**TEXAS HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

**General Session Minutes**

**August 18th, 2015**

President Cal Davis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

President Cal Davis recognized new board members serving for the regional organizations.

**MINUTES**

Peggy Gaydos made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 26th, 2014 general session meeting. Aileen Montgomery seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT PRESENTED BY ROBBIE CROW**

Robert Crowpresented the financial statement. The report is on a cash basis and will not reflect all the money coming in through conference. Kim McGilvray moved to approve said report, Rebecca Leal seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by all.

**TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT**

Tamara Chafin presented the Annual Report to the members. Caution was given in regards to hiring a consultant to negotiate claim submissions. Costs have been inflated with this practice and since TML is a member pool it is affecting the costs of premiums for the members.

**TEXAS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE REPORT**

Gene Reed, TxNAHRO/THA Joint Legislative Committee Chairperson, gave an update on legislative issues. Efforts have been made to reduce the burden of Flat Rents for properties that the Fair Market Rents do not fairly represent a flat rent for those properties. A property may submit information for a waiver regarding their flat rents. The Small Housing Authority reform act is still in discussion. More MTW housing authorities at levels other than large are in discussion. The following bills have been passed through congress, H.B. 2926 – RAD conversion legislation, S.B. 267 – “Source of Income” legislation, S.B. 1716 - City of Houston HCV representation, H.B. 4101 - SAHA “blight” remediation legislation, H.B. 3535 - Fort Worth HA “revitalization” legislation, H.B. 2878 - El Paso HA RAD conversion legislation and H.B. 74 – TDHCA rural community definition

**SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED BY MONICA MONEYMAKER**

The committee awarded four scholarships at $4,000 each to the following recipients:

Maddie Mayo – New Boston

Brooke Mosley - Madisonville

Britany Rodriguez - Borger

Amber Sliva – Devine

**TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT BY LINDA BRYANT**

THA had a good year with well attended trainings. Linda recognized the THA volunteer trainers, Cal Davis, Cristi LaJeunesse, JoAnn Rodriguez, Naomi Byrne and Sharon Conner. Special recognition was given to trainer MaryAnn Russ.

**THAT CERTIFICATION AWARDS**

The second annual THA Certifications were awarded by JoAnn Rodriguez to the following:

**Texas Certified Housing Administrator - Public Housing**

Brant Allen - New Boston

Rhonda Cook - Winters

Cal Davis - New Boston

Peggy Gailey - Strawn

Bill Holcomb - Crockett

Steven C. Martin - Mt. Pleasant

Erica Magers - Colorado City

Hope Ortiz - Cuero

Tricia Sears - Henderson

Stacia J. Waters - Atlanta

Steve Sansom - Gilmer

Deborah Doss - Kemp

Teresa Crawford - Trinidad

Cecilia Prieto - Round Rock

**Texas Certified Housing Administrator - Housing Choice Voucher**

Hope Ortiz - Cuero

Cecilia Prieto - Round Rock

**Texas Certified Occupancy Professional - Public Housing**

Brant Allen - New Boston

Wes Bell - Kirbyville

Brenda Chapa - Cuero

Cristi LaJeunesse - Kenedy

Brianna Evans - Cuero

Ronda Franke - Baird

Erica Magers - Colorado City

Judy Leavitt - Tulia

Tricia Sears - Henderson

Jo McCarty - Mineola

Yolanda Aleman - Beeville

Cal Davis - New Boston

Jana Raymond - Groesbeck

Julie Dawson - Teague

Amber Cook - Colorado City

JoAnn Rodriguez - Orion

Teylor Allen - Henderson

Janina Jones – Teague

**Texas Certified Occupancy Professional - Housing Choice Voucher**

Brenda Chapa - Cuero

Cal Davis - New Boston

Gail Bryan – Alto

**MEMBER SERVICES PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING AWARDS**

The Outside the Box awards were presented as follows:

Small - Malakoff Housing Authority – Resident Community Garden

Large - San Antonio Housing Authority – Bibliotech Digital Library

Naomi Byrne presented the the Above and Beyond HUD awards for 2015 to:

Fort Worth Field Office - Garrett Sauve
Houston Field Office - Ingrid Swanier

San Antonio Field Office - Gordon Tabone

Meeting adjourned at 11:58.

Submitted by Cristi LaJeunesse, Secretary