

**WESTERN PA HOUSING DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting Minutes, August 8, 2013**  
**Pittsburgh Hyatt, Pittsburgh North Shore, Pittsburgh, PA 16214**

The meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Housing Director's Association was held on Thursday, August 8, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the Pittsburgh Hyatt, Pittsburgh North Shore, Pittsburgh, PA.

**Welcome** - Dusti Dennis opened the meeting at 10:00 AM, welcoming everyone in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes** - A motion to approve the minutes as presented from the May 14, 2013 meeting was made by Steve Bucklew, seconded by Lorene Osborne. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**Bills and Communications** - None

**Treasurer's Report** - Steve Hall, Treasurer, reviewed the financial statement ending August 31, 2013. Steve reported the current balance stands at \$49,841.46. He also noted the Association incurred losses from cancellation of the Physical Needs Assessment Training and from low registration for the Procurement training. Steve Bucklew made a motion seconded by Nanette Livadas to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion unanimously carried.

**Report of Committees** - None

**Unfinished Business**

- Nominating Committee – Steve Bucklew and Lorene Osborne agreed to serve on the nominating committee
- Trainings – As a result of discussion regarding future training topics, it was suggested the Association consider a training to provide information on establishing insurance safety committees, and, a training on the affordable health care act
- It was also mentioned that better coordination with HUD regarding their trainings is necessary to provide adequate time for Authorities to be able to schedule staff attendance.

**New Business**

Dusti introduced the speaker, Attorney John Hansberry of Pepper Hamilton. Mr. Hansberry's discussion covered a broad range of topics facing Housing Authorities in federal court litigation, including Section 1983 actions, Fair Housing Act claims, immunity for Executive Directors, PHA's immunity from punitive damages and issues related to portability. Mr. Hansberry presented information on the most recent court cases related to these topics.

**Adjournment** – On a motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM. The motion carried unanimously. The next meeting will be held on October 29, 2013 at Chestnut Ridge in Blairsville.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Sunderland