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Political Affairs Committee Minutes

March 24, 2010

Seven Seas, Mandan, ND

Present: Jerry Schlosser, Dewey Uhlir, Arlene Volk, Linda Hixson-Maixner, Jack Kavaney, Jason Hanson, Diane Duchscher, Weezie Potter, Bob Lee, Denise Messmer, Sharon Lunski, Ninetta Wandler, Diana Zietz, Greg Larson, Mary Splichal, Ron Volk, Tate Cymbaluk, Joe Sheehan

Absent: Steve Lunde, Norm Aldiner, Cindi Kouba

Guests: Brad Viator, Dave Branson, LuAnn White

Staff: Claus Lembke

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jerry Schlosser.

Minutes from the June 3, 2009 meeting were approved as presented. (M/S/C)

The Final Report from the 2009 Legislative Session was reviewed. Claus reviewed NDAR's position on the bills listed and noted that others were monitored. Rep. Weezie Potter got an "A" – 100% on her voting record. An error was noted and will be fixed on the vote count for HB 1268. NDAR opposed this in the Senate so a "No" vote counts as supporting NDAR's position.

Government Affairs Director Claus Lembke reviewed possible future legislative issues.

Wind right leases – discussed language and confidentiality in HB 1509 from 2009 session

Homestead tax – no action at this time

Private transfer fees – This is an issue of concern. It was consensus of the committee to direct Claus to obtain more information and research legislation to prevent this in ND.

Stigmatized property – no action at this time

Roundtable visits in the fall of 2010 will bring new issues as they come up.

Members were invited to attend the Abstracting and Modernization Coalition meeting on March 30.

President Rita Schuster set a goal for the Broker Involvement Plan to have 40 offices signed into the program. Currently there are 33 offices. This exceeds NAR's goal for the program. NDAR is highest in the nation for members participating.



President Rita issued a challenge for all NDAR committees to have 100% participation in RPAC.

The goals set for this committee at the Leadership Retreat were reviewed.

A letter to Senator Dorgan regarding Rural housing was circulated for signatures. A motion was made to send a similar letter to Representative Pomeroy as well. (M/S/C)

A position policy booklet will be developed similar in format to the Minnesota version. (Note: a motion was made to take this request to the Board of Directors, but the Executive Committee felt it fell within the budget of the Political Affairs committee and therefore did not need Board approval.)

Joe Sheehan presented FHA draft. This will replace current MI from .5% to 1.5%. Discussion was held regarding the dissolution of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac programs. Brad Viator responded to Joe's comments.

Brad Viator addressed the committee. He is the Political Field Representative for ND and 12 other states. His topics included health care is now opening up other conversations, mortgage interest deduction in tact, strong secondary market, jobs bill – concerned how it is paid for, Home Star program, flood insurance – some disaster areas where property insurance is not available in earthquake and hurricane zones.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Greg Larson