January 17, 2019

Hello IAOHRA Member!

The IAOHRA Board of Directors will hold a Board Meeting and Strategic Planning Retreat in Washington, DC, February 19-21, 2019, and we would like to invite you to attend the IAOHRA Day on Capitol Hill, Thursday, February 21.

The Board’s Legislative Committee will schedule meetings with key legislators and we encourage you to schedule meetings with representatives from your jurisdiction. The purpose of these meetings is to educate lawmakers about IAOHRA and its mission, and how IAOHRA can be a resource to them on civil and human rights matters. The issues that may be discussed include:

- **Funding of key civil and human rights agencies to include the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Fair Housing programs, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the U.S. Department of Justice – specifically the Community Relations Service**

- **Civil Rights Legislation to include H.R. 1, the For the People Act, which would significantly reform the Voting Rights Act**

These strategic legislative visits will take place on Thursday, February 21 from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM. We encourage all attending IAOHRA members to also schedule meetings with representatives from your state from 11:00 PM-1:00 PM to discuss IAOHRA’s Legislative Priorities. We will also provide you with IAOHRA talking points. Click here to find your representative on the House of Representatives. Click here to find your representatives on the Senate.

If you would like to attend IAOHRA Day on Capitol Hill, please email Beverly Watts at Beverly.Watts@tn.gov or Diane Clements-Boy at dclements@evansville.in.gov. It will be helpful if we can anticipate the number of IAOHRA members that will be attending.

In these uncertain times, it is imperative that IAOHRA’s voices be heard as we advocate for continued support and advancement of civil and human rights in the U.S. Please join IAOHRA in Washington, DC on February 21!

Sincerely,

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