



**Board of Directors
April 26th
9am/ RAA Board Room**

MINUTES

- I Call to Order:** Jacquelyn Gleason, President-Elect called the meeting to order and established a quorum had been met.
- II Recognition of Special Guest's from the PAC:** Gleason called on Wendy Howell, Chair of LARPAC to address the board.
- III Approval of Board Minutes: A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the March meeting. MOTION CARRIED**
- IV President's Report:** Gleason reported on the following items for the board's consideration.
- 1. General Counsel RFP Update:** Susan Holliday, CEO provided an update on the search for a new general counsel.
 - 2. Secondary Membership Refund Update:** Holliday reported on the final secondary membership numbers noting which members moved to MLS Only and which secondary members opted to remain a member of RAA.
 - 3. Tour du Riz Re-Cap:** Holliday reported on the financial impact from the recent Tour Du Riz. She noted staff was finalizing results from a survey of those who participated in the Tour du Riz and that the Events Committee would meet soon to discuss the Tour du Riz and whether RAA would hold a Gumbo Cook-off in the fall. **A MOTION was made and seconded the RAA Board of Directors is recommending waiting on dispersing proceeds to the 3 charities from the Tour Du Riz and to combine proceeds should the Events Committee decide to hold a Gumbo Cook-off in the Fall. MOTION CARRIED**
 - 4. 234 Rue Beauregard:** Holliday reported she had met with contractor, Sam Viator regarding a bid to develop a parking lot in the RAA's adjacent lot. Due to a required drainage study needed by LGC the matter has been referred to the Building Committee for further investigation.
 - 5. Juneteenth Federal Holiday:** The board discussed this new federal Holiday. **A MOTION was made and seconded that the RAA shall observe Juneteenth holiday but it shall not be recognized a paid staff holiday. MOTION CARRIED**
 - 6. Affiliate Membership Policy upgrade:** Holliday reviewed with the board the current policy regarding Affiliate memberships noting that each new Affiliate member must first open an "office" with the RAA at a cost of \$250. The CEO stated she felt this policy was prohibiting the expansion of Affiliate partnerships. The board has requested Holliday meet with her staff to

develop a new pricing structure and policy for Affiliate membership and present back to the board for consideration at the May board meeting.

7. **Motion for consideration from the ACPAT:** Gleason reported on a recent motion from the ACPAT requesting funding for Helen Thibeaux to the Louisiana REALTOR® Legislative meeting. **A MOTION was made and seconded to request funding for Thibeaux via RAA's local PAC fund held by Louisiana REALTORS®. Should funding not be available from PAC funds the Association will fund Helen Thibeaux's travel to the LR Legislative meeting. MOTION CARRIED**
8. **Nomination Committee:** Gleason requested the RAA Board approval an additional member to the 2023 Nomination Committee. The nomination request was for Helen Thibeaux to also serve along with Ken Simeral, Angi Trahan, Tim Skinner and Angi Trahan whose appointments were confirmed at the March board meeting. **A MOTION was made and seconded to approve Helen Thibeaux as an additional appointee to the 2023 Nomination Committee. MOTION CARRIED**

V Treasurer's Report:

Cindy Herring, Treasurer reported the current RAA membership was 1844 REALTOR® members. She then referred board members to the new member call sheet and requested board members make calls to all the new members welcoming them to the association. She reported as of the RAA's investment account at Prudential as of March 31st was \$747,899.14.

Herring reviewed with the board RAA and RAA Properties financial position as of March 31, 2022.

Finally, she provided board members with an update on the 2021 tax return and annual review for the REALTOR® Association of Acadiana and RAA Properties.

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

VI Committee Reports:

A. MLS: Lisa Roy Sheppert: reported on the minutes from the April MLS Committee meeting. **A MOTION was made and seconded to accept the MLS Committee report as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

B. YPN: Charles Ditch reported on the recent minutes from the YPN board meeting. **A MOTION was made and seconded to accept the YPN minutes as presented and to clarify that the RAA board would consider a one-time partial funding for the YPN President-Elect to attend the NAR Conference & Expo in Orlando in November of 2022. MOTION CARRIED**

C. RCA: Todd Trahan reported on the RCA's activities since the last board meeting noting they had held a successful crawfish boil event for members. **A MOTION was made and seconded to accept the RCA report as presented. MOTION CARRIED**

VII CEO Report: Holliday reported on her office's happenings since the March board meeting.

VIII New Business: Under new business it was suggested the incoming YPN Chair should be a graduate of the RAA leadership academy and if the person who is the Chair-Elect was not a graduate of the YPN Leadership Program that the RAA allow that person to be accepted into the class by default.

The board then discussed a request from Orianna Roberts to refund her 2022 RAA membership dues.

A MOTION was made and seconded to deny Mr. Roberts request for a dues refund citing it went against the organizations policies and procedures. MOTION CARRIED

Gleason reviewed with members of the board the upcoming events and activities for the RAA.

IX Upcoming Events:

1. **April Broker Breakfast**, Friday, April 29th at 9am NAR Legal Update
2. **NAR Legislative Meetings**: May 1st-7th in Washington DC
3. **YPN Morning Buzz**: Thursday, May 12th 8:30am The Room at Corner Bar
4. **Louisiana REALTORS® Legislative Meetings**: May 16th-18th in Baton Rouge
5. **RAA Office Closed** for Memorial Day
6. **Past President's Luncheon**: Friday, August 12th at Don's Hut
7. **NAR Conference & Expo**: November 9-14th in Orlando