

Message from the President - Anne Sweaney

Our thoughts are with our friends from Virginia Tech. Events like this make us even more thankful for the strong relationships we have developed as members of the HERA family.

It seems like yesterday that we were enjoying the fall air of Ithaca, New York and meeting old and new friends. Joe Laquatra served as an excellent host and it was a treat to connect again with Earl Morris and Mary Winter.

Sarah Kirby and Sandy Wiggins are making arrangements for an outstanding conference in Charlotte, North Carolina October 23-26, 2007 at the Hilton Charlotte Center City. They are planning a very interactive conference including a Neighborhood Renaissance Tour and research roundtables that Ann Ziebarth and Carolyn Turner have created.

I hope each of you will encourage your friends and students to join us for an exciting time in Charlotte. We also support the mission of HERA and want to work to help the organization grow and flourish. The annual conference presents the perfect opportunity to share ideas, network and recruit new members. I hope to see you and your friends and colleagues in Charlotte. Also, please invite your local collaborators to join us in Charlotte.



Charlotte, North Carolina, in the Piedmont Region is the 21st largest city and the second largest banking center in the US. The **Hilton Charlotte Center City** hotel is connected to the *Charlotte Convention Center* and just 15 minutes from *Charlotte International Airport* and popular sites, such as *Lowe's Motor Speedway*, *Bank of America Stadium*, *Paramount's Carwinds Theme and Water Park*, *Blumenthal Performing Arts Center*, *Concord Mall*, *Discovery Place*, *Children's Hands on Museum* and the *Mint Museum of Craft and Design*.

Check the HERA website for more conference information. www.housingeducators.org

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News from Headquarters

Mike Vogel, Executive Director

The Executive Office appeals for Historic Photos of Members

Last year while going through the HERA/AAHE file, I came across some black and white photos of past and present HERA members. Most of the photos were from the 1980's and early 1990's. While the photos were not very old, many of the members were just starting their housing careers and most had much darker hair (some even had hair).

DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS of past members that you can share? If so, please send them to the HERA Executive Office. If you can, please identify who is in the photo and date of the photo. At future conferences and in future newsletters, we can share a few laughs.

HERA Membership Status
97 Active Members
54 Library Members

Treasurer's report - Howard Campbell

2006 Receipts \$30,569
2006 Expenses \$29,159
There is a surplus of \$1,410 separate from the \$30,000 Certificate of Deposit. Library membership fees helped significantly.

There is a deficit of \$8,000 in the submitted 2007 budget. This is the first year submitting under a calendar year, income budgeted is under what actually happened in 2006. The budget and treasurer's report were approved by the Board on May 1, 2007.

Executive Office Starts a Classic Housing Library

During the past six months the Executive Director has been on a quest for housing texts and reference books that have been authored by HERA members or books that have been used in early years of teaching housing courses. Thanks to donations from Shirley Neimeyer and Mike Vogel here is partial list of older books in the collection:

- *The House Its Plan and Use* by Tessie Agan, 1948
- *The House a Text for a College Course on the House*, by Tessie Agan, 1939
- *The House: Principles/Resources/Dynamics* by Tessie Agan, 1965
- *Shelter For Living* by Ernest Pickering, 1941
- *Decoratively Speaking - the Essentials and Principles of Interior Decoration* by Gladys Miller, 1938
- *Home Furnishing* by Anna H. Rutt, 1935

IF YOU HAVE BOOKS TO DONATE
Please send them to the HERA Executive Office.



Member News

Sue Crull retired from Iowa State University on May 15. She and Stan plan to stay in Ames and enjoy a new chapter in their lives. She plans to continue her membership in HERA and they may show up at a conference now and then.

Julia Marlowe retired from the University of Georgia in December 2006. Julia now owns a personal organization service, Athens Home Organizer and can be reached at: www.athenshomeorganizer.com.

Jane Reagor was promoted to Professor at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and will also receive the AAFCS Leaders Award at their National Conference at Reno in June.

Claudette Reichel received the LSU Alumni Association 2006 Floyd Edmiston Award for excellence in statewide Extension educational programs. Claudette also received the first HERA Housing Impact Award.

Diane Scimeca was hired at Louisiana State University to coordinate the state healthy home initiatives in partnership with the National Center for Healthy Housing.

Velma Zahirovic-Herbert joined the faculty of the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics in January 2007 as an Assistant Professor of Housing and Consumer Economics at the Griffin campus of the University of Georgia. She earned her Ph.D. from Georgia State University and her research area is housing finance.

HEAD'S UP - A HERA CONFERENCE SPECIAL!

*What can housing researchers and educators contribute toward efforts to “Bring Back the City”?
How does the type of construction and design of the neighborhood impact affordability for
residents and profitability for builders and developers?
How do we bring the Charlotte experience back home?*

“Neighborhood Renaissance: Tours & Roundtables” will be the focus of the second day of the meetings at the 2007 HERA Conference. The event is designed to engage us through listening, observing, and interaction. We will kick-off the special event with a plenary speaker who will introduce us to the housing renaissance in Charlotte. Then we will pile on buses to see the changes first-hand. Tour guides will provide background on the new residential construction including an award winning mixed-income community, key organizations and government agency involvement as well as housing and neighborhood preservation as part of renewal efforts. Following the tour we will have a special luncheon that involves HERA members and representatives from partner organizations to discuss research questions, teaching strategies, and outreach opportunities that come up from our observations.

Conference participants will be asked to pre-register for the roundtable theme of their choice. A moderator will be at each table to facilitate the conversation and record the research questions and ideas. The last 20 minutes of the session will be a “report back”; we will assemble a list of research topics, as well as creative ideas for teaching and outreach programming.

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Participants will gain new insights on urban renewal and residential renaissance
- HERA members will have the opportunity to interact and network with partner housing organizations
- Table discussions will generate specific research questions and preliminary plans around key themes
- Teaching, research, and outreach efforts will be highlighted at thematic sessions during the 2008 HERA Conference and will report on research findings

Comments and suggestions are welcome! Who would be good community partners?

What specific things would you like to see or discuss?

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Select a Neighborhood Renaissance Theme:

1. Neighborhood Diversity & Fair Housing
2. Financing the Renaissance & Fears of Foreclosures
3. Technology & Energy Efficiency Remodeling Revolution
4. Public & Non-profit Partners in Housing
5. Affordable New Construction- factory built/site built alternatives & options
6. Design Issues- the built environment & neighborhood renewal

North Carolina is looking forward to hosting you in Charlotte October 23 - 26. The conference is coming together nicely. The tentative agenda follows, and includes confirmed speakers.

HERA 2007 Conference Agenda

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007

3:00 -- 6:00 Registration
3:00 -- 5:00 Board Meeting
6:00 -- 8:00 Reception -- Poster Session

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2007

7:30 -- 9:00 Registration
8:00 -- 10:00 Breakfast (Sit Down)
 Welcome
 Introduction to the Conference
 Opening Speaker – Bob Young, HUD Regional Director
10:15 -- 11:45 Concurrent Session I – 3 sessions
11:45 -- 1:30 Lunch with Speaker – David Pressly, Past President, NAHB
2:00 -- 3:30 Concurrent Session II – 3 sessions
3:30 -- 4:00 Break (Snack)
4:00 -- 5:30 Concurrent Session III – 3 sessions
5:30 -- 6:30 Section Meetings

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2007

7:00 -- 8:00 Breakfast (Continental)
8:00 -- 9:30 Plenary Speaker Housing Partnership (tentative)
9:45 -- 12:00 Tour of Housing
12:00 -- 1:00 Lunch with Representatives from Partner Organizations
1:00 -- 2:30 Roundtables with Representatives
2:45 -- 4:15 Concurrent Sessions IV – 3 sessions
4:30 -- 5:30 Committee Meetings
5:30 -- 6:30 Concurrent Session V if needed – 3 sessions

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2007

8:30 -- 10:00 Breakfast/Awards (Sit Down)
 Tessie Agan Award and Presentation
 Housing Award
10:30 -- 12:00 Business Meeting
12:00 -- Conference Adjournment
12:30 -- 1:30 Board Meeting with Lunch

Date Extended for HERA Award Submissions

In an effort to encourage more nominations for the awards offered through HERA, the submission deadline has been extended to **July 15, 2007**.

Please consider nominating someone who has been a longtime, outstanding supporter of HERA for the **Distinguished Service Award**.

We are also encouraging nominations and self-nominations for the **Housing Impact Award**, an award given to an active HERA individual or team that has made significant contributions to the field of housing through a focused research, teaching, and/or outreach initiative. This is a new award initiated in 2006.

Submission guidelines and forms are available on the HERA website, www.housingeducators.org. All materials should be sent to JoAnn Emmel. If you have any questions call 540-231-9259 or send a note to jemmel@vt.edu.

Please help recognize our outstanding HERA members by sending in a nomination.

JoAnn Emmel
Awards Committee Chair

Come to Minnesota June 19 – 20, 2007

The University of Minnesota's College of Design will hold "Minnesota Affordable Housing Symposium: Celebrating, Designing, Innovating for the Future" Tuesday and Wednesday, June 19 and 20.

Panelists will review the individuals, organizations, policies and programs that brought Minnesota to the forefront of affordable housing. Participants will design creative solutions to the affordable housing crisis that will be shared in the closing session. The symposium is from 12:30 to 7:30pm, June 19 and from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30pm, June 20 in room 135, Continuing Education and Conference Center, 1890 Buford Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sherry Ahrentzen, director of the Stardust Center for Affordable Homes and the Family, and a research professor at Arizona State University College of Design will deliver the keynote, "How Housing Matters: Towards an Evidence-Based Design Practice in Affordable Housing," at 6:30pm, June 19 in 33 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota. To register, go to <http://www.cdes.umn.edu/ce/conferences/>



2007-2008 Conferences of Interest

Housing and Social Justice: The Intersection of Race, Place, and Opportunity, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, October 12, 2007
<http://www.law.unc.edu/centers/details.aspx?id=131&=2>

Extension Disaster Education Network 2007 Annual Meeting, Hilo, Hawaii, November 6 – 8, 2007

IFHE JUBILEE WORLD CONGRESS 2008 -- HOME ECONOMICS (Family and Consumer Sciences): *Reflecting the Past – Creating the Future*, Lucerne, Switzerland, July 26-31, 2008 **Deadline** for submission **August 15th 2007** to Tahira Hira tkhira@iastate.edu

Urban Affairs Association -- www.udel.edu/uaal -- 1968 Revisited: Cities 40 Years Later, Baltimore, Maryland, April 23–26, 2008

HERA Board Conference Call, May 1, 2007

Academic Section: Working on a textbook survey and a plan to have more books on housing subject matter at the conference book fair.

Extension Section: The first module of the core competencies is completed, it was developed by Janie Harris on renting (<http://extensiononline.tamu.edu>). Joe Ponessa is working on mold module. The disaster module is in progress and Mike Vogel is working on energy and the environment.

Awards Committee: The three awards are Distinguished Service, Housing Impact, and Early Career. Because the \$300 associated with Early Career is not available this year, it will not be awarded. We are looking for a sponsor.

Membership Committee: We sent cards to invite the non-renewals back. We will invite other organizations and local universities to attend the conference.

Housing and Society Journal Editor Report Ken Tremblay

The next issue includes seven articles and a commentary; the issue will be mailed this summer. The Winter issue is a themed one on Multifamily Housing and Residential Property Management. Manuscripts for the special themed issue are due to Rosemary Goss on **June 15, 2007**.

The HERA board is exploring the option of *Housing and Society* becoming an on-line journal. Libraries are more interested in subscribing to on-line journals and current students utilize research articles that are accessed on-line. The Publications Committee is currently drafting a position announcement for a new journal editor to begin January 2009.

Call for Papers for a Special Issue of *Housing and Society*:

Issues and Opportunities in Kitchen and Bath Design

The National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA) and the Center for Kitchen and Bath Education and Research (CKBER) in collaboration with the Housing Education and Research Association (HERA) announce a call for papers on kitchen and bath design. Selected papers will be published in *Housing and Society*, the official journal of HERA. The HERA journal publication will be a special issue dedicated to kitchen and bath design in the home, tentatively scheduled for publication in December 2008. Papers published will be authored primarily by NKBA Endorsed Programs educators, NKBA member adjunct faculty, and HERA members. The submission deadline is April 1, 2008. Papers can be based on traditional research, educational strategies, or commentary notes, ranging in length from 5 to 30 pages. Possible topics are:

Technology in kitchens and baths

Sustainable design

Universal design

Industry trends

Teaching methods and techniques



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