

# **ASSOCIATION OF APPRAISER REGULATORY OFFICIALS**

## **BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 10, 2005 WASHINGTON, DC**

The annual Business Meeting of the Association of Appraiser Regulatory officials was called to order by President Jim Martin at 3:22 pm on Monday, October 10, 2005.

A roll call was taken which indicated twenty-three (23) member jurisdictions were present and a quorum was declared.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 11, 2004 Business Meeting were considered for approval in a motion by Richard Stephens (AR) as published. The motion was seconded by Dennis Badger (KY) and was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Chair then asked for the Regions to report on their respective break-out meetings and elections of Regional Directors.

### **REGIONAL BREAK-OUT REPORTS**

Sharon Fiedler (WI) reported on behalf of Michelle Smey (PA) for the joint meeting of Regions I and III. Topics discussed were Mortgage Fraud and Flipping, firm date versus segmented date implementation of the new criteria, Policy statement # 10, supervisory requirements and support for the Fannie Mae Resolution. For Region I, Ami Milne-Allen (VT) was elected Regional Director with Jim Postma (VT) being elected Alternate Director. Region III elected Barrington Carr (MI) as Director with Sharon Fiedler being elected as Alternate Director.

Rod Stirman (OK) reported on behalf of Skip Knopf (MO) for Region IV. Skip Knopf (MO) was re-elected as Director with Richard Stephens (AR) as Alternate Director. Rod indicated their discussions were on similar topics as Regions I and III.

Mack Provard (WY) reported for the joint meeting of Region V and VI. Tom Reid (WY) was elected as Director for Region V and Dee Johnson (UT) as Director for Region VI.

Henry Faircloth (NC) reported for Region II. The discussion topics in this region were on Fraud, the little cooperation between the state and federal levels in dealing with fraud, Firm date vs. Segmented, how various states handle the Continuing Education audits and Supervisory Training issues.

Henry also made a motion from his region to create a 'Legislative Affairs' committee within AARO. The purpose of this committee is intended to 'communicate and inform' AARO member jurisdictions on various legislative issues. The committee would consist of a small number of members as chosen by the Board of Directors. After much discussion from the floor,

both pro and con, the motion was seconded by Richard Stephens (AR) and carried by a vote of 14-4.

Mack Provart read a draft of a resolution to Fannie Mae regarding Form 1004- Certification 23. The draft of said resolution is attached to these minutes. The motion to make such a resolution was made by John Howden (NM) and seconded by Craig Zell (OR). The motion carried by a hand vote of 19-0.

Jim Martin (AR) read a letter from Wayne Thorburn (TX) which recommended Bear Mayo (TX) be given Honorary Member status. A motion to award Bear Mayo (TX) status as an honorary Member of AARO was made by Dave Campbell (ND). The motion was seconded by Richard Stephens (AR) and carried by unanimous voice vote.

On behalf of the Program Committee, Larry Disney (KY) made a motion to move the site of the spring 2007 conference from New Orleans due to the effects of Hurricane Katrina. The motion was seconded and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

On behalf of the policy and Planning Committee, Philip Humphries (NC) reported there were no recommended changes to the By-Laws at this time. The committee did want the Publications Committee to undertake the creation of a brochure to promote the benefits of membership in AARO.

The Finance Committee report was given by Jodie Campbell (ND) on behalf of Cindy Wright (FL). Jodie reported that the Executive Committee had decided the AARO bank accounts would be moved to Wachovia Bank, Brent Jayes would be added as a signatory on the checking account, the fall conference was projected to have a deficit of about \$1,500, the new accounts at Wachovia would stipulate the need for 2 signatures on any amount over \$5,000.00 and that AARO had assets of about \$134,000.00.

Tom Reid (WY) reported for the Publications Committee. He made a call for any volunteers to step forward. The Publications Committee was going to review the Mission statement and was suggesting the addition of outside articles to the AARO newsletter. Suggestion was also made to keep a database of all board members of the various states to facilitate individual mailings.

Henry Faircloth (NC) presented the Education Committee report. Henry indicated the committee's strong recommendation to each state to make a decision on whether they would adopt the Firm date or Segmented date approach.

Richard Stephens (AR) made the USPAP Oversight Committee report for Herb Sass (SC). Richard suggested Googling HR1295 to see how much discussion was taking place on this issue.

Bob Keith (OR) made a report as the TAFACS representative. Bob attended the one meeting since AARO met in St. Louis. Both the appraisal industry and the government agencies are working towards agreement on payback, ASP work rules, operating procedures and a Leadership manual.

Larry Disney (KY) reported as the ECAFS representative that AARO may soon become a voting member per his discussion with David Bunton.

David Campbell (ND) presented the proposed slate of officers on behalf of Brenda Kindred-Kipling (NV), chair of the nomination committee. It was noted that only 6 jurisdictions submitted nominations. The slate presented was: Larry Disney (KY) as President; Philip Humphries (NC) as President-Elect; Bob Keith (OR) as Vice-President; Neva Conway (AL) as Secretary/ Treasurer; both Dennis Badger (KY) and Mary Lou Brainerd (AR) as Directors-at-Large; Frank Gregoire (FL), Charles Bramlett (GA), Skip Knopf (MO), Debb Pearson (AZ) and Roberta Ouellette (NC) as Alternate Directors-at-Large.

Craig Zell moved that the entire slate of officers be elected as nominated. The motion was seconded by Richard Stephens (AR). With no further discussion, the motion carried by unanimous voice vote. All officers present were sworn in by outgoing President Jim Martin.

Larry Disney (KY) presented a Texas state flag to Jackie Gullahorn in appreciation of all her hard work for AARO. The flag was accepted on Jackie's behalf by Richard Stephens (AR).

Outgoing President Jim Martin gave his closing remarks. He gave thanks to many, including the membership, the Board, God and the Executive Committee. He issued a challenge to all to step up as volunteers and move AARO forward the best that they could. He acknowledged he could 'shed the mantle of leadership with confidence' due to the incoming Board of Directors. Jim received a standing ovation from the appreciative audience.

Taking over the gavel, Larry Disney (KY) thanked Jim for his tremendous leadership and friendship over the years. Accepting the challenge ahead, Larry touched on several points within the By-laws, specifically the promise for Communication, Research, Education and Cooperation. Larry pledged his total commitment, objectively and without bias. He urged for the membership to give him criticism and guidance through their involvement.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

AARO Managing Director

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Brent Jayes