

MO NAHRO

Commissioners Committee

Fall Conference – September 2017

The MO NAHRO Commissioners Committee met September 20, 2017 at the MO NAHRO Fall Conference in St Charles with three members present. Donna Dunwoody introduced the incoming Vice President, Jay Ghanti, from Hannibal to Phyllis Self, Commissioner from Moberly. Items discussed revolved around new training topics to fulfil the requirement of continuing education to keep the NAHRO Commissioner Certification, how to bring training to commissioners so the costs associated with the travel could be reduced for interested agencies as well as keeping commissioners from having to take off work to train or making it easier for those commissioners who have travel issues. There was discussion regarding the various reasons why commissioners do not or cannot go to trainings. Donna was charged with asking the Executive Committee to help promote the need for commissioners to be trained and encourage executive directors to find ways to get their commissioners trained. The use of those trainers certified by NAHRO to take the Commissioners Fundamentals and Ethics training modules should be encouraged in the state's regional meetings. Our MONAHRO President, Carol Branham, MONAHRO Senior Vice President, Robert Rorah and the SW NAHRO Senior Vice President, David Lang from Arkansas spoke about the important role commissioners can play as great advocates for the low-income families and those who are elderly or disabled regarding programs and budget requests.