

I. CALL TO ORDER

The General Membership Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. President Terri Lawson called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the veterans in the audience.

III. ANNOUNCEMENT OF VIP'S

President Lawson announced the members of the audience who play a significant role in the REALTOR® designation.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Lawson asked each member of the audience to introduce themselves.

President Lawson introduced the new Board of Directors for the Valley Board of Realtors.

Terri Lawson, President
Eric Bushnell, President Elect
Fitzy O'Hare, Past President
Amanda Charles, Secretary
Margaret Billinger, Treasurer
Beth Fread, Treasurer Elect
Samuel Goldman, Director
Bob Bickel, Director
Gretchen Morava, Director
Vacant, Director

Those members absent and excused were:
Melanie Goodwin, Affiliate Director

Staff in Attendance were:
Lizz Rautenkranz, Association Executive

V. INSTALLATION OF NEW REALTOR® MEMBERS

President-elect Bushnell installed the new REALTOR® Members as follows:

- Carisa Doll, A to Z Realty
- David Johnson, Keller Williams

Krystal Butcher, Arolik Investments, was absent and not installed during the meeting.

VI. INSTALLATION OF NEW AFFILIATE MEMBERS

- Amberly Boswell, Busy Busy Hands

President Lawson mentioned that we have a new AFFILIATE member, Ms. Boswell, with Busy Busy Hands.

VII. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

President Lawson stated that the minutes of February 8, 2017, were available online for review.

VIII. AFFILIATE SPOTLIGHT:

- Breakfast Sponsor – MatSu Title
- Room Sponsor - Wells Fargo Home Mortgage

Ms. Tammy Lincoln, MatSu Title, briefly addressed the audience.

IX. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Lawson:

- Spoke to an upcoming event with home builders, and
- Spoke regarding REALTOR® safety.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Carrie Butler, Hospitality Committee, stated that Affiliate Appreciation is Friday, March 17, 2017, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the VBR Building.

Ms. Christi Erwin, Hospitality Committee:

- Invited everyone to like their Facebook page; and
- Mentioned that the candy drive will start in April.

Ms. Paddy Coan, RPAC Committee,

- stated that at next month's General Membership Meeting there will be the RPAC dessert auction, and
- added that there would be a REALTOR® pin challenge at the next meeting as well.

Mr. Russle Joyce, Legislative Committee:

- Stated that he would meet tomorrow morning with the ARR Legislative Committee:
- Noted that he is tracking the E&O insurance bill, spoke to the date moving back to 2020 instead of 2018, and
- Added that commission investigators may be grouped together with other departments

Mr. Eric Bushnell, Real Estate Commission:

- Stated that the Commission is not in favor of pushing the date back to 2020,
- Spoke regarding an invitation to bid E&O insurance,
- Commented on HB 115, and
- Spoke to a proposed Income tax and capital gains tax.

Suellen Appellof, Alaska Association of REALTORS® Professional Development Key Working Group Chair, spoke regarding the upcoming GRI courses.

XI. GUEST SPEAKERS

Members from Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office (AMCO)

Ms. Michele Snell, REALTOR®, introduced the following guest speakers:

- Mr. Hugh Wade, CCIM, Hoff & Leigh,
- Mr. Alex Strawn, Development Services Manager, Matanuska Susitna Borough (MSB),
- Mr. Joe Bankowski, Investigator, ACOM,
- Mr. Jed Smith, Local Government Specialist, ACOM

Mr. Wade spoke regarding his background as a REALTOR® and sales experiences as it relates to marijuana.

Mr. Straughn:

- Spoke regarding his role at the MSB as it relates to marijuana, and
- Spoke to the process and regulations the MSB has put into place as it relates to marijuana,

Discussion ensued with members of the audience.

Mr. Bankowski spoke regarding ACOM regulations.

Mr. Smith spoke regarding the licensing and protestation processes.

Discussion ensued with members of the audience.

XI. AFFILIATE PRIZE DRAWING

President Lawson lead the affiliate prize drawing.

Ms. Elise Bulcholz, Jack White Real Estate, won the affiliate prize drawing.

Mr. Joyce won the prize for having all the REALTOR® applications downloaded on his mobile device.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Jennifer Brant, Lung Association, spoke to the Clean Air Challenge.

President Elect Bushnell informed the audience that CCIM 101 will be taught April 17-21 in Anchorage.

President Lawson reminded the membership that the Affiliate Appreciation Party will be March 17, from 4 – 7 pm.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The March General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.



TERRI LAWSON, President

ATTEST:



AMANDA CHARLES, Secretary

Minutes adopted: 05/10/2017