

ASSOCIATION OF APPRAISER REGULATORY OFFICIALS

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 17, 2006

WASHINGTON, DC

The annual Business Meeting of the Association of Appraiser Regulatory officials was called to order by President Philip Humphries (NC) on Tuesday, October 17, 2006.

A roll call was taken, which indicated twelve (12) member jurisdictions were present; a quorum was declared.

The Chair commended the Program Committee for an excellent conference. Larry Disney (KY) indicated he had received one complaint from a first-time attendee. The complaint was in regard to Regional Breakout Sessions. It appeared to the first-time attendee that if your state did not bring a number of individuals, you were not recognized to address specific topics. It was suggested that the Regional Breakout Sessions be more structured and that the Regional Directors in charge of the meeting make a point in recognizing all jurisdictions present.

Brent Jayes indicated he had fewer complaints than any other year, and that overall, the conference went extremely well. He requested he be allowed to provide \$250 in tips to four hotel staff members; \$100 to one individual and \$50 to three individuals. Bob Keith (OR) made a motion to allow Brent to provide hotel staff \$250 in tips. The motion was seconded by Neva Conway (AL) and was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Debb Pearson (AZ) and Dee Johnson joined the meeting at this time.

The Chair commended Brent Jayes for the excellent services he and his team provided throughout the conference. He also recognized Roberta Ouellette (NC) for working on the Silent Auction, as Sherry Bren (SD) could not be in attendance.

In reviewing the roster of states that have paid their membership, it appears AARO is getting back more members that have been lost. The Chair recognized Larry Disney (KY) for an excellent job he has done in getting AARO's name out there around the country. Larry (KY) has developed a letter discussing the benefits of AARO. To assist in promoting AARO further, there was discussion relative to getting the Regional Directors more involved in recruiting jurisdictions. The Chair stated he will challenge the Regional Directors to take on this role, as they are a good point of contact.

Bob Keith (OR) questioned how information discussed within the Regional Breakout Sessions was going to be collected and distributed to jurisdictions. Larry Disney (KY) indicated it was his understanding that the Regional Directors, or those representing the Directors, are to forward a report to the Chair and Secretary, once it's reviewed and in order, be placed on the AARO website.

Bob Keith (OR), Chair of Panning and Policy discussed proposing Bylaw changes, as ECAP and TAFAC representatives positions are not mentioned in the Bylaws. Typically, it has been the duty of the President to make these appointments. President Humphries (NC) appointed Bob Keith (OR) as TAFAC representative for AARO and appointed Larry Disney (KY) to continue as ECAP representative of AARO. Dennis Badger (KY) questioned whether an alternate should be named with the appointments.

The Chair stated it is his responsibility to appoint committees, and is doing so; his goal will be to talk with first-timers, as well as past members, past leadership and new leadership, to help establish committees. He will be challenging all committees to work together towards the betterment of AARO.

Larry Disney (KY) brought forward a request from the Appraisal Qualifications Board and the Appraisal Standards Board. When AARO make appointments to these Boards, appoint individuals who are willing

to work, as well as interact with the Boards. Furthermore, appoint individuals who are knowledgeable of their programs and who will answer or comment on exposure drafts. The Chair indicated he would take these comments into consideration when making appointments.

Larry Disney (KY) mentioned that Willie McCann (MO), a long time AARO member, has passed away. Larry entertained the idea of AARO giving some type of memorial in memory of Willie. The Chair said he would contact the Missouri Board to see if there has been a memorial fund set up for Willie that AARO could contribute to. Brent Jayes suggested posthumously providing Willie with an honorary membership into AARO. His suggestion was well received.

Frank Gregoire (FL) is in the process of gathering sponsors for the St. Petersburg conference. He has had numerous inquiries relative to scheduling a spouse/significant-other program and will look into it further. He further indicated he would provide information opportunities that St. Pete has to offer. He has also had inquiries about golf, but would prefer leaving that to the hotel. Frank indicated he has had inquiries about off-sight receptions and that he would like to try and sell off-sight receptions as sponsorship opportunities. Brent cautioned the Committee that there is a minimum of food and beverage that AARO must purchase with the hotel. Dennis Badger recommended a draft of the conference agenda be placed on the AARO website as soon as possible to assist states in planning.

In a side note, Frank recommended that the power point presentations from Fannie Mae, the ASC, and the Appraisal Foundation made available on AARO website.

Brent has fielded questions as to whether AARO could open food events to guests at a reduced rate. In the past, spouses and significant others have been invited to the Welcome Reception, with no extra fee. Neva Conway (AL) questioned Brent as to what kind of costs would be needed to cover food cost for a guest. Brent indicated we would be looking at probably \$100 per person for all food functions. It was decided to take this issue under advisement, but publicize that guests are welcome to the Welcome Reception.

Larry Disney (KY) recommended checking with Richard Stevens about setting up golf courses. Brent volunteered to contact Mr. Stevens.

Brent Jayes inquired as to how the Committee felt the event sponsor for lunch was going over. Good comments have been received, with one cautionary one relative to letting vendors in to sell their goods.

President Humphries (NC) closed the meeting. With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

AARO Secretary/ Treasurer

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