



**Board of Directors  
October 23, 2018**

## **MINUTES**

- I Call to Order:** Lisa Roy Sheppert, President called the meeting to order. Sheppert opened the meeting by recognizing two guests, Kristie Anderson and Jay Smith. Smith and Anderson presented to the board issues concerning adherence to the Association's By-Laws as it relates to Article XVIII Multiple Listing.

**A MOTION was made and seconded to seek a recommendation from the MLS committee on future elections as they relate to Section XVIII of the By-Laws. MOTION CARRIED**

**A MOTION was made and seconded to accept the results of the recent MLS Participant election for the candidate who won the run off for the two-year seat on the MLS committee only. MOTION CARRIED**

## **II Roll Call – Sign-in:**

<b>Lisa Roy Sheppert-present</b>	<b>Jim Keaty- present</b>
<b>Walter Campbell-absent</b>	<b>Lori McGrew-present</b>
<b>Angi Trahan-present</b>	<b>Angela Seaux-present</b>
<b>Harry Fuselier-present</b>	<b>Reid Smith-present</b>
<b>Janine Day-present</b>	<b>Kelly Streva-present</b>
<b>Cassie Goldsboro-present</b>	<b>Kenneth Trahan-absent</b>
<b>Jim Welch-present</b>	

**2019 Board members in attendance: Tara Bienvenu, Joe Bouligny, Leslie Guillory, Kimberely LaFleur, Lori McCarthy, Ken Simeral.**

- III Approval of Board Minutes: A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.**

**IV Treasurer's Report:** Fuselier reported the current RAA membership was 1622 REALTOR® members which included 22 new members so far for the month of October. He reported the investments at Prudential totaled \$981,888.04. He then referred board members to the budget vs. actual figures. He noted that REALTOR® Appreciation event to date only cost the association \$500. The event which hosted over 400 members and 325 people staying for lunch would not be financially possible without the generosity of our Affiliate sponsors. Finally, he reported the CEO was working to transition Incoming Treasurer, Reid Smith into the officer position and both he, Smith and the CEO would be working on the 2019 budget.

**A MOTION was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

**V President's Report:**

**1. Update on Meeting with the Advocate:** Sheppert reported she and members of the Executive Committee had met with representatives from the Advocate and were presented with a new exclusive media partnership agreement to review. The Executive Committee will be meeting with our current media Partner, The Daily Advertiser to discuss this new proposal and will report back to the board at the next meeting.

**2. E-Mail request from Gerald Dunbar:** The board reviewed Mr. Dunbar's request to waive dues for an appraiser trainee who is affiliated with his company, but is inactive.

**A MOTION was made and seconded to deny Mr. Dunbar's request as it violates the RAA's current by-laws. MOTION CARRIED**

**A MOTION was made and seconded for the Executive Committee to appoint a Task Force comprised of Appraiser members to look at inactive status and how to handle that status within the Association's by-laws and to seek recommendations from the Appraiser board on this matter. MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. Habitat for Humanity request:** Sheppert referred the board to email correspondence from Habitat for Humanity regarding a donation for a home.

**A motion was made for RAA to make a donation of \$10,000 to Habitat for Humanity for the project. The motion did not have a second and failed.**

**A Motion was made to donate \$5,000 to Habitat for Humanity and to name them as a designated charity of the RAA for 2019,2020 & 2021. The motion did not have a second and failed.**

**A MOTION was made and seconded to donate \$10,000 in the current fiscal year to Habitat for Humanity for the home project with UL and to name Habitat for Humanity as a designated charity for the RAA for 2019, 2020 and 2021. RAA will retain proceeds during these fiscal years to pay themselves back for this initial contribution to Habitat for Humanity and any excess in profit from the future Gumbo Cook-offs over \$10,000 will be give to the charity. MOTION CARRIED**

**4. FLEX MLS Help Desk:** Sheppert reported the Executive Committee was recommending canceling the FLEX MLS help desk which costs on average \$1,875 per month and to date only approximately 350 members have utilized the service this year.

**A MOTION was made and seconded to delete the FLEX MLS help Desk as an RAA member service. MOTION CARRIED**

**5. Additions to the Policies and Procedure Manual:** Sheppert referred board members to two new additions to the current RAA Policies and Procedures.

1. How the RAA will handle complaints from members regarding By-Laws and Policy issues
2. Appropriate event Conduct.

**A MOTION was made and seconded to approve both of these policies for adoption and inclusion into the RAA's policies and procedures. MOTION CARRIED**

#### **VI Committee Reports:**

1. MLS: Jim Keaty reviewed the MLS Minutes from October  
**A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

2. Events: Sheppert reviewed the minutes from the YPN meeting.  
**A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

#### **VII CEO Report:** Susan Holliday referred board members to her written report to review for her office's activities and meetings for the month.

The CEO then presented a portion of the program for the upcoming MLS Strategic plan.

**VIII Upcoming Events: Sheppert referred board members to the calendar of upcoming events.**

- 1. Annual Gumbo Cook-off:** Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup> at Park International.
- 2. Veteran's Day Celebration:** Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at The Double Tree by Hilton. Cost is \$25 per member.
- 3. Annual Installation Banquet honoring Walter Campbell:** Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at Abacus.
- 4. 2018 Board of Directors and Committee Chair Luncheon:** Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at Nash's

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.