**REALTOR® ASSOCIATION OF ACADIANA**

**MLS Committee**

**April 16, 2024**

**Minutes**

**PRESENT:**, Jeannie DelGreco, Lane Duplechin, Carol Grindrod, Cindy Herring, Elena Ladmirault, Lori McCarthy, Ken Simeral, Kimberly Lafleur, Reid Smith, Helen Thibeaux, Angi Trahan, and Nikki Wilson

**ABSENT:** Bailey Caldwell, Judy Garber, Eloise Gauthier, Christie House Theaux

**ALSO PRESENT:** Amber Miller and Susan Holliday

The meeting was called to order by Kimberly Lafleur at 9:00 a.m.

* **Motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2023 meeting.** The motion was seconded and passed.
* **Update regarding buyer portals.** Motion to get more information regarding how buyers can see the documentation in the portals and if members can opt in/out for specific contacts to get the full portal. Motion was seconded and passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request from Amel Kates.** Motion to implement a system of fines for members who leave a property without properly securing all points of access. The first occurrence will constitute a warning, second offense $250, third would be $500. All of these fines will follow our calendar year schedule. Motion was seconded and passed.
2. **Ken Simeral Model Home.** Ken updated the committee on his listing that was input in the MLS and how it is believed that this would become a future necessity. It was agreed at this time that this listing would not fit in the MLS rules and would not be allowed.
3. **Property Disclosures on Auction/Foreclosed Properties.** Amber brought forth a members concerns on the blank disclosures in MLS. After much discussion, it was agreed that many of the auction/foreclosure listings in MLS are from third parties that refuse to sign the paperwork until a buyer has signed the documentation. The committee did not feel it was necessary to disrupt the current system.
4. **Supra Key Reciprocity.** Motion to allow members within ROAM to access our Supra boxes within their appointment times. Motion was seconded and passed.
5. **Forms Task Force.** Kim will appoint 6 members for a forms task force consisting of 2 attorneys and 4 realtors for 2024 to review all RAA forms to ensure they are in compliance with the regulations. The MLS committee recommends the RAA create a Forms Committee starting in 2025 with rolling two year seats.

**ROAM Ops Committee Update:**

1. Kim went over the ROAM Ops Committee minutes. It was noted that the Ops Committee voted to adopt the Coming Soon Status. Rob is working on a list of rules and changes that would need to be made and will bring that back to the committee for approval before it goes to the Board of Managers.
2. **Non-REALOR Status.** The MLS Recommendation is to follow the ROAM Board of Managers decision regarding Non-Realtor status so that we are not the outliers.

**STAFF UPDATE:**

1. **LR Conference Update.** Susan and Kim provided a recap of the LR Spring into Action conference.
2. **NAR Settlement.** Susan provided an update regarding the recent NAR settlement and changes coming to the MLS.
3. **LACDB Compensation.** Amber informed the committee that LACDB has elected to remove the compensation field from their database effective on April 22nd when they go live with Catalyst Pro based on recommendations from their attorney.
4. **Transition Team Update.** Kim updated the committee on the progress of the transition team and upcoming meeting scheduled for April 19th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Amber Miller

Amber Miller, MLS Director