

Michigan REALTORS®
Association Executives Council

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

The Meeting was called to order at 8:55 a.m. by President June Clark.

Present

Members: Bob Adamowski – Bay County, Kristi Benedict – Northeastern, June Clark – Monroe, Kathie Feldpausch – MAR, Tracie Gorham – Shiawassee, Kim Hatchew – Clare Gladwin, Dana Holben – Dearborn, Pat Jacobs – North Oakland, Donna McClain – St. Joseph, Nancy Merdzinski – Ann Arbor, Pat Nieboer – West Central, Kim Pontius – Traverse Area, Jeannie Rizzardi – Water Wonderland, Julie Rowell – MAR, Melissa Tee – Jackson, Kim Thompson – Flint, Debra Townsend – Central Michigan, Shari Veldman – Commercial Alliance, Gary Walter – Southwestern Michigan, Meghan Webber – Livingston, Cheryl Yost – Saginaw, Patty Young – Midland, Dale Zahn – West Michigan Lakeshore

Guests: Shannon Harner – Jackson, Sherri Hausmann – Southwestern Michigan

Approval of Minutes

It was MOVED and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 19, 2010, as amended to correct date of minutes. CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Kathie Feldpausch. It was MOVED and seconded to receive the Treasurer's report. CARRIED.

Committee Reports

- a. **Professional Development – Dana Holben**
The session topics planned for the MAR Annual Convention will be applicable to AE's as well as Realtors, therefore, no separate AE education session will be held. The business meeting will be a lunch meeting, held on Thursday, September 30, during the Expo.
- b. **Recognition – Kim Thompson**
Congratulations to Kathie Feldpausch for earning the CIPS designation and to Gary Walter for being inducted in to Almon R (Bud) Smith Leadership Society of the National Association of Realtors.
- c. **RPAC – Kim Pontius**
The last MAR RPAC Trustee meeting was reviewed. A clean audit was received for the MAR 2009 RPAC accounts. Candidate endorsements are complete – thanks to all local association who participated in the candidate interview process. Per member contributions are up. A request was made

to review the date used to establish the member count on which the local RPAC goals are based.

d. Website – Julie Rowell

Julie has taken over the management of the MRAEC website. Many updates have been made, including posting of Legal Update materials and information on upcoming events.

Old Business

ListServe FAQ – It was decided not to pursue creation of an online reference to questions posed by MRAEC members.

Names of new AE's should be forwarded to Julie Rowell (Julie_MAR@comcast.net) and Rhonda Elliot (Rhonda@TAAR.com) to be added to the ListServe.

New Business

a. Tax Forms for Public Inspection

Non-profits must make IRS Form 990 available for public inspection. Non-profit can have process for viewing; i.e. – can require public to view in person, do not need to post on web site or make available via fax or e-mail.

Guidestar.com is a source for information on specific non-profit corporations, including a copy of the Form 990.

Hand-out material from the 2008 MAR Achieve Legal Update is available at mirealtors.com and contains guidance on making financial information available upon request to members.

Open Discussion

Craigslist – The fraudulent practice of unauthorized rental listings offered on Craigslist was discussed. It was noted that the site does contain suggestions for how to combat the fraud. Brian Westrin from MAR also has information on what to do and who to contact to report fraudulent activity.

Nominating Committee – Gary Walter announced that the Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for all officer and elected positions.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Merdzinski, Secretary