

MICHIGAN REALTORS® ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES COUNCIL

***Business Meeting during MAR Achieve
Thursday, January 18, 2007 (Dearborn, Michigan)***

A regular meeting of MRAEC was held in the Plaza B Room of the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn, Michigan at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2007.

Members/Attendees
Present:

Elaine Adkins, Downriver, President
Elaine West, Lansing, President-Elect
Gary Walter, Southwestern, Treasurer
Bob Adamowski, Bay County
Sharon Armour, Detroit
Walt Baczkowski, MCAR
Michelle Brant, Livingston
Sharon Buckner, Lapeer and Upper Thumb
June Clark, Monroe
Pam Dyke, Grand Rapids
Kim Hatchew, Clare-Gladwin
Pat Jacobs, North Oakland
Robin Kalnins, Montcalm
Judith Lindenau, Traverse City
Patty Niebor, West Central
Doris Nurenburg, Flint
Bobbie Sexton, Grosse Pointe
Janet Sharp, Shiawassee
Dale Smith, WWOCAR
Brenda Soderquist-Roney, Water Wonderland
Kim Thompson, Flint
Cheryl Yost, WWOCAR
Patty Young, Midland

Elaine Adkins, President, called the Meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

Attendees introduced themselves.

Sally Baker from Paul Bunyan arrived.

President Adkins explained that there was an attachment to the agenda, which is the list of Committees for 2007, based upon the sign-up sheet that was circulated during the Summer Seminar in June.

Melissa Tee from Jackson arrived.

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President Adkins asked if there were any questions concerning the September 26, 2006 Minutes. There were none.

MOTION: **JACOBS-NURENBURG** moved to approve the Minutes from the Meeting of September 26, 2006. Carried.

President Adkins stated that the Minutes would be placed on file.

Gary Walter, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report dated December 31, 2006.

Bill Martin and Rob Campau from MAR arrived.

Gary Walter explained that he had been handling the books for the MRAEC for several years and that the Council may want to have an independent review of the books periodically.

Dawn McClain from St. Joseph arrived.

Gary Walter reported that 57 MRAEC Members had been billed for dues in 2007 and that 53 had paid.

Elaine West asked about the voluntary RPAC contributions, which had been collected through the billing statements for the MRAEC; and Gary Walter stated that he was still recording all of the payments.

Ryan Tucholski from Dearborn arrived.

MOTION: **NURENBURG-JACOBS** moved to receive the Financial Statements ending on December 31, 2006 and place them on file. Carried.

Under the MAR Update, Rob Campau reported that we did not make our RPAC goal for 2006. The press is pushing the Governor's idea of placing a tax on services. She has stated that Michigan has a \$3 Billion deficit. MAR believes it is less than \$1 Billion.

Bill Martin explained how the price of government was helpful 2 years ago, but the players have changed.

Kathy Perrett from Battle Creek arrived.

Judy Lindenau asked about Governor Granholm's personal security legislation. She referenced the January 1, 2006 Privacy Act.

Rob Campau went on to explain their proposed Agency Responsibility Act, which would provide full disclosure to the Public. Well and Septic issues will be big environmental issues

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this year. MAR has a Septic Guide Disclosure Brochure on their Web Site. Members can download this brochure at any time.

Rob Campau explained that the AG's Office could not effectively spend the money, which was appropriated from the DLEG budget. The AG's Office will be working diligently on mortgage fraud. If you are aware of any issue involving mortgage fraud, please contact Brian Westrin at MAR.

Bill Martin stated that RPAC was so important and that the MRAEC had six major donors last year. By spring, potential licensees will be able to take the real estate licensing exam, have it graded on site and receive their license on the spot. Wall licenses will become a thing of the past. There have been some NAR political issues surrounding Charles McMillan since he has begun to run for the top officer of NAR.

Under Committee Reports, Doris Nurenburg, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that her Committee consisting of Pat Jacobs, Michelle Morgenstern, and John Cooper is now accepting volunteers for officer positions for the MRAEC. The election for officers will take place at the September Meetings.

Since Matt Maire was not in attendance to present the RPAC Trustees Report, Gary Walter stated that 20 Members contributed to RPAC, which was 38% of all dues billed for this year. The total amount collected was \$900, and the respective local associations will receive credit for all amounts collected.

President Adkins explained that she would like to see 100% contribution by MRAEC Members to RPAC this year, and she would be glad to speak with anyone who needs to hear about the importance of RPAC.

Kim Thompson, Chair of the Recognition Committee, stated that she would like to be contacted if there is anyone who is a Member of the MRAEC who deserves recognition.

Elaine West, Chair of the Professional Development Committee, referenced the 2007 Summer Seminar flier in front of each attendee and briefly reviewed what the Committee has planned for this summer.

Judith Lindenau spoke about the MIPDQR. The server has been set up in Troy. Legal implications are being reviewed. Threewise has agreed to transform any data directly from Brokers. Associations will be billed quarterly. There was discussion that MIPDQR will not be verifying licenses or Memberships of those who want to participate.

President Adkins announced that roundtable discussions would be held from 2 to 3 p.m. today.

Dale Smith explained the new MRAEC Policy and Procedures Leadership Edition.

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MOTION: **NURENBURG-LINDENAU** moved to approve the Policy and Procedures Leadership Edition prepared by Dale Smith. Carried.

Dale Smith presented an engraved crystal paperweight to Doris Nurenborg as the outgoing President of the MRAEC.

Bill Martin explained that it would be practically impossible to obtain health insurance for Members at the federal level. However, he has met with BC/BS about a statewide health insurance program for Members; and he is hopeful that there will be a good development in the future.

President Adkins stated that several Members were not receiving e-mail from the MRAEC listserv, and she has verified the e-mail addresses. She asked that those individuals check with their provider to determine if there were any issues from their end.

There was discussion concerning the AEI in San Diego next month. Also, the NAR Midyear lottery will open on January 25, 2007.

The next Business Meeting of the MRAEC will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2007.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine B. West, Acting Secretary

Meeting Time: 1 hour 30 minutes