

Michigan REALTORS® Association Executives Council

9/18/08

A regular meeting was held at the MAR Convention Renaissance Center, Detroit, MI. In the Michelangelo Room. It was called to order @ 1:15 pm by President Elaine West

Present: Elaine West – Greater Lansing, President; Gary Walter – Southwestern, President Elect, Kathy Feldpausch – MAR, Treasurer; Tracie Gorham – Shiawassee, Secretary; Kris Jaynes – Saginaw, Dale Zahn – West Michigan lakeshore; Nancy Merdzinski – Ann Arbor; Sharon Buckner – Lapeer & Upper Thumb; Megan Webber – Livingston County; Kathy Perrett – Battle Creek; Bob Adamowski – Bay County; Patty Young – Midland; Jenni Shepard – Lenawee; June Clark – Monroe; Kim Thompson – Flint; Mark Dickens – Flint; Dale Smith – Western Wayne Oakland; Melissa Tee – Jackson; Shirley Smith – Hillsdale; John Cooper – Eastern Thumb; Donna McClain – St Joseph; Ony Keely – St. Joseph; Julie Rietberg – Grand Rapids; Pam Dyke Grand Rapids; Shari Veldman – Commercial Alliance; Bobbi Sexton – Grosse Pointe; Dana Holben – Dearborn; Elaine Adkins, Down River; Teresa Vanderwall – MOM; Cindy Spafford – Upper Peninsula; Jeannie Rizzardi – Water Wonderland; Pat Denial – AAPI; Robin Kalnins – Montcalm; Julie Rowell – MAR; Kim Hatchew – Clare – Gladwin; Pat Jacobs – N. Oakland; Joe Kraus – MAR. Kim Pontius – Traverse City.

Sign up sheet passed around for attendance and committees by Gary Walter
Introductions & Updates on local economic conditions.

Secretary's Report

Tracie Gorham - **Motion and Support** to accept the minutes from the February 21, 2008 meeting

Treasurer's Report

Kathy Feldpausch – Financial Statements and 2009 budget presented. Seminar sponsorship was up and this created a \$2500 credit from the Summer Seminar. Dues for 2009 expected to be the same as this year.

Motion and Support to accept 2008 financial statements.

Motion and Support to accept 2009 Budget.

Committee Report's

Mediation Committee – Mark Dickens – No Meeting Yet.

Nominating Committee – Elaine Adkins - Election of Officers later in the Meeting.

Professional Development Committee – Gary Walters - Ohio will work with us again for the summer session. Site will be in Michigan, the 2009 Committee will decide. At Achieve there may be some surround sound training available. Achieve at the Radisson in Kalamazoo.

RPAC Committee – Dale Zahn – Tough year for RPAC 45 Association Executive, 31 Contributed, 14 have not, 21 gave \$100 each, and 5 gave \$1000 each.

Recognition Committee – Sharon Buckner - reminded us to let her know if anyone has done anything for recognition to please let her know.

Web Site – Bobbi Stevens - will continue to manage website after her retirement from TAAR.

Unfinished Business

Revision of MRAEC policies

Will not vote till January 2009.

Discussion was had on changing to a requirement to be on the Board of MRAEC.

Resolution of Complaints – Tabled till meeting next year.

New Business

2009 ROTY – Julie Rowell – Online registration has been changed from 5 pages to 3 pages.

Julie would like association to move up notification of ROTY so everyone knows by August 1st.

Kathy Feldpausch - will look into, if MAR requires local ROTY to be nominee for State Consideration.

Julie Rowell – New MAR website, new tabs and new language.

Brad Ward – Pocket ID cards, would eliminate requirements for wall licenses. Once passed would take effect immediately. A letter from DLEG, requesting photo ID to be worn is misleading. MAR may be putting out further info.

Brad Ward – MBT brokers paying new MI business tax, only the commissions kept by brokers are the amount to be taxed. This is the recommendation by MAR. Met with speaker of house and Rob Campau. Ohio has exact same law we are looking for. Our #1 priority is to get this law done. Forms are still not available for this new tax.

Joe Kraus – Mirealtor.com – Staff will review for bugs and launch next week.

John Cooper – New program parallel to the online program. Went from 5 days to 4 days with exam at the end of each day, instead of one at the end. GRI booklet passed out, new-refreshed program with same cost.

Introduced Slate of Officers; June Clark, Tracie Gorham, Kim Pontius.
Election committee – Shirley Smith and Kim Hatchet collected ballots.

Director Update – Education Study, Good job by licensing of Mortgage Brokers.

Motion and Support to nominate Chris Jaymes as RPAC committee.

Meeting Adjourned @ 3:20 pm.

Tracie Gorham, Secretary