

New Decade



New

Opportunities

**2010 GAHRA SPRING CONFERENCE
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Sunday, May 16th

2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Registration
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Opening Session & GHARRP Annual Meeting
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Reception

Monday, May 17th

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Registration
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Scholarship Interviews
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.	Morning Training Sessions
10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Morning Sessions Continued
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Lunch & Scholarship Awards
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Afternoon Training Sessions
3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Afternoon Sessions Continued
8:00 p.m. - ?	Game Night

**BE SURE TO “TRY YOUR HAND” AT YOUR FAVORITE “GAME TABLE” –
BINGO/CARDS – DURING GAME NIGHT!!!**

Tuesday, May 18th

7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Registration
7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Morning Training Sessions
10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Morning Sessions Continued
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Afternoon Sessions

**2010 GAHRA SPRING CONFERENCE
TRAINING SESSIONS OVERVIEW**

Monday, May 17, 2010

ASSISTED HOUSING

Barry Troutman of the HUD Atlanta Office will provide an update on new regulations, portability and other timely and pertinent issues affecting Assisted Housing. These sessions will be interactive and offer the participant the chance to exchange information with other Section 8 providers and HUD officials.

COMMISSIONERS

If your Authority's Operating Budget has always been a mystery, then this session is for you. Steve Pressley of Scott Accounting will teach Commissioners how to read, interpret and understand a PHA Operating Budget.

FINANCIAL MANGEMENT

Jorge Torres, Financial Analyst from the Atlanta HUD Office will brief participants on all of the latest information from HUD as it relates to financial matters.

Dale Rector, Principal of Rector and Reeder, P.C. will present a session entitled: "Financial Management – What We Have Learned from Project Based Accounting and What's Ahead." On Monday, Mr. Rector will provide the first of two days of high-quality in-depth training that will touch on financial analysis in the Project Based Accounting world, Capital Asset Accounting, the New FDS, SAS 112, 114 & 115, the new Non-Profit reporting requirements and much more!

HOMEOWNERSHIP

Shannon Judd, NSP Coordinator with PEMCO will present, "The HUD Sales Process – Opportunities to Create Homeownership." The session will focus on HUD's Homeownership Incentives and opportunities for Housing Authorities to participate in the HUD sales process. Examples of currently successful programs will be provided.

HUMAN SERVICES – RESIDENT SUPPORT

"Character Building for Today's Youth: Intervention to Prevention" This session will highlight core virtues that help teens develop into responsible adults who make choices based on what is right rather than what is wrong.

"Keeping House – Strategies to Decrease Housekeeping Issues" Participants will explore intervention strategies designed to assist families to live in a clean and healthy environment. Fresh ideas, new approaches and best practices will be shared in this session.

MAINTENANCE

Melanie Dalton, HUD Labor Relations Specialist will present a Labor Standards workshop covering topics such as Prevailing Wage Requirements, Contract Management, Davis Bacon Issues, Contract Enforcement, Contractor Reporting Requirements, Housing Authority Reporting Requirements and HUD Monitoring Reviews.

MANAGEMENT

Enterprise Income Verification (EIV). Nicole Faison, Director of Public Housing Programs for HUD Headquarters, Washington will provide information on the newest mandated requirements relating to the EIV System. Topics will include refinement of income, rent determination requirements and amendments to the final rule.

Employee Benefits Now and in the Future. This session will offer a roundtable discussion involving several PHAs. The current employee benefits offered by each Authority will be reviewed and the future of employee benefits will be discussed.

2010 GAHRA SPRING CONFERENCE TRAINING SESSIONS OVERVIEW

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

ASSISTED HOUSING

Creating Affordable Housing Options for Person with Disabilities. Representatives from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs will provide information on the Money Follows the Person program (MFP) which is designed to help move individuals from institutions back into the community. This and other factors have expanded the need for affordable housing services among this population. Various models including housing choice vouchers will be discussed.

COMMISSIONERS

Charlie Maddox, Consultant, will present an interactive session on the roles and responsibilities of a Housing Authority Commissioner. The session will cover the fundamental duties of the commissioner and the methods of carrying out these responsibilities.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Continuation of Dale Rector's Monday session, "Financial Management – What We Have Learned from Project Based Accounting and What's Ahead."

HOMEOWNERSHIP

How to Make Responsible Homeownership Work in the Future. Thomas E. Stokes, III, Community Affairs Officer with the FDIC will focus on loan modifications, the crisis in homeownership, affordable mortgages and the lessons learned from the recent past.

HUMAN SERVICES – RESIDENT SUPPORT

Supporting Families with Positive, Effective Programs. This Round Table Discussion, Question and Answer Session will focus on existing programs among our own Housing Authority members. This session will help participants discover ways to effectively implement programs to meet the needs of the families they serve. Resource materials will be provided.

MAINTENANCE

The Maintenance Committee will conduct a Round Table Discussion focusing on current issues affecting Housing Authority Maintenance Operations.

MANAGEMENT

Regulatory Compliance Update. Housing Authority and HUD personnel will discuss the latest compliance issues including those related to Community Service, Declaration of Trust and other issues uncovered in HUD OIG audits.

Fraud Prevention in Public Housing. Sonya D. Lucas, HUD Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audits will provide timely information concerning what to do and what not to do in order to offer a practical solution to control the risks involved with operating a Public Housing Authority.

2010 GAHRA SPRING CONFERENCE INFORMATION AND POLICIES

Registration Fees

Fees cover the cost of the workshop including meals, breaks, speaker fees and audio/visual equipment. There is a discounted fee for those attending the entire conference and a single day fee structure for persons attending only one or two days.

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Late/On-Site</u>	<u>Guest</u>	<u>Guest Late</u>
Full Conference Package	\$225	\$330	\$150	\$225
Daily Fees				
Sunday	\$75	\$110	\$50	\$75
Monday	\$110	\$165	\$60	\$90
Tuesday	\$90	\$135	\$60	\$90

The registration rate for non-GAHRA members is double the regular or late rate, whichever applies.

Regular Registration

Regular Registration will end on MAY 3, 2010. Mailed registrations received bearing a postal date after this date will be considered late and the late/on-site registration rate will be invoked. An invoice will be mailed to the Housing Authority for the additional fee.

Late or On-Site Registration

Late Registration will be accepted until May 10, 2010. After this date, all registrations will be on-site by cash, check or money order. Credit Cards cannot be accepted for on-site registration.

Method of Registration and Payment

This year there are three methods of registration and payment.

1. Copies of the registration form may be printed and mailed along with a check to the address indicated on the registration form.
2. On-line registration using a credit card (VISA, MasterCard or American Express).
3. On-line using a check as payment. **The check must be received within 15 days or the registration will be void.**

Methods 2 and 3 will provide a receipt by e-mail.

Substitutions and Refunds

Substitutions for registered participants may be made at any time. Refunds will be made for cancellations less a \$25 cancellation fee if a notice of cancellation is received in writing, by fax (706-724-2342) or by e-mail (boldfield@augustapha.org) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2010. **No refunds will be made after May 3, 2010.**

2010 GAHRA Spring Conference Registration Form

**Please use one form per registrant and block print or type information
in all CAPITALS**

Badge Name _____

Title _____

Agency _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Registration Fees

<u>Please Check Box</u>	<u>By May 3, 2010</u>		<u>After May 3, 2010</u>	
	Member	Guest	Member	Guest
<input type="checkbox"/> Package	\$225	\$150	\$330	\$225
OR				
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	\$75	\$50	\$110	\$75
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Non-Member fees are double the above amounts.

Methods of Registration

- To pay by check on-line or by credit card, click the following link or go to <http://www.gahra.org> and follow the instructions.
- Print registration form from website. Complete registration form. Mail along with check payable to GAHRA to:

Harden A. Oldfield
Augusta Housing Authority
P. O. Box 3246
Augusta, GA 30914-3246

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Should you have any questions concerning registration, please call Harden Oldfield at 706-312-3100 or e-mail questions to boldfield@augustapha.org.

2010 GAHRA SPRING CONFERENCE HOTEL INFORMATION

Our Spring Workshop will be held at the beautiful, brand new Marriott Macon City Center Hotel located adjacent to the Macon Centreplex, 240 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217. The room rate is \$119 per night. Reservations may be made using the following internet link:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/MCNFS?groupCode=GAHGAHA&app=resvlink&fromDate=5/16/10&toDate=5/18/10>

Reservations may also be made directly with Marriott Reservations Toll Free at 1-800-228-9290 or 478-621-5300. When calling the hotel or the toll free line, please reference the Group Name: **GAHRA**

The hotel will hold our block of rooms until Thursday, April 15, 2010. After that, the regular room rate will apply.

ALL TAX-EXEMPT FORMS MUST BE PRESENTED AT CHECK-IN

Acceptable methods of payment are Agency Check, Agency Credit Card and Cash. Personal credit cards will not qualify for tax-exempt status.

Directions to the Marriott Macon City Center Hotel

The hotel is located adjacent to Macon's Coliseum and Centreplex, near the Coliseum Medical Center. The hotel at 240 Coliseum Drive can be accessed from I-16 on exit number 2.

From Atlanta and points north

Take Interstate 75 South to Interstate 16 East. Travel east on Interstate 16 to exit 2 and turn left onto Coliseum Drive. Hotel is 3/10 mile on the left.

You may also obtain directions on the hotel's web site at:

www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/mcnfs-macon-marriott-city-center/