

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The General Membership Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 10, 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 Ms. Anne Curtis, Jack White Real Estate.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENT OF VIP'S**

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

- Mayor Bert Cottle, City of Wasilla
- 2017 REALTOR® of the Year: Marty Van Diest
- 2017 Affiliate of the Year: Alex MacsLuso
- Emeritus REALTORS®:
  - 2014 Larry Maulden
  - 2015 Deanne Gleason, Helga Larson, & Bob Munford
  - 2016 Anne Curtis
- Real Estate Commission Member Eric Bushnell
- National Association of REALTORS® Director for AAR Paddy Coan
- Alaska Association of REALTORS® (AAR) President Devon Thomas
- AAR Director & AAR Professional Development Chair Suellen Appellof

**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  
Samuel Goldman, Director  
Bob Bickel, Director  
Melanie Goodwin, Affiliate Director  
*Vacant*, Director

Those members absent and excused were:

Beth Fread, Treasurer Elect  
Gretchen Morava, Director

Staff in Attendance were:

Lizz Rautenkranz, Executive Officer

## **V. INSTALLATION OF NEW REALTOR® MEMBERS**

President Elect Bushnell installed the new REALTOR® Members as follows:

- Rayan Kambarn, RE/Max Dynamic of the Valley
- Hannah Rosenbaum,

## **VI. INSTALLATION OF NEW AFFILIATE MEMBERS**

- Robert Yundt, Robert Yundt Homes

## **VII. AFFILIATE SPOTLIGHT:**

- Breakfast Sponsor – Nonna’s Osteria, Marian Romano

Ms. Romano spoke briefly about her upcoming establishment and catering capabilities.

- Room Sponsor – First National Bank of Alaska, Misty Massie

Ms. Massie introduced a new loan originator, Stephanie Glaser, and thanked everyone for their support.

## **VIII. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

### **A. Award’s Ceremony**

Past President O’Hare distributed the 2016 Honor Society Awards and plaques for the 2016 Valley Board of Realtors.

## **IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Christy Erwin, First American Title Company, Hospitality Committee,

- Told the Membership that the Colony Days Parade will be on June 10, 2017,
- Informed the membership that they will be taking part in Wasilla’s 4th of July Parade,
- Encouraged everyone to participate in the candy drive, and stated that the candy weigh will be on June 7, 2017, and
- Noted that t-shirt orders for the Colony Days Parade are due May 15, 2017.

President Lawson:

- Spoke on behalf of the Education Committee,
- Stated that they are trying to bring up Ms. Pili Meyer to teach a class, and
- Asked for REALTORS® to volunteer to teach classes if they are qualified.

#### **X. GUEST SPEAKERS**

A. Point Blank Firearms & Self Defense Training, Donna Anthony

President Lawson introduced Ms. Anthony and spoke to her background.

Ms. Anthony:

- Informed the membership of her professional background, a majority of which was in law enforcement,
- Provided statistics on dangerous situations that REALTORS® have been in across the United States,
- Spoke to steps REALTORS® can take to help ensure safety when meeting new clients, prior to showing a property, and items that should be carried and available at a moment's notice,
- Commented on general safety practices when walking through a home,
- Informed everyone on the classes that are offered.

#### **XI. AFFILIATE PRIZE DRAWING**

President Lawson led the affiliate prize drawing, which was donated by First American Title.

Ms. Hannah Roseman, McKinley View, won the affiliate prize drawing.


Mr. Colton Lucas, Keller Williams, won a half page ad in the Greatlander Magazine which was awarded by Ms. Leslie Love & Ms. Sylvia Kasper, Greatlander Magazine.

#### **XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Jennifer Brandt, American Lung Association, spoke to general lung health.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The May General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

  
TERRI LAWSON, President

ATTEST:

  
AMANDA CHARLES, Board Secretary

Minutes adopted: 06/14/2017