



**TO: Agency Representatives and Agency Individual Members**  
**FROM: Jennifer Jacobson, Treasurer/Secretary, Minnesota NAHRO Board**  
**DATE: July 30, 2025**  
**RE: Nominations for Minnesota NAHRO Board of Directions 2025 Elections & Proposed Bylaws Amendment**

### **Proposed Bylaws Amendment**

The Minnesota NAHRO Board of Directors recommends the following update to the organization's Bylaws. These changes propose to expand the role of the Vice President for Commissioners to include a focus on small agencies. The purpose of this update is to ensure a board position that represents our small agencies with 1-4 staff which comprise the majority of our membership. The provisions below note where in the current bylaws the role and title would change.

#### **PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAWS (addition underlined)**

##### **Article V – Officers: Names, Duties**

Section 1. The Officers of the Chapter shall be President, Senior Vice President, Vice President for Community Revitalization & Development, Vice President for Housing, Vice President for Professional Development, Vice President for Small Agencies & Commissioners, and Treasurer/Secretary, who shall be active Agency Individual members in good standing of the Chapter and the Association.

Section 4. The Vice President for Housing, Vice President for Professional Development, Vice President for Small Agencies & Commissioners, and the Vice President for Community Revitalization and Development shall be responsible for the Committees for which they were elected and shall serve as Chairperson of such Committees.

##### **Article IX – Committees**

Section 1. There shall be Committees of the Chapter through which the program needs and participation of the Membership can be provided. The Committees of the Chapter are Community Revitalization and Development, Small Agencies & Commissioners, Housing, Professional Development, Legislative, Nominating, and Executive.

Section 2. The Membership shall elect the Vice President of each of the following committees: Community Revitalization and Development, Small Agencies & Commissioners, Professional Development, and Housing. The Vice President of each committee shall act as Chair of that committee and shall be responsible for recruiting committee members as needed to fulfill the purpose of the Committee. The Committee Chair shall appoint a Vice Chair as deemed appropriate and necessary to serve a term concurrent with the Chair.

##### **Effective Date, Approval, and Revocation (for reference only)**

Section 1. These bylaws and any amendments thereto shall become effective on approval by the Minnesota Chapter of the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials and are subject to revocation by the Executive Board of the North Central Regional Council or the Board of Governors of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.



### **Nominations for Minnesota NAHRO 2025-2027 Board of Directors**

The Minnesota NAHRO Nominating Committee announces the following nominees for the 2025-2027 Board of Directors. (\*\* indicates current board member, \*indicates bylaws change if adopted)

#### **President**

Allison Streich, Executive Director, Carver County CDA\*\*

#### **Senior Vice President**

Taggart Medgaarden, Executive Director, HRA of Austin\*\*

#### **Treasurer/Secretary**

Jennifer Jacobson, Housing Director, Red Wing HRA\*\*

#### **Immediate Past President (not elected)**

Jill Keppers, Executive Director, Duluth HRA\*\*

#### **Vice President for Housing**

Emajean Hanson Ford, Executive Director, Douglas County HRA

#### **Vice President for Community Revitalization and Development**

Buffy Beranek, CEO/CFO, Southeast Minnesota Multi County HRA\*\*

#### **Vice President for Professional Development**

Nicole Randall, Housing Assistance Administrator, City of St. Louis Park

#### **Vice President for Small Agencies & Commissioners\***

Joseph Hiller, Executive Director, Chisholm HRA

#### **Board Members at Large (total of five to be elected)**

Jill Bengston, Executive Director, Willmar & Kandiyohi County HRAs\*\*

Charity Brault, Executive Director, Northwest Minnesota Multi-County HRA\*\*

Dana Hiltunen, Executive Director, Virginia & Eveleth HRAs\*\*

Tammy Manderscheid, Executive Director, Pipestone HRA

Mikel Olson, Executive Director, Fergus Falls HRA

Teresa Smude, Executive Director, Aitkin County HRA\*\*

**Additional nominees** may be made by the membership provided that it is made by petition bearing the name of the nominee and the signature of at least two voting members in good standing with Minnesota NAHRO. In addition, the petition must be received by the Treasurer/Secretary on or before August 15, 2025.

Voting will be conducted by mail, allowing all eligible voting members the opportunity to participate in the election. Members may also deposit their ballots at the Annual Conference prior to 1:00pm on Wednesday, September 24, 2025. You will receive your ballot by mail after the close of the nomination period. Additional information may be found at our website, [www.mnnahro.org](http://www.mnnahro.org).

#### **NOTICE**

**Nomination Period Closes August 15, 2025**  
**Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 25, 2025**  
**at the Duluth Entertainment & Conference Center**

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