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Minutes

Political Affairs Minutes

June 13, 2012

Gladstone Inn, Jamestown

Present: Greg Larson, Dave Lanpher, Diane Duchscher, Dewey Uhler, Laurel Haake, Mike Swartz, Denise Messmer, Cindi Kouba (for Vicki Roller), Bob Lee, Mary Splichal, Ron Volk, Jim Dunavan (for Jerry Youngberg), Shelly Zach, Ginny Corwin

Absent: Neal Messer, Jack Kavaney, Arlene Volk, Mavis Winkels, Gary Kramlich, Jerry Schlosser, Shirley Dukart, Linda Hixson-Maixner, Dave Hoerner, Joe Sheehan, Sharon Lunski, Connie Osowski, Clyde Thorne, Tate Cymbaluk, Rep Scott Louser, Rep Thomas Beadle

Guests: Todd Fettig, Dennis Kaiser, Nancy Deichert, Diana Zietz, Mike McEown, Daryl Braham, Doug Schonert, Judy Gehrke, Paula Polasky, Jeff Shipley, Terry Ellingson, Nancy Allen, Jodi Danzl, Doris Hill, Donna Higginbotham, John Colter, Rita Schuster, Todd Anhorn, Vivian Thingelstad, Peggy Isakson, Marilee Moen, Kevin Fisher, LuAnn White, Scott Breidenbach

Staff: Jill Beck, Suzanne Wetz

Chair Greg Larson called the meeting to order. Committee members and guests were introduced.

Minutes from the December February 22, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented. M/S/C

Goals for the year for this committee were reviewed. One goal was take off the list since it was met. "Karl Eckhart (NAR Political representative) considering a ND min-tour that would be a good opportunity for members to learn more about public policy advocacy". One goal discussed was the Mandatory continuing education (CE) credits for learning about public policy. A motion was made to recommend to the Professional Development committee that the Civics class would be a mandatory class. M/S/F Legislative Impact day was also discussed.

Discussion was held regarding Measure 2: No Property Tax – the measure was defeated on the June 12 primary.

Good Funds update – Updates were given of how it is working (or not working) at the local level. The Political Affairs Committee will keep an eye on this law. Each local board is having different outcomes – some no change, many have delayed closings or misplaced funds.

Transfer Tax Prohibition – This is legislation that will be drafted by Representative Scott Louser to be put into the Constitution for ND to not have a transfer tax on real estate transactions. Discussion was also had on whether it should be a law or a change to the Constitution. More discussion will occur when a bill draft is reviewed.



Property Tax Reduction Proposals – In the wake of Measure 2 being defeated, the committee will be watching closely for property tax reduction proposals.

AMC Legislation – NDAR staff is part of a workgroup on this.

The Public Policy Manual was distributed to the committee. At October's meetings, the committee was charged with the task of bringing back suggestions/changes for the manual.

NAR Updates – The Talking Points from the NAR Mid-Year meetings were discussed. They were Bolster Commercial Real Estate Lending, Preserve the Mission and Purpose of the FHA Program, Protect homeownership Tax Benefits, Reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and Secure the Future of Homeownership.

Committee members were challenged by Leadership to have all committees at 100% participation for RPAC. The Political Affairs committee is at 86%.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Suzanne Wetz, Executive Assistant