

**MRAEC Business Meeting
May 29, 2008
Lansing, Michigan**

Present: Elaine West, President (GLAR), Gary Walter, President-Elect (SWMAR), Kathie Feldpausch, Treasurer (MAR), Nancy Merdzinski (AAABOR), Shari Veldman (CAR), Teresa VanderWall (MOMBOR), Shirley Smith (HCBOR), Jeannie Rizzardi (WWBOR), Matt Maire (GKAR), Karen Kage (RealCompII, Ltd), Pam Dyke (GRAR), Melissa Tee (Jackson), Bobbi Sexton (GPAR), Walt Baczkowski (MCAR), Pat Nieboer (WCAR), Julie Rowell (MAR), Robin Kalnins (Montcalm County AR), Kristi Benedict (NBOR), Sally Baker (PBBR), Kathy Perrett (BCAAR), Pat Jacobs (NOCBOR), Dale Zahn (WMLAR, Sharon Buckner (LUTAR), Bob Adamowski (BCRA), Patty Young (MBOR), Cheryl Yost (WWOCAR), Dale Smith (WWOCAR), June Clark (MCBOR), Elaine Adkins (DRAR) and Dana Holben (DRAR). Also present were guests Amber Young (PBBR) and Francine Green (RealCompII)

The meeting was called to order by President Elaine West at 12:45 p.m. and a quorum was established. **A motion was made, seconded and carried to provide an excused absence for Mark Dickens (FAAR), John Cooper (ETAR) and Tracie Gorham (SAR).** Gary Walter will record the minutes for today's meeting.

Minutes of the February 19, 2008 Meeting – A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2008 MRAEC Meeting as written.

Committee Reports:

A. Strategic/Business Plan and Governing Documents – Dale Smith informed the Members that he would place items to be discussed at a future meeting at our web site www.mraec.com and asked everyone to look at them prior to our meeting in September at the Annual Convention. The information includes MRAEC policy issues as well as organizational issues with 501(c)(6) organizations.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Kathie Feldpausch reviewed the MRAEC Financial Report as of April 30, 2008 with the Members. We have 59 paid Members of the MRAEC. **A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the MRAEC Financial Report as of April 30, 2008 as presented.**

Committee Reports:

B. Nominating – Elaine Adkins reported the Committee was seeking candidates for elective office for the Annual MRAEC meeting in Detroit this fall and interested Members should contact Elaine.

C. Web Site – No report.

D. Professional Development – Gary Walter reported on the Joint Summer Seminar with Ohio on June 18 – 20 in Sandusky, Ohio. As of today we have 64 rooms taken, but only 54 registered for the seminar. Please check to make sure you are registered for the Summer Seminar. The MRAEC Professional Development at the Annual Convention will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2008 starting at 8:30 a.m.. The program will be

NAR's "Surround Sound" and it will last until 12:00 p.m. The MRAEC business meeting will be in the afternoon.

E. Recognition – Kathie Feldpausch was recognized for being inducted into the Dr. Almon R. "Bud" Smith Association Leadership Society at the NAR Midyear Meeting and Cheryl Yost for her participation in the Brownfields event in Detroit.

F. RPAC – Dale Zahn reported that the RPAC Trustees will be meeting on June 9, 2008 to review the election recommendations from the local Associations. He also encouraged all of the AE's to participate in RPAC by making a contribution in 2008.

Unfinished Business:

A. MLS Statewide Survey – No additional comments or questions.

B. RPAC Trustee – It was stated that the MRAEC needs to review any conflict between the Bylaws and our Policy on the election/appointment of the RPAC Trustee. This will be researched and placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

New Business:

A. Fundraising Ideas – The group discussed various ideas for raising money in their local Association. Some of the ideas:

- 1). Auction donated items with the proceeds going to the Association. Solicit items from REALTORS, Affiliates and local businesses.
- 2). Conduct a golf outing.
- 3). Partner with other organizations to provide your community with high profile speakers. Share the risk exposure and the profits with the partners.
- 4). Sell Office services to other businesses or your Members.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the MRAEC meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary A. Walter, RCE
MRAEC President-Elect