

**Board of Directors**

**August 20 | 9am | RAA**

**MINUTES:**

**I Call to Order**: Christie House Theaux, President, called the meeting to order and verified a quorum had been met. She noted the following absences: Suzanne D’Ambrosio, Wes Stonicher, and Susan Holliday.

**II Approval of Board Minutes: A MOTION was made and seconded to Approve the minutes from the July with one typo correction from the President’s Report changing the word “last” to “late”. MOTION CARRIED**

**III President’s Report:**

1. Confidentiality Reinder: Theaux reminded the board members of the paperwork they signed when they joined the board of directors and the anti-trust agreement they sign for each meeting. She encouraged the board of directors to be mindful of the conversations they have outside of the meetings and to stand by the decisions that are made as a group.
2. MLS: Theaux referred board members to the attached chart with the accounting receivables for the MLS semi-annual billing. It was noted that 99 subscribers did not renew, 22 being MLS-only members.

Theaux then reported on the MLS audit and the findings. It was discussed that since the fines covered the cost of the auditors, RAA will research options on how to utilize the surplus from the audit. One potential use of the surplus is to educate members on fair housing, as this was noted as another area that needs improvement. It was also discussed that RAA would create a Fair Housing word list to distribute. The board of directors agreed to wait until Susan and Amber were back from their vacations to administer the fines and that they would be fined per listing and not per agent. **A motion was made and seconded to schedule a meeting with anyone who had more than 5 fines. They will be asked to meet with their broker, Susan, and/or Christie where they can discuss the severity of the fines, amounts, payment timelines, etc. MOTION CARRIED.**

Annual MLS Billing: Theaux presented the proposed changes to the new billing policy in the Policies & Procedures. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed changes. MOTION CARRIED.**

1. ShowingTime Product: Theaux presented the report from ShowingTime. Discussion was tabled until Amber or Susan can get clarification from ShowingTime on what all consisted of Live Interactions. Kimberly Lafleur mentioned that she would like the RAA to provide more training on ShowingTime features such as the showing cart and smart route filter.
2. 2025 Elections: Theaux reminded the board that nominations were open until Friday, August 23rd at noon and the nominating committee would meet on Thursday, August 29th.
3. Louisiana REALTORS: Theaux reported that Susan received the insurance quote from Gallagher for $15,699 a year. RAA would need to bind the coverage by October 1st but Louisiana REALTORS® will vote in October to consider paying for all local boards policies as a part of their membership benefits. Louisiana REALTOR® board would decide to cover the local board's polices at their upcoming Fall Governance board meeting. Ken Simeral noted that Susan will meet with Liggio, HUB, and Steihl Insurance for additional quotes.

Theaux referred board members to the attached schedule for the upcoming Louisiana REALTORS® Fall Governance Meeting.

Theaux mentioned that RAA has LR seats available including an appointed seat. Theaux encouraged the board members to run for those positions. **A motion was made and seconded to appoint Jacquelyn Cain Gleason to the LR seat. MOTION CARRIED.**

It was discussed at the LR meeting that RAA would request the review of the minutes versus the bylaws. Charles Ditch is being deprived of the remaining year of his term.

Theaux encouraged all of the board members attending the Governance Meetings to go to the Opening Reception sponsored by YPN.

1. Code of Ethics: Simeral stated the Association still had 595 members who needed to take the Code of Ethics class before 12-31-24. Staff was communicating with members on a monthly basis and sending Broker members lists of agents who still needed the class.

**IV Treasurer’s Report:** Keisha Leblanc, Treasurer, reported on the current membership count for RAA and referred board members to new member calls. LeBlanc stated the balance for the Prudential account was $774,277.64. The financials for July were not yet complete, so she will report on this at the next meeting. She noted that the cost of the MLS Audit was higher than the initially allocated budget.

Leblanc then provided an update on RAA Properties: She noted that the pine tree has been removed and we will need to landscape the space. Simeral volunteered to work with the landscapers to design the space. It was noted that since the tree was removed it has caused the board room to be increasingly warm. She proposed a quote from AC Sales to add two more vents in the board room totaling at $1,600. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the quote. MOTION CARRIED.**

 **A Motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s report. MOTION CARRIED**

**V Committee Reports:**

1. **MLS:** Kim LaFleur reported on the minutes and Amber Miller gave an update to the board of directors regarding the progress in our integration with ROAM MLS. It was noted that the board of directors would like to include Angela Scott, Out of Parish Director, in the meeting with the Iberia Parish Clerk of Court.

2**. YPN:** Blake Weaver reported on YPN’s plans for the next few Morning Buzz’s, food drive, and election timeframe.

3. **RCA:** Monty Warren noted there was no meeting in July and invited board members to the upcoming RCA Social at LaFonda’s on Thursday, August 22nd.

4. **Events Committee:** Erica Taylor and Charles Ditch reported that they worked with the events committee chair to propose a new concept for Realtor Appreciation Day. It was noted that this event should be minimal work for the RAA staff. The board of directors noted that $2,500 is budgeted for this event and if all of those funds were not used we would allocate it for giveaways at the event. **A motion was made and seconded to move forward with Realtor Appreciation Day at Premier Acadiana Lanes on September 26th from 11am-3pm as proposed. MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **Grievance Committee**: **A motion was made and seconded to send the proposed case to Louisiana Realtors. MOTION CARRIED.**

**VI CEO Report:**

1. It was discussed that the CEO, Susan Holliday’s personal vacation is August 5-20th in Nova Scotia.

**VII New/ Old Business:** It was discussed that many people would like to be more involved in the Association and RAA Leadership, however, there are limited spaces. How can we expand or offer for more people to be involved?

**VIII Upcoming Events:** Theaux reviewed with board members the below events for the REALTOR® Association of Acadiana.

1. **RCA Social**: Thursday, August 22nd at LaFonda 4-6 pm
2. **Joint Industry Luncheon**: Wednesday, September 4th at LePavillon, featuring the National Association of Home Builders Economist. 11:30am registration. Noon Lunch and program.
3. **ACPAT Auction**: Wednesday, September 18th, 5:30-8:30 pm at The Madison in Broussard
4. **AMLA Fight Night Event**: Thursday, September 19th @ The Room at Corner Bar
5. **Annual Gumbo Cook-off:** Wednesday, October 23rd Parc International. 5-8 pm. Music provided by Leon Chavis and Geno Delafosse. Louisiana Heritage theme.

With there being no further business the meeting was concluded.