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Minutes

Government Affairs Committee

January 9, 2018

Holiday Inn-North

Present: Phil Vanyo, Chair; Tricia Schlosser, Vice Chair; Jill Kjorstad, Director Liaison; Neal Messer; Ninetta Wandler; Jamie McLean; Kristin Oban; Vicki Roller; Mary Shelkey Miller; Mary Splichal; Ron Volk; Dave Lanpher; Dewey Uhlir; Nick Leavy; Mike Swartz; Shari Anhorn; Kalli Swanson; Delynn Weishaar; Zach Rubin-McCarry, NAR, (by phone)

Absent with prior notice: Greg Larson; Kevin Fisher; Deb Nichols; Sharon Lunski; Tate Cymbaluk; Tom Beadle*; Josh Boschee*; Tom Kading*; Scott Louser*; Scott Meyer*; Jim Roers*; Steve Vetter* (*legislators/ex-officio)

Absent: Donovan Gault; Gary Kramlich; Trevor Schmitt

Guests: Ben Schroeder; Desri Neether; Bill Dean; Lynda Hartmann; Scot Nething, John Colter, Nancy Deichert.

Staff: Jill Beck, Jane Marum, Nancy R. Willis

Presiding: Phil Vanyo, Chair
Director Liaison: Jill Kjorstad, Vice President
Staff Liaison: Nancy R. Willis, GAD

1. Phil Vanyo called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm, welcomed everyone and introductions were made.
2. The committee purpose and roster were reviewed. Vanyo asked committee members to let Nancy Willis know of any changes needed on the roster. Vanyo then reminded committee members of the committee's 100% RPAC/ISSUES investment participation goal from members at the minimum \$30 level.
3. The October 24, 2017 meeting minutes were approved. **M/S/C**
7. Agenda Item 7 was moved up to allow Zack Rubin-McCarry, NAR Political Rep for our Region, who joined the meeting by phone, to leave if necessary. Rubin-McCarry provided a federal update on Tax Reform and suggested members go to NAR's web page <https://www.nar.realtor/tax-reform/the-tax-cuts-and-jobs-act-what-it-means-for-homeowners-and-real-estate-professionals> and download the summary document. The NFIP was extended through January 19 and NAR will continue to work for a five-year reauthorization. The Department of Labor has issued a notice of proposed rulemaking which would expand access to health coverage through Association Health Plans. NAR supports the rule change and will submit a comment letter prior to the March 6 deadline. NAR also has submitted a comment letter to the Federal Reserve, FDIC and Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Dept., regarding the capital rule for banking organizations, offering a number of suggestions for improving capital requirements and the changes proposed. Rubin-McCarry will continue to keep us updated on federal legislation and rules affecting real estate.
4. Vanyo, assisted by Willis, reviewed those items in the Strategic Plan related to

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advocacy and to this committee and updated members on their status. No items were added.

5. Update of 2019 Legislative issues:

- First Time Home Buyer Savings Accounts - Willis said legislative language from the six states that have passed this legislation was forwarded to Rep. Josh Boschee and Rep. Scott Louser at their request. Willis met with the ND Tax Dept. to review the other states' legislation and to get their opinion on any issues the legislation might face in ND if introduced. Staff thought the only barrier might be the state of ND's revenue in 2019. They also suggested meeting with the Bank of North Dakota to see if this could be a program similar to the college savings program. The Tax Commissioner offered to have their attorney draft legislative language based on the other six states and provide that to NDAR. Rep. Boschee said he would ask the National Council of State Legislators for any information that they might have and to create a comparison chart of legislation and Rep. Louser said he would ask Legislative Council to draft legislation as well.
- Pre- and Post-Licensing Requirements – Kristin Oban, Task Force Chair, gave an update on the group's activities, which included having sent a survey to new licensees and instructors to determine if pre-licensure hours were sufficient. A wide range of opinions were received back in the survey. The Task Force's focus will be to narrow down the information to be able to make a recommendation in June. Discussion also will be held at an upcoming ND Real Estate Commission meeting.
- A Team Task Force meeting has not been held, but Willis has obtained legislation from states where legislation has been passed addressing team requirements. A Task Force meeting will be set up soon.
- Vehicle License Information for Abandoned Vehicles - Willis contacted the Apartment Association to obtain their feedback. They said they have heard that this is an issue for some of their members, but not for others. They said they would send out an email survey to gauge members' thoughts on need for legislation and will share results with NDAR when they are in.
- Nancy Deichert, BMBOR AE, raised the issue of vehicle fuel taxes imposed by municipalities. This was specifically prohibited in legislation in the 2017 session; however, a number of municipalities want to bring the issue back in 2019. The committee discussed the issue and decided not to take any action but to wait to see what transpires in the interim legislative Transportation Committee, as this is being discussed there as well. Rep. Boschee is on the committee and has offered to keep us informed.

6. Willis directed committee members to two handouts included in the committee packet for their information. One is an update on legislative interim committee activities and one a summary of federal legislative and rulemaking activities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy R. Willis, GAD