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### **Government Affairs Committee Minutes**

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

3:00pm CST – Zoom

Jamie McLean called the meeting to order at 3:00pm and introductions were made. He thanked everyone for attending.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from December 14, 2020. **M/S/C**

Jamie reviewed the committee purpose. President Shawn Ostlie then reviewed and spoke on NDAR's public policy statement, voicing that he believes no updates are necessary. Jamie asked committee members if they believed there should be any changes made, and there was consensus that the public policy statement was acceptable in its present form. Greg Larson suggested that it be reviewed again prior to the upcoming legislative session.

Jamie asked Shawn to speak on the 2022 Strategic Plan. Shawn asked that committee members review the document and shared that in December 2021, the Board of Directors drafted this Strategic Plan at the NDAR Planning Retreat. The final draft of this Strategic Plan is now being proposed to the Board of Directors at tomorrow's meeting for approval.

NDAR Lobbyist Lisa Feldner then began her legislative update. Lisa reviewed the changes that are expected with redistricting, and how each change may impact the upcoming election.

Lisa shared that the hunting bill from the previous session has been going well and the parties involved are still working together to iron out the details. There may be changes made to address out of state hunters next session, but there has been no backlash on the bill this interim.

Lisa shared an update on the initiated ballot measure that NDAR is supporting. By supporting, NDAR is partnering with Protect ND Constitution in their efforts to collect signatures and put a measure on the ballot for 60% needed approval and only one topic for constitution ballot measures to amended. This will be in the November election and they have until April to collect the remaining signatures. Jill shared that the BOD moved to support, and the Issues Mobilization Committee will be reviewing a \$10,000 contribution.

Lisa shared that the ND Ethics Commission has put out some administrative rules for comment concerning conflict of interest and campaign funds. Lisa shared that this will impact PAC dollars. With these changes, any candidate who receives campaign funds and is seated on a regulatory board must recuse themselves from any decision related to the donating body. Lobbyists have hired an attorney to respond to the rules. Zack Callum is working on clarification of the rules and there will be an opportunity for public comment on February 22.

Jill Beck then gave an update on the Real Estate Commission Administrative Rules Changes. She shared that NDAR has been working with the REC since 2018 to make updates to the license law administrative rules concerning teams advertising matters. A hearing for public comment was held in December regarding these rules' changes. The commission then met in January and approved to move forward, taking comments into consideration. It has now been sent to the Attorney General's office and, once reviewed, it will go back to the commission and on to the legislative committee for final approval. The REC attorney hopes to have it done by July. Tricia Schlosser shared that the advertising portion will only start being enforced as of January 1, 2023.

Appraisal Taskforce Chair Tricia Schlosser then gave an update on how the Appraisal Taskforce has been doing.

A motion was made to recommend to the Government Affairs Committee and the Board of Directors that the Appraisal Taskforce work with the Appraiser Board and NDAA to proceed with establishing the Experience Training Program (ETP), either through an administrative rule change or legislative action. **M/S/C**

Jill Beck then gave an update on a possible Teams Taskforce. In 2018, NDAR had a taskforce made up of 2 real estate commission members and 5 REALTOR® members. This taskforce disbanded since there was little they were able to do at that point. Jill shared that she believes there should be a taskforce created to address it again. Shawn Ostlie shared that this would be to review the previous recommendations the group had made and see what updates can be made since 2018.

A motion was made to recommend to the Board of Directors that the Teams Taskforce be reestablished to research and evaluate Teams and possible legislation surrounding Teams. **M/S/C**

Shawn shared that, if approved by the Board of Directors, he would like the Teams Taskforce created and ready to give a recommendation for the next quarterly meetings in June.

Jamie McLean pointed out the NAR Federal Update included in the meeting packet, and encouraged committee members to review it. Jill Beck shared that NAR is currently working on the details of how Mid-Year Meetings and Hill Visits will work with COVID restrictions in the D.C. area. While there is a lot going on legislatively, Jill shared that according to Zack Rubin-McCarry, the primary focus in D.C. is on the government funding that is set to run out on February 18.

Jill then asked that if any committee members had any other legislative matters they would like to focus on this year. There was a discussion on the growing topic of digital land titles. There was also discussion concerning HOAs and regulations related to them. Jill asked committee members to please contact herself, Jamie, or Lisa, if they think of other legislative focuses for the year.

Being no other discussion, meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sarah Caldwell, Communications Director