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**QUARTERLY Meeting of the Board of Directors**



**President's Quarterly Report**

**April 17, 2008**

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On the State of the Association  
April 17, 2008***

It is my honor and responsibility to report to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Housing Counselors and Agencies as to the activities of the corporation since our last quarterly meeting held on January 23, 2008.

During our winter meeting, the Board of Directors passed several new policies and implemented several new initiatives that effect the operation of the organization. I have taken the following actions to implement the Board's new policies and initiatives:

- Seen to it that the 2008 Conference registration brochure was mailed in February; we have started receiving registration forms.
- Appointed the Policy Committee to review the Personnel, Accounting, Procedures, and Operational Manuals and they will be presenting them to the board for review and approval.
- Appointed the Certification Committee to update the Housing Resource Guide. They will be presenting the changes for the Board's review and approval.
- Appointed Mr. Ridgeway Chairperson of the committee to deal with our 5-year strategic and business plan. Since he has not attended any meeting or provided us a report, I will be asking Mr. Jonas Milton to chair that committee. We need this plan in place before we apply to HUD as an intermediary agency
- Assisted the Certification Committee in conducting training and certification testing May 12-15, 2008 in Effingham, IL. We have twenty candidates registered for this event.
- Engaged Mr. Albert Onochie, CPA to conduct our annual audit. This will be a letter audit since our income did not exceed \$150,000.00. This is the second time since my tenure on the Board that our books have been audited. The 2007 990 has been prepared.
- Completed the Administrator's Certification Curriculum and Examination by December 2008.
- Signed the hotel contract for the 2008 conference. .
- Confirmed a site for the 2009 conference.
- Attempted to address the general membership's concerns regarding NAHCA being able to maintain the history of the National Federation of Housing Counselors. As instructed by the board, I wrote Mr. Davis a letter dated December 12, 2007, informing him of the general membership's desire to capture the history of the Federation.

As of this date, Mr. Davis, has not responded to my letter. Since Mr. Davis did not respond to my letter, I sought out legal advice from the Georgetown Law School as to how we could retain the history of the Federation.

I was advised that since NAHCA was born out of the Federation as the Federation's 501 (c) (3) organization, we would be within our rights to include the history of the Federation in our history.

Therefore, I am recommending that we establish a special committee to look at both organizations' histories and merge the Federation history into ours. This should resolve the membership's concerns.

- Recommending that we form an exploratory committee to determine what is required for NAHCA to become an intermediary agency of HUD and to determine how many of our member agencies would be willing to become an affiliate of NAHCA.
- I became aware that NeighborWorks America has issued a policy that they no longer will accept other organizations CEU's for renewing their members' certifications. I have personally talked to representatives of NeighWorks America regarding this issue. Therefore, I am asking the Board of Directors that we institute the same policy as our competitor. Effective May 1, 2008 NAHCA will no longer accept training conducted by NeighborWorks America as part of our certification renewal policy

However, NAHCA will accept training obtained by our members from NeighborWorks prior to the effective date of this policy. NAHCA will reverse this policy when NeighWorks America reverses their policy.

Several of our competitors would like to see NAHCA no longer in existence. The question we should ask is "why?" We know the answer to that question. The answer is that we have the only national training and certification program that is governed and operated by Housing Counselors and Housing Program Administrators. Our Housing Resource Guide and Training Curriculum were developed and administered by practicing Housing Counselor and Administrators. Our qualification standards to become a Certified Housing Counselor are superior to our competitors.

Throughout our 43-year history, we have seen competitors come and go. Those competitors also had the same goal of seeing our organization fail. We have weathered the storms and we still thrive while the others have faded away.

Housing Counseling would not be where it is today if it was not for our founders and members. The National Federation of Housing Counselors, our parent organization, was there at the beginning. We insured that federal funding was allocated by congress to fund housing counseling. We helped to develop the original Housing Counseling Program handbook that HUD approved Housing Counseling Agencies must adhere to in operating their housing counseling program. We were the first national organization that started certifying housing counselors and administrators.

Today we are still the only national organization that certified Comprehensive Housing Counselors specializing in both tenancy and homeownership. We are also the only national organization that certifies Housing Counseling Program Administrators.

We will not just fade away in the calm of the night; we will continue to provide the best quality training and certification to our members.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve and represent you.

Wayne A. Hodges  
President