**REALTOR® ASSOCIATION OF ACADIANA**

**MLS Committee**

**October 17, 2023**

**Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Judy Garber, Eloise Gauthier, David Gleason, Jacquelyn Cain Gleason, Joe Hesterly, Elena Ladmirault, Kim Lafleur, Merrie Chris Leger, Claire Schexnayder, Lisa Sheppert, Ken Simeral, Christie House Theaux, Helen Thibeaux, Angi Trahan, and Nikki Wilson

**ABSENT:** Brandi McKnight

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

The meeting was called to order by Angi Trahan at 9:01 a.m.

* **Motion to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2023 meeting.** The motion was seconded and passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Build to Suit.** Motion to accept the revised rules created by the Task Force consisting of Kim Lafleur, Elena Ladmirault, Lori McCarthy, and Angi Trahan. Motion was seconded and passed.
2. **Task Force Request to Edit Proposed, Under, and New Construction Photo Rule.** Motion to change the wording to “Proposed, Under, and New Construction properties must have a sketch, rendering, or photo of the actual home as the primary photo when listed, but it must reflect an accurate portrayal throughout the listing. A minimum of five (5) photos must be uploaded prior to closing in MLS, and must include an exterior photo, kitchen, and bathroom photo.” Motion was seconded and passed.
3. **RAA Assistant Audit.** Motion to amend the verbiage on the Assistant Request forms and the Rules to say “RAA/MLS may audit assistant accounts at any time by verifying employment and/or require proof of payment such as W-2, W-9, 1099, Paystub, or any other form of acceptable payment.” Motion was seconded and passed.
4. **Unpaid Assistant Approvals.**  Motion to approve the unpaid assistant accounts for John Ray Perkins, James Noel Jr., Rusty Steel, Andre Dugas, and Andrew Angerer. Motion was seconded and passed.
5. **ROAM MLS.** The MLS Committee recommends that the Board of Directors contracts ROAM MLS to provide MLS services to RAA. Motion was seconded and passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request to Remove Rental as Required Entry.** Motion to remove the mandatory submission of rental/lease listings in MLS. Motion was seconded and passed.
2. **Request to Require Real Estate Inclusion in Business Opportunity Listings.** Motion to amend item F under Section 1.1 Types of Properties allowed in the MLS to read “Business Opportunity which includes some interest in real property for sale or exchange.” Motion was seconded and passed.
3. **Request to Remove Coming Soon Rider on Signs.** Motion to remove the requirement to have a Coming Soon Rider on Coming Soon Listings. Motion was seconded and passed.
4. **Request to Update Rule for Late Photo Submission.** Motion to amend the rule to allow one 24 hour notice to provide the missing photos on listings. If photos are not provided within 24 hours the fine will be induced. Only one acceptance per brokerage. Motion was seconded and passed.
5. **Request to Correct Lease Listing Agreement.** Motion to create task force to review the Lease listing agreement, make any corrections, and apply the same format as Residential and Land listing agreements. Motion was seconded and passed.
6. **Request to include notes section Closing Price.** Motion to deny was seconded and passed.

**STAFF UPDATE:**

1. **Broker Breakfast to review ROAM MLS.** Susan updated the committee on the plan for the upcoming Broker Breakfast where we will discuss ROAM MLS with the brokers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Amber Lee Parker

Amber Parker, MLS Director