committee Chair, recognized the Member Services Committee members (Dee Zachry, Hope Oritz, Sherri McDade, Shirley Hensley, Naomi Byrne) and reported that the committee was responsible for selection of the winners. Each submission for the special award was presented and then the winners were recognized:

HUD Above and Beyond:

Fort Worth – Tony Kruse, recently retired

Houston – Brian Reese

San Antonio – Margaret Sandoval

Tony Kruse and Brian Reese were present to receive their awards. David Pohler accepted Margaret Sandoval award.

Outside the Box Award:

Small PHA

Winner: Edgewood Housing Authority for Summer Day Camp. Approximately 20 children ages 4-16 participate in various activities once a week for five weeks. Activities include horseback riding, arts and crafts and cooking with various businesses involved as partners.

Honorable Mention: Stanton HA for Yes You Can! Go to College Initiative.

Large PHA:

Winner: Wichita Falls Housing Authority for “The Wall”. Innovative community project designed to transform neglected, graffiti area into youth project. A youth leader guides other resident teens in painting a wall resulting in Maintenance no longer spending time cleaning graffiti. The project provided youth with inspiration for future.

Honorable Mention: Beaumont Housing Authority for Digital Annual Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Wells, Secretary