

## PAHRA ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE BOARD & BOARD MEMBERS

Former PAHRA President **Brian L. Yaworsky** passed the proverbial gavel to incoming President Patrick A. Mack at the conclusion of the Annual Conference & Awards held at Skytop Lodge in October. Following two years at the helm of PAHRA, Mr. Yaworsky remains a member of the Board of Directors while serving the balance of his current term. PAHRA expresses our gratitude for Brian's excellent guidance and leadership the past two years.

PAHRA announces the election of **Patrick A. Mack** as President of the Board of Directors for the 2022-2024 term. Pat serves as Deputy Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Northumberland County. He has served PAHRA as Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee, and a member of the Member Services Committee. A graduate of Bloomsburg University with a degree in Business Management, Pat began his professional life in the public sector as Director of Planning and Economic Development of the County of Northumberland. His civic and community service includes volunteer roles with the Northumberland County Planning Commission, the Anthracite Outdoor Adventure Area (A.O.A.A.) Authority, and the City of Shamokin Economic Development Authority. When initially elected to the PAHRA Board of Directors, Pat stated that, "PAHRA events and education have long been a source for superior collaboration and idea sharing between agencies" and he hopes to "continue seeing that information sharing thrive".



Retaining her current seat for an additional three-year term on the Board of Directors is incumbent Ms. **Alicia Zazzera**, who currently serves on the Executive Board in the office of Treasurer. Ms. Zazzera is Executive Director of the Carbondale Housing Authority. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Marywood University, Scranton, PA. During her tenure as Executive Director at Carbondale, Alicia has focused on promoting self-sufficiency through the development of education-based programs and resources for the residents. Alicia appreciates the opportunity to be of service to her PAHRA friends and associates, especially representing the interests of smaller PHAs within our association.



The 2022 election process also resulted in the addition of three new members to the PAHRA Board of Directors.



**Andrew French** is no stranger to PAHRA leadership, having previously served as a member of the PAHRA Board of Directors, and as former Co-Chair of both the PAHRA Legislative Committee and the Professional Development Committee. Mr. French, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Fayette, is a 30-year veteran of the H&CD industry. He has acted as PAHRA's representative on the PA Department of Community and Economic Development's Community Development and Housing Advisory Board since 2005. Andrew is also a past President of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council of NAHRO and has served on NAHRO's Community Revitalization and Development Committee.



**Sharon Leon**, Executive Director of the Union County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities, has worked in the field of human services for 22 years, in the areas of adult and family literacy, workforce education, and housing. Her agency is actively involved in successful reentry housing for the formerly incarcerated and working to address the housing needs of those in their community who are at risk of homelessness. Pleased to join the PAHRA leadership, Ms. Leon hopes to help establish creative methods of increasing housing options both locally and across the state to help with this growing issue.



Newly elected **Sean Sember** has served in a variety of capacities for both the Tioga County Housing and Redevelopment Authority and the Bradford County Housing Authority over the past 11 years prior to advancing to his current position of Executive Director of the Tioga / Bradford County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities. Mr. Sember also acts as Executive Director for the Bradford-Tioga Leased Housing Corporation, a non-profit organization that is responsible for three low-income tax credit developments in that region. Sean holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mansfield University of Pennsylvania and serves as Tioga County's Fair Housing Officer. He is also a very active member of the PAHRA Professional Development Committee.

PAHRA expresses our sincere appreciation to departing Board members **Daniel Farrell**, **Kenneth Pick**, and **Martha Robbins**.

Mr. Farrell, Executive Director of Allentown Housing Authority, held the office of Secretary as a member of the PAHRA Executive Board. Having served a maximum term limit of nine years on the Board, Dan also provided valuable insight into legislative and regulatory matters as our Legislative Committee Chair, and was a true advocacy champion for our industry.

Joining the Board of Directors in 2013, Mr. Pick has also served the maximum term limit, during which time he was a dedicated member of the Professional Development Committee. Ken is Executive Director of the Berks County Redevelopment Authority, who focused on bringing relevant redevelopment and community development content to our conferences.

Ms. Robbins, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Monroe, was elected to the Board of Directors in 2015 and has also been a valued member of our Professional Development Committee. We thank Martha for her thoughtful contributions and commitment to our association through the years.

Also departing from the Board of Directors due to retirement is **Mark Yauger**, who joined the Board of Directors in 2015 along with Ms. Robbins, thereby providing PAHRA with seven years of service before leaving his position as Executive Director of Fayette County Housing Authority in November 2022. Mr. Yauger previously served as Chair of the Member Services Committee. We wish him well in this new chapter of life.

Mr. Yauger's resignation created a vacancy on the Board that President Yaworsky chose to fill through the appointment of Ms. **Regina Mitchell**, Executive Director of York Housing Authority. As such, Ms. Mitchell will fill the unexpired term of Mr. Yauger through 2024. With 25 years of housing experience, 16 of which were in executive management, Regina also brings a long history of leadership on a regional and national level. Such roles include former President of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council of NAHRO; Vice-President of the NAHRO Housing Committee; former Chair of NAHRO's Small Agency Task Force; and Steering Committee of the NAHRO Board of Governors. Ms. Mitchell also served three years as State President for the Maryland Chapter of NAHRO.



In his new role as PAHRA President, Mr. Mack will be supported by the following Executive Board members:

- First Vice-President Danielle Powell
- Second Vice-President Tonya Mitchell-Weston
- Secretary Penny Campbell
- Treasurer Alicia Zazzera
- Executive Members-at-Large Barbara Wilson and Renee Daly

Rounding out the remainder of the PAHRA Board of Directors are:

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| • Steven Fischer | • Regina Mitchell |
| • Andrew French  | • Holly Nogay     |
| • Sharon Leon    | • Sean Sember     |
| • Denise Miller  | • Brian Yaworsky  |

In closing, we ask that you join us in extending warm welcomes and a few fond farewells to our PAHRA leaders.



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