

I. CALL TO ORDER

The General Membership Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, at the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, Wasilla, Alaska. President Terri Lawson called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lawson.

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 MacLuso
- 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 & Professional Development Chair & NAR RPAC Committee 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
Margaret Billinger, Treasurer
Beth Fread, Treasurer Elect
Amanda Charles, Secretary
Samuel Goldman, Director
Bob Bickel, Director
Gretchen Morava, Director
Melanie Goodwin, Affiliate Director
Vacant, Director

Staff in Attendance were:

None

V. INSTALLATION OF NEW REALTOR® MEMBERS

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

- Glenda Smith, Lee Realty
- Lauri Banner, Keller Williams Realty Group of Alaska
- ~~Shelly Woodke, A to Z Realty (absent)~~

VI. INSTALLATION OF NEW AFFILIATE MEMBERS

- None

VII. MINUTES

- July 12, 2017, General Membership Meeting

VIII. AFFILIATE SPOTLIGHT:

- A. Breakfast Sponsor: Alyeska Title, Sue Wolfe

Ms. Wolfe introduced the staff and spoke their combined years of experience.

- B. Room Sponsor: State Farm, Allie Hewitt

Ms. Hewitt commented on her services and availability.

IX. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Temporary Contract Employee - Beth Fread

President Lawson stated that the Board of Directors had contracted with Ms. Fread for 40 hours per month to help with administrative tasks for the Valley Board of Realtors.

- B. National Association of REALTORS® – Chicago

President Lawson informed the membership that President Elect Bushnell would be going to Chicago for the National Association of REALTORS® annual meeting.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Carrie Butler, REALTOR®, commented on the upcoming Emeritus Party and then spoke to the VBR Convention in October.

X. GUEST SPEAKERS

A. Introduction: Mayor Bert Cottle, City of Wasilla

1. Mr. Chris Haldic, Commissioner, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED)

Mayor Cottle introduced Mr. Haldic and spoke to his experience and professional background.

Mr. Haldic:

- Informed the membership that there are currently 3,005 real estate licensees in the state,
- Spoke to regulations that the commission is working on,
- Commented on the most common calls they receive regarding real estate issues,
- Advised that moderate job losses are expected in the near future,
- Spoke to the current fiscal crisis,
- Opined on the need for economic vitality,
- Spoke to the tie between the price of oil and the State's economic development,
- Commented on the six goals of DCCED, and
- Advised that there is a need for the public and private industries to work together for sustained economic development.

Discussion ensued.

XI. AFFILIATE PRIZE DRAWING

A. \$100 Gift Card, donated by Residential Mortgage

Ms. Tina Chowanec and Ms. Susan Fitzgerald, First National Bank of AK, awarded the \$100 gift card to Director Bickel.

B. Half page ad, donated by Greatlander Publications


The half page ad in the Greatlander Magazine which were awarded by Ms. Leslie Love, Greatlander Magazine to Ms. Leslie Carter, REALTOR®.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The August General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.


TERRI LAWSON, President

ATTEST:


AMANDA CHARLES, Board Secretary

Minutes adopted: 09/12/2017