

YAKIMA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®
Board of Directors Meeting
Association office
February 13, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

Directors	Mike Kokenge	John Hodkinson
	Jim Beckett	Dave Schuler
	Chris Nass	Meg Balles
	Ronda Rose	Sam Slagle
	Judy Sinclair	Tom Trepanier
	Troy Allen	Jerry Mellen

Excused: Angie Sainsbury
Absent: Cori Perez
Guests: Ellie Tyler

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Directors of the Yakima Association of REALTORS® met on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at the Association office. President Mike Kokenge called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. A quorum was present.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS:

Association Operations: First luncheon of the year is coming up and we're getting reservations. Sam is going to talk to both the Herald and Real Estate Book for a give away at our luncheons. Talking about the Crab Feed on March 15, but need a bigger place to have it. Dave Taylor, our GAD, will be our program for the luncheon on the 21st.

Government Affairs: Our RPAC goal this year is \$42,000. Have set up fundraisers for the year. Legislative Conference calls started on February 8 and will be every other Friday at 9 a.m. All of House & Senate bills are on WR website. Last Thursday, Yakima, Lower Yakima & Tri-Cities Associations had a media to present \$55,000 to Water for Black Rock. First conference call on the 28th of this month on Gubernatorial race. Doug Maples is no longer working at City Hall. Joint meeting with City/County on Critical Areas on February 18. Will have an interesting election year. Ron Gamache & Mike Leita will both be running for re-election.

Education: Have done away with having the title companies come in and talk to the new agents as it was just too detailed. Trainers are now including a small bit about title insurance. We discussed that orientation should be led by REALTORS®. **It was moved that orientation trainers would be REALTORS® only. Seconded and approved.**

Information Systems: Want to get something in Herald on installed officers. RPAC, Program & PR should get their dates together for the dessert auction and fundraisers.

MLS: We discussed membership issues in MLS and billing problems. An incentive was suggested for prepaying.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Minutes/Financial **January minutes were accepted with correct that Diane Schafer is PR Chairman, not Program Chair. February financial statements were received. The Previous Year comparison will be used.**

New Members Jim Sackman, John L Scott; Breezi Somers, RE/MAX 37 House; Michelle Bland, Best Homes; Cloudia Jean, Prestige Realty; Cristin Wellner, Clark Jennings & Assoc.; Janet Apken, Prudential Almon; Kelsey Clements, Heritage Moultray were all approved as new members.

- Director Mike asked that Abdul Alattis be approved to replace Gaye McCarthy. **This was moved, seconded and approved.**
- Professional Stds. The Decision from the Ethics Hearing Panel of December 4, 2007 was ratified.
- Travel We will re-evaluate expenses and discuss next month.
- Committee Roster Approved subject to additions to Attendance & Reception Committee.
- Flood **It was moved to send \$500 to Lewis County Association for Flood Damage, rather than \$500 each to Lewis, Grays Harbor & Mason Counties since there seemed to be no need in the other two counties.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.
Jeannette A. Biddle, RCE, Executive Officer