

REALTORS® Political Action Committee of North Dakota (RPAC)

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PURPOSE: The REALTORS® Political Action Committees (RPAC) purpose is to collect and expend political contributions to further the candidacy of individuals for election to public office. The governance of this Committee is autonomous and prescribed by separate Bylaws.

RPAC Trustee Meeting By Zoom - 1:30 pm Monday, February 12, 2024

On Zoom: Tate Cymbaluk, Kevin Fisher, Mike Swartz and Sharon Lunski

At NDAR Office: Shirley Dukart and Karin Haskell

Absent: Larry Louser (notice given)

Staff: Jill Beck and Lisa Feldner

Guest: NDAR President Nick Olson

The meeting was called to order at 1:33.

Committee Purpose was reviewed, and Chair Tate reminded all to sign the confidentiality agreement and conflict of interest forms and return to Jill ASAP.

Minutes of July 23, 2022, and September 29, 2022, were approved as presented. (MSC)

Jill covered the bylaw section regarding election of Chair and Vice Chair on off election years, after discussion it was moved to elect Tate Cymbaluk as Chair (MSC) and Kevin Fisher as Vice Chair (MSC).

Jill reviewed the financial statement, funds raised in 2023 as well as what is available to the local boards of what was raised in 2023. It was moved to approve the submitted financial reports. (MSC)

Tate asked that the chart of past splits with the local boards be reviewed and asked for discussion on what the split for 2024-25 should be. It was moved to keep it at 80% to locals and 20% to the state of the 70% that remains in state. (MSC)

A chart of statewide offices that are up for election was reviewed along with past funding of state offices. After discussion the following motions were made in relation to funding

Funding for Governor up to \$10,000 (MSC)

Funding for Auditor up to \$3,000 (MSC)

Funding for Insurance Commissioner up to \$5,000 (MSC)

Funding for State Treasurer up to \$3,000 (MSC)

Funding for Superintendent of Public Instruction up to \$5,000 (MSC)

Funding for Insurance Commissioner up to \$6,000 (MSC) For a total of \$32,000.

The interview of state candidates process was discussed. It will be held during the state fair on the Saturday of the State Parade, July 20. 2024 in Minot. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hampton Inn and more information will be sent on that in June.

Lisa gave an update on the redistricting and will report when there is more info available on District 9 and 15.

Review of Disbursement Guidelines for Local Boards was done. Jill recommended some changes as follows and motion was made to adopt all recommendations.

Motion made to update the following:

- F. NDAR staff keeps track of investments by local board or association. <u>Local boards independently have a tracking system in place for the funds they have received.</u>
- M. Prior to conducting these interviews, the state RPAC Trustees meet to determine funding levels for each statewide office. <u>Funding to be determined prior to Party Endorsing Conventions</u>.
- N. Also prior to conducting these interviews, the state Government Affairs Director/<u>CEO/Lobbyist</u> assists Trustees in developing candidate questionnaires for each office.
- P. Candidates do not receive the questions in advance but are sent NAR and NDAR's advocacy priorities and NDAR's Policy Statement. Candidates also are advised that the state Government Affairs Director, CEO and/or Lobbyist are available to answer any questions or provide information prior to the interviews.
- X. After elections, Trustees <u>may</u> meet again to determine if any candidates should receive debt retirement support. Candidates who already have received campaign support and those who have supported REALTOR Party issues but have not received support are eligible.
- Y. Executive Session minutes are kept, <u>but not published</u> and records of candidate investments by year also are kept.

RPAC Bylaws were discussed, and Chair Tate asked all to review and bring any recommended updates to the next meeting. The policy to be considered for appointment as a Trustee was discussed. It was moved to change the minimum investment to be considered to the Presidents Cup level (\$500 to \$999). (MSC). Jill explained that this will have to come back to the next meeting for further discussion per the bylaws as not all members were present, and it was not an unanimous vote. Twenty days' notice will be given prior to the next meeting for consideration.

Staff recommended changes to the application form were reviewed. Motion was made to add No Party Race in two spots to the form (MSC). Note other changes were just clean up or clarification language.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Jill Beck, CEO