



**Board of Directors
February 23rd
MINUTES**

I Call to Order: Angi Trahan, President called the meeting to order.

II Prayer: Kenneth Trahan opened the meeting with a prayer.

III Roll Call

**Angi Trahan-present
Lisa Roy Sheppert-present
Allen Duhe-present
Harry Fuselier-present
Janine Day -present
Claire Disch-present
Lucius Hornsby-present**

**Don Perron-present
Angela Seaux-present
Reid Smith-present
Tim Skinner-present
Kelly Streva-present
Kenneth Trahan-present
Jim Welch-absent**

IV Approval of Board Minutes: A **MOTION** was made and seconded to Approve the minutes from the January meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

Trahan recognized RAA Member Ken Simeral and Helen Thibeaux who addressed the board on the Membership Committee's recommendation to change the Code of Ethics requirement for new members from a live class to the online class offered through NAR.

V President's Report:

1. One Acadiana request: Angi Trahan called upon RAA member, Hammy Davis who addressed the board regarding the half cent sales tax which is being proposed by Lafayette Parish School Board and will be on the ballot for voters in April 2017. Davis spoke out in favor of the tax stating this issue was important to all REALTOR® members. Davis urged the board to consider endorsing the tax on behalf of the RAA. Trahan reported that Jason El Koubi with One Acadiana had wanted to come to today's board meeting to

address the board with a presentation by LPSS Superintendent, Donald Auguillard to review the tax proposal plan. The presentation was deferred until Trahan and members of the Executive team could get feedback from the RAA board on how to proceed.

The board discussed the issue of endorsement of the tax with some board members stating they do not think the RAA had ever done so before and that the decision should be weighed carefully. It was requested that Holliday contact One Acadiana to see if they would be willing to do a presentation on the tax at a date and time when more members of the Association could participate so that board members could gather more information before making a decision to openly endorse the tax.

2. Mike Immel's refund request: Trahan referred board members to a dues refund request for RAA member, Mike Immel.

A MOTION was made and seconded to deny Mr. Immel's request and grant the Executive Committee the authority to make policy decisions such as Mr. Immel's on matters concerning \$100 or less. **MOTION CARRIED**

3. Home Inspector Task Force Minutes: Trahan then referred board members to attached minutes from a Task Force which met concerning home inspectors and Supra key access. Trahan reviewed the Task Force's recommendations to the RAA Board then turned the meeting over to MLS Chair, Don Perron who reported on the MLS Committee who had also reviewed the Home Inspector Task Force's minutes.

VI Committee Reports:

A. MLS: Perron reviewed with the board the minutes from the February MLS Committee paying special attention to the motions concerning Supra key Access for home inspectors.

A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the MLS meeting in February. **MOTION Carried**

MOTION was made and seconded to send a certified letter to all home inspectors who currently have access to Supra services informing them that their Supra access shall be terminated as of Friday, March 10th. In addition,

for the RAA staff to begin to alert RAA Members to the new MLS rule that all agents must remain on site of any listed property that they access or else be fined \$1000. This rule also has an effective date of Friday, March 10th. **MOTION CARRIED**

- B. **RCA:** Tim Skinner reported on the February RCA Meeting.

A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the February RCA Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

- C. **Events:** RAA Staff member Sara Bourque reported on the minutes from the recent Events Committee.

A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the Events Committee. **MOTION CARRIED**

- D. **YPN:** RAA Staff member Sara Bourque reported on the minutes from the recent YPN Committee.

A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the YPN Committee. **MOTION CARRIED**

- E. **Professional Development:** Susan Holliday reported on the minutes from the recent Professional Development Committee.

A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the Professional Development Committee. **MOTION CARRIED**

- F. **Membership:** RAA Member, Helen Thibeaux was called upon to report on the recent Membership Committee minutes. She noted the committee was recommending two changes. One would be to eliminate live Code of Ethics training during new member orientation and a second was to include the MLS required class for all new members.

A MOTION was made and seconded to was to accept the minutes of the Membership Committee with the clarification that new members must either attend a live Code of Ethics training or complete the NAR on-line Code of Ethics training prior to attending New Member Orientations and that the staff will add new programming to the agenda for New Member Orientation to include Pathways to Professionalism which will be an interactive session lead by a licensed REALTOR® member. **MOTION CARRIED**

VII Treasurer's Report: Harry Fuselier reported the current membership number reflected in today's report was 1383 active members. The Prudential Account as of January 31st was \$667,121.95. he then referred board members to the list of new REALTOR® and Affiliate members.

Fuselier reported on the current budget vs actual financials noting that there was not much to say since the financials reflect about 6 weeks of activity.

Fuselier then asked the board members to refer to the minutes from the 1st Quarter Budget & Finance minutes from 2017.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the Budget & Finance Committee meeting with amending the motion regarding the percentage of profits from 2016 to be placed in the RAA reserves under the Building fund. This motion was then rescinded.

A subsequent **MOTION** was made and seconded to Approve the minutes from the 1st Quarter Budget & Finance Committee with the following amendment that 100% of the profits from 2016 be invested with prudential with 50% being directed to in Building reserve fund and 50% being unrestricted funds. **MOTION CARRIED**

VIII CEO Report: Susan Holliday referred the board to her attached written report.

IX Upcoming Events: Trahan reviewed with the board the below list of upcoming events.

1. **Legislative Outreach Luncheon:** Friday, March 3rd at the Petroleum Club. Registration at 11:30. Cost is \$20 for members.
2. **RAA 70th Anniversary Celebration:** Wednesday, March 29th at Vermilionville from 5-8pm. Food, music and beverages. Event is free for all RAA Members and guests are \$25.
3. **Honor Society Luncheon:** Friday, April 7th at the Petroleum Club. Registration at 11:30. Cost is \$20 for members.
4. **Louisiana REALTORS® Legislative Meetings:** May 2nd-4th in Baton Rouge.
5. **Affiliate Appreciation Luncheon:** Thursday, May 11th at 11:30 am in the RAA Parking Lot

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.