

# 2018 GAHRA COMMISSIONERS RETREAT

**July 17–19, 2018**  
Jekyll Island, Georgia

*The Westin Jekyll Island*  
*110 Ocean Way*  
*Jekyll Island, GA 31527*



# Come Join Us!

## YOUR 2018 CONFERENCE

This year's conference will be held at one of Georgia's most charming oceanfront resorts – The Westin Jekyll Island located in Jekyll Island, Georgia. Get away from it all and join your fellow commissioners in Jekyll Island to address the many practical issues and hot topics that are currently facing Housing Authority Commissioners in the complex world of providing affordable housing to customers.

### YOUR TRAINER

## Dennis Morgan



Mr. Morgan, a Senior Associate at D L Morgan & Associates provides technical assistance to PHAs, communities, and states throughout the United States for HUD, NeighborWorks America, LISC, NAHRO, FirstPic, and with the private firms. Mr. Morgan provides technical assistance and training on various issues throughout the country including; Rental Demonstration Program (RAD), Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Management, Occupancy, Eligibility and Rent, Asset Management, REO Properties, Conversion of Public Housing to the HCV Program, HCV Homeownership, PH Homeownership, Public Housing Management, Eligibility, Income and Rent, Project-Based Management of Public Housing, Strategic Planning, Public Housing Executive Management, PHAS, Section 8 Administration, Public Housing Administration, UPCS, HQS, SEMAP, Board Training, PHA Policies and Updates and the PHA Plan. He is a faculty member for NAHRO, D L Morgan & Associates, and NeighborWorks America. Mr. Morgan has authored several guidebooks for HUD and has authored many of the NAHRO training manuals including **Asset Management**, Public Housing Eligibility Income and Rent Training Manual, HCV Eligibility Income and Rent Training Manual, Earned Income Disallowance Technical Assistance Manual, HCV Occupancy, HCV Management, Fair Housing, UPCS, HQS, Consortia, Strategically Positioning Your Agency for Asset Management.

Mr. Morgan has over 45 years of experience in delivering technical assistance or administering high performing Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) in Toledo, Ohio; Orlando, Florida; and Deland, Florida.

## WE WILL PROVIDE UPDATED AND INNOVATIVE TRAINING

We will continue to research issues of concern voiced by you, the commissioners. We will attempt to provide answers and resources to benefit you in the performance of your duties as Housing Authority Commissioners. We will provide information concerning the National Organizations and their work on behalf of Housing Authorities nationwide.

We will also provide leadership training for commissioners as well as practical knowledge of the tools available to assist in policymaking decisions that Commissioners must make to be effective in their communities.

This training is designed to provide answers to many questions Commissioners have always wanted to ask. Learn how other commissioners are making policies for their agencies and resolving issues. Meet and make new friends, reunite with colleagues and contacts who will be of assistance to you in the future.



This training will cover the following

- ETHICS FOR COMMISSIONERS AND PHA
- RAD
- PET POLICY
- FAIR HOUSING
- NON-SMOKING POLICY
- VAWA
- STREAMLING
- HUD UPDATES
- ...AND OTHER TOPICS RELATING TO THE PHA.

# Conference “Early Bird” Registration Information

**GAHRA Members:** The Early Bird Registration fee for the 2018 Commissioners Retreat is \$300.00 for each participant. If your spouse or significant other (guest) wishes to enjoy the social functions only, then their fee is \$120.00 each. This fee covers the cost for the following meals:

- **Wednesday** – Breakfast, Breaks, Lunch, and Dinner
- **Thursday** – Breakfast

Registrants may register online by going to the GAHRA Web Site or you may use the enclosed registration form. One form can be used to register up to five (5) people. Duplicate copies of this form are acceptable.

Early Bird registration will end June 15, 2018. Registrations received after this date will be late for the Early Bird special. The regular registration fee will be \$325.00 per person and \$140.00 per guest through June 29, 2018. On-site registration will be available the days of the conference. The fee for on-site registration for commissioners will be \$350.00 per person and the guest fee for on-site registration will be \$150.00 per guest.

**Non-GAHRA Members:** The Early Bird Registration fee for participants of Authorities or Agencies that are not GAHRA members will be \$350.00 per person and \$150.00 per guest. Early Bird registration will end on June 15, 2018. Regular registration for participants from Authorities or Agencies that are not GAHRA members will be \$400.00 per person and \$200.00 per guest through June 29, 2018. On-site registration for participants from non-GAHRA Authorities will be \$500.00 per person and \$250.00 per person for the guest fee.

**Substitutions and Refunds:** Substitutions for registered participants may be made at any time. Refunds will be made for registration cancellations if the notice of cancellation is received in writing, e-mail, or by fax no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 6, 2018. Email: [joglesby@augustaapha.org](mailto:joglesby@augustaapha.org) or send a fax to Jake Oglesby at 706-288-1658. All refunds are subject to a \$25.00 fee set by **GAHRA**.

Please take advantage of the Early Bird Registration period. Your agency will realize a savings for registering early.

<b>Registration Fee Structure</b>	<b>GAHRA Members</b>	<b>Their Guests</b>
Early Bird Registration Fee – due 06/15/2018	\$300.00	\$120.00
Regular Registration Fee – June 06/29/2018	\$325.00	\$140.00
On-Site Registration Fee – due at Conference	\$350.00	\$150.00

<b>Registration Fee Structure</b>	<b>Non-GAHRA Members</b>	<b>Their Guests</b>
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On-Site Registration Fee – due at Conference	\$500.00	\$250.00

**ON-SITE REGISTRATION** - After June 29, 2018, all registrations will be on-site by cash, check or money order. Credit Cards cannot be accepted for on-site registration.

**\*\*\*NO COMMISSIONER MAY REGISTER AS A GUEST AND ALL GUEST REGISTRATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COMMISSIONER'S REGISTRATION. \*\*\***

# OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

To make room reservations, please call:

Toll-Free: **1-888-627-8316** and ask for the **GAHRA** or **Commissioners Conference** July 17-19, 2018 for the group rate.

Below is the appropriate link to access the hotel site:

GAHRA 2018 (copy and paste the following link into a web browser)

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1710301590&key=4EE8F27>

<u>Room Type</u>	<u>Daily Room Rate</u>
Island View	\$219.00 + 11% room tax
Ocean View	\$249.00 + 11% room tax

**There is a Resort charge of \$15.00 and a Georgia Hotel Fee of \$5.00 per room per night.**

**Tax Exemption** – For tax exemption, guests will need to present a state tax exemption form, a hotel/motel tax exemption form, and pay with a housing authority check or credit card.

***Rooms will book up quickly, so make your reservation now!***

The cut-off date for making your overnight reservation is **06/17/2018, 11:59PM.** On the next day, any rooms remaining in the GAHRA room block will be released for sale to the public.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you need any additional information, please contact **Ella Murphy at 770-419-3219** or email: [emurphy@mariettahousingauthority.org](mailto:emurphy@mariettahousingauthority.org)

**\*\*\*\*CHECK ROOM ACCESSIBILITY WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS\*\*\*\***

# 2018 RETREAT SCHEDULE

(Tentative)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	3:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.	Retreat Registration Room Check-in
<b>(DINNER ON YOUR OWN)</b>			
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	7:00am – 8:30am	Breakfast Buffet
		9:00am – 10:15a.m.	Opening Session by Dennis Morgan
		10:15a.m. – 10:30a.m.	Morning Break
		10:30a.m. – 12:00p.m.	General Session by Dennis Morgan
		12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
		1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	General Session by Dennis Morgan
		3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Afternoon Break
		3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	General Session by Dennis Morgan
		7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Dinner & Dance
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet
		9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m.	Closing Session by Dennis Morgan
		11:00a.m.	DRAWING

# Don't miss out



## **DRAWING FOR A RETURN VISIT TO JEKYLL ISLAND**

On Thursday, July 19, 2018 at the closing session, drop your Commissioners Retreat name badge into the appropriate box. At the end of the retreat, a drawing will be held and one lucky person will receive a voucher for a return visit to the Westin Jekyll Island just for attending this training. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.**



**GAHRA COMMISSIONERS RETREAT  
WESTIN JEKYLL ISLAND  
JEKYLL, GA  
JULY 17-19, 2018**

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Complete (print or type) enclosed registration form for ALL attendees. Duplicate sheets are acceptable. (Up to 5 names can be submitted on each form).
2. **Please take advantage of the Early Bird Registration Period.**  
**GAHRA Members - Early Bird Registration is \$300.00 per attendee. Spouse or Guest fee is \$120.00 each.**  
**Non GAHRA Members - Early Bird Registration is \$350.00 per attendee. Spouse or Guest fee is \$150.00 each.**
3. **A check for the full amount must accompany your registration form.**
4. **On-site registration will be available.** Only cash, check or money order. Credit cards cannot be accepted.
5. **Refunds** will be made for registration cancellations if the notice of cancellation is received in writing, e-mail, or by fax no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 6, 2018. Email: joglesby@augustaapha.org or send a fax to Jake Oglesby at 706-288-1658. All refunds are subject to a \$25.00 fee set by GAHRA. **(Substitutions may be made for commissioners who are registered but unable to attend.)**
6. The deadline for regular registration is **Friday, June 29, 2018.** All registrations received after that date will be subject to the on-site registration fee of \$350.00 for members and \$500.00 for non-members.
7. **Registration is limited to 150 participants. First come first served!**
8. Send registration form(s) and check payable to: **GAHRA**  
*Send to:* **Augusta Housing Authority**  
**Attn: Jake Oglesby**  
**1435 Walton Way**  
**Augusta, GA 30901**
8. If you have any questions concerning registration, please contact **Jake Oglesby** at:

Phone: (706)312-3158  
Email: joglesby@augustapha.org

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**REGISTRATION FORM  
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

Authority \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**FULL PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM!**

\*Please fully complete the below registration information.

Person(s) Attending	Position/Title	Vegetarian Check <input type="checkbox"/>	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one: New * Exp. ** Commissioner		Registration Amount
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

\* New Commissioner: Less than 2 years

\*\*Experienced Commissioner: More than 2 years.

**TOTAL CHECK** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Lactose Intolerance - Please place a check by person(s) listed above.

**FOR GAHRA USE ONLY:**