

MICHIGAN REALTORS® ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES COUNCIL

Business Meeting during MAR Annual Convention

A regular meeting of MRAEC was held in the Atrium Room of the Grand Amway Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 2006.

Members/Attendees
Present:

Doris Nurenberg, Flint, President
Elaine Adkins, Downriver, President-Elect
Gary Walter, Southwestern, Treasurer
Bob Adamowski, Bay County
Sharon Armour, Detroit
Walt Baczkowski, MCAR
Sally Baker, Paul Bunyan
Sharon Buckner, Lapeer and Upper Thumb
June Clark, Monroe
John P. Cooper, St. Clair
Pat Denial, Alpena
Kim Hatchew, Clare-Gladwin
Pat Jacobs, North Oakland
Kris Jaynes, Saginaw
Robin Kalnins, Montcalm
Nancy Merdzinski, Ann Arbor
Michelle Morgenstern, West Michigan Lakeshore
Martha Myers, St. Joseph
Patty Niebor, West Central
JoAnn Overzet, Traverse City
Kathy Perrett, Battle Creek
Janet Sharp, Shiawassee
Jenni Shephard, Lenawee
Dale Smith, WWOCA
Shirley Smith, Hillsdale
Brenda Soderquist-Roney, Water Wonderland
Melissa Tee, Jackson
Kim Thompson, Flint
Teresa VanderWall, MOM
Patty Young, Midland
Elaine B. West, Lansing, Secretary

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Doris Nurenberg, President, called the Meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. She thanked Mary Ann Bush for presenting the WCR Course, "Harnessing the Power."

Attendees introduced themselves.

Matt Maire from Kalamazoo arrived.

Doris Nurenberg asked if there were any amendments to the June 21, 2006 Minutes. There were none, and she stated that they would stand approved.

Gary Walter, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report.

MOTION: **WALTER-COOPER** moved that the Treasurer's Report be received.
Carried.

Gary Walter explained the details of the 2007 Proposed Budget. Annual dues of \$65 will remain the same, and a voluntary contribution to RPAC will be added to the dues statement.

MOTION: **WALTER-MORGENSTERN** moved to approve the 2007 Budget.
Carried.

Doris Nurenberg explained that the three-day course with the Pacific Institute may be offered next year by MAR for about \$600/person. All aspects of the Fair Housing Plan are going forward. Over 1200 Members are attending this Convention; this is the second highest level of attendance for the MAR Annual Convention. MAR and NAR dues increased for 2007.

There was no report from the Nomination Committee. Elaine West is currently serving as Secretary this year. She was proposed for President-Elect.

MOTION: **ADAMOWSKI-JAYNES** moved that nominations for President-Elect be closed. Carried.

Gary Walter was proposed for Treasurer for 2007.

MOTION: **ADAMOWSKI-JAYNES** moved that nominations for Treasurer be closed. Carried.

Nominations were opened for Secretary. The names of Kris Jaynes and John Cooper were nominated; and secret ballots were distributed, marked, collected, and counted.

MOTION: **ADAMOWSKI-COOPER** moved that Elaine West be elected as President-Elect for 2007 and Gary Walter as Treasurer for 2007.
Carried.

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Elaine West, Professional Development Chair for 2007, presented her report. There will be no Professional Development scheduled for January, but there will be education at the June Summer Seminar and the September Annual Convention for Association Executives.

Doris Nurenberg announced that Kris Jaynes had been elected Secretary for 2007.

Bob Adamowski gave his RPAC Trustees Report and explained the debates scheduled between Granholm and DeVos. He encouraged everyone to contribute to RPAC. A question was raised about the status of AE contributions to RPAC. Bob Adamowski was applauded for his efforts as the AE RPAC Representative for several years. He was again nominated to serve another 2-year term, but he declined. Dale Zahn's name was also proposed.

MOTION: **WALTER-BACZKOWSKI** moved that Matt Maire be nominated for the RPAC Trustee for the MRAEC.

MOTION: **WALTER-SMITH** moved that nominations for the MRAEC RPAC Trustee be closed. Carried.

A ballot vote was taken for the RPAC position between Dale Zahn and Matt Maire.

There was discussion concerning RPAC fundraising ideas. One idea was to solicit top producers to ask other Members for RPAC participation as well as Brokers and Managers. Brokers and Managers should be asked for \$50 to \$99 for RPAC, and this amount should be included on the ir dues statements.

Doris Nurenberg announced that Matt Maire had been elected as the AE Representatives to the RPAC Trustees for 2007.

Dale Smith, AE Policy Chair, explained the four proposals to amend the MRAEC Bylaws.

Proposal A: The President-Elect of MRAEC shall serve as the Chair of the MRAEC Professional Development Committee.

MOTION: **SMITH-WEST** moved to approve Proposal A. Carried.

Proposal B: The Past President of the MRAEC shall serve as Chair of the MRAEC Nominating Committee.

MOTION: **BAKER-SMITH** moved to approve Proposal B. Carried.

Proposal C: One Member of the MRAEC shall be designated as the MRAEC Historian and that person shall be responsible for maintaining past Minutes and other documents and/or items that would be considered as historical.

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MOTION: **SMITH-VANDERWALL** moved to approve Proposal C and that these documents and/or other items considered to be historical be “housed” at MAR. Carried.

Proposal D: The Chairman of the Recognition Committee will be responsible for ensuring that the procedures for recognizing Member accomplishments, retiring AEs, the death of a Member, the Illness of an AE, and the death of a Member’s parents or children are followed according to the MRAEC Policies.

MOTION: **SMITH-THOMPSON** moved that Proposal D be approved. Carried.

It was suggested that “immediate family” be used instead of “Member’s parents or children.” Dale Smith indicated that he would clean up the language in Proposal D.

MOTION: **ADAMOWSKI-SMITH** moved to destroy all ballots. Carried.

There was discussion regarding the Michigan REALTOR® listing database. The stand alone server has been ordered. MAR has advanced the expenses for this venture, and it will probably cost about \$3/Member/Year.

A session needs to be held to work on a small portion of the Strategic Plan. No volunteers emerged.

Dale Smith is posting the Past Presidents online, and he is continuing to search records to ensure that all names are displayed.

The AEI Scholarships were discussed, and it was announced that several Members of the MRAEC have been awarded with a William D. North Scholarship.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine B. West, Secretary

Meeting Time: 58 minutes