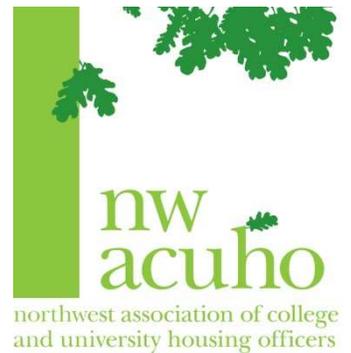


# NWACUHO 2009

## February 24, 2009

### President's Report ~ Matt Lamsma



#### **Core Purposes:**

As an organization this year we spent time discussing and working on implementation possibilities for our four Core Purposes. Stay tuned for more in the future. Our Core Purposes are:

- 1) Promoting Best Practices
- 2) Providing Professional Development Opportunities
- 3) Encourage the Collaborative Sharing of Ideas
- 4) Examine Future Trends

#### **ACUHO-I in Orlando:**

Both President Elect Richard DeShields and I were able to attend the Regional President's meeting prior to the conference. The agenda for this meeting allowed for a lot of sharing of "how do other regions do \_\_\_\_." The major topics of discussion revolved around the ACUHO-I Affiliation Agreement and the legal status of regional organizations. At the conference NWAUCHO Co-Hosted a reception with AIMHO. There were approximately 25 people from NWACUHO in attendance including past president's Vennie Gore and Sandy Schoonover.

#### **Incorporation:**

As of late July, NWACUHO became an officially incorporated non-profit organization in the State of Oregon. This began our process of rewriting bylaws and preparing for tax exempt status. I am convinced that the latest draft of our bylaws are good. They represent significant steps for our organization as a legal entity while maintaining the legacy of membership involvement. Voting will occur at the 2009 Business Meeting in Anchorage.

#### **AIMHO Conference:**

I had the opportunity to represent NWACUHO at the 2009 AIMHO Conference in Greeley, Colorado. This executive board member "swap" has been going on for the past three years and has benefited both organizations. During my time at AIMHO I was able to witness how another regional conference was run and network with various attendees and board members. Our regions have many similarities in size, geographic spread, and "feel" that allows for good comparison and learning to occur. I took away interesting notes on how AIMHO manages corporate relationship and sponsors, their annual Chief Housing Officers Institute, and recognition and scholarship opportunities. In reverse I have been in conversations with Brad Shade, AIMHO President Elect, regarding our model of State and Provincial Representatives. Sue Belotti from the University of Northern Arizona will be joining us in Anchorage as the current AIMHO president. This reciprocal relationship is one that I would encourage NWACUHO and AIMHO to continue.

#### **PACURH Conference:**

Oregon State University did a wonderful job of hosting the annual PACURH Student Leadership Conference. Kudos goes to Shelly Clark and the entire OSU Host Committee. Because PACURH was held in our region I was able to attend as a representative from NWACUHO. Being able to participate as a role call judge and sit in on some of the sessions facilitated by our student leaders and future housing professionals was a wonderful treat.

Finally, I want to provide a public Thank You to Josh Gana for his work since our last meetings on our legal status and incorporation. As I attending ACUHO-I and spoke with other presidents who are going through the same process, I am continually thankful for Josh's energy, commitment, knowledge, and time on this process for our region. Well done, Josh.

**Other Executive Board Updates:** I would now like to give an opportunity to other members of the executive committee to give updates, or note where their updates are located and can be read.