



**GOVERNING BOARD WINTER MEETING/GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
February 7, 2015- Hyatt Regency Hotel, Austin, TX**

Called to order by President Cathy Mitchell at 8:04 a.m.

- I. Invocation by Tina Backus, Abilene Chapter Local Chapter President.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to Texas Flag led by Amanda Fails, Montgomery County Chapter Local Chapter President.
- III. Inspiration by Susie Sheffield, San Antonio Chapter Local Chapter President
- IV. Ratification of Officers by Cathy Mitchell, on December 11th 2014, the nominating committee brought forward the name of Robbie Fenn for Governor of Area A and an email vote to the Governing Board elected Robbie Fenn as Governor. Ratification of the election is appropriate
Motion made by JoAnn Stevens to ratify the election of Robbie Fenn as Governor, Area A.
Motion passed
On January 5th, the Governing Board approved the Presidential appointment of Tanya Endicott to the office of District Vice President of Area B5. Ratification of the appointment is appropriate.
Motion made by Becky Hill to ratify the appointment of Tanya Endicott as District Vice President, Area B5. **Motion passed**
The list of 2015 Appointments was distributed to the membership. Changes were made to add VaLois Hounsel serving as the Chair to National Focus and Tom Gallagher serving as the Chair to Communications and Technology.
Motion made by to approve appointments of VaLois Hounsel, National Focus Chair and Tom Gallagher, Communications and Technology Chair. **Motion passed.**
- V. Introductions by President Cathy Mitchell
- VI. Roll Call by Nancy Garcia, 2015 State Secretary
- VII. Per the approved motions the agenda has been changed.
Motion made by Angela Ochoa to amend the agenda to include the ratification of the election of the Governor and the ratification of the appointment of District Vice President and the appointments of National Focus Chair and Communications and Technology Chair. **Motion passed**
- VIII. Minutes of the September 2014 meeting held in San Antonio were submitted and approved by the 2014 Minutes Review Committee
- IX. 2014 Financial Report presented by Cathy Hamlin, 2014 Treasurer. Copy attached
- X. 2015 Financial Report presented by Angela Ochoa, 2015 Treasurer. Copy attached

XI. 2014 Year in Review presented by Sharon Morton, 2014 State President

XII. Officers Reports

A. President, Cathy Mitchell, Verbal report given, written report attached.

Cathy provided an update that the Officers were trained in October 2014. Cathy stressed that in order for Joy in the Journey; there must be unity, diversity and maturity within our membership.

B. President-elect, Ethel O'Dell, Verbal report given, written report attached

Ethel O'Dell provided an update that she is working with the Local Chapter President Elects to have their Chapter programs, organization charts, standing rules, and bylaws uploaded to their Chapter websites. Ethel also announced that the 2015 State orientation will be held at Moody Gardens on October 22nd – 25th.

C. Treasurer, Angela Ochoa, Verbal report given, written report attached

Angela reported that Cathy Hamlin and she facilitated the Local Chapter training with the 2015 Treasurers. Thirteen (13) Local Chapters have uploaded their 2015 budgets to box.com. Angela collected the monies from the Celebrity waiter ticket sales and Silent Auction items.

D. Secretary, Nancy Garcia, Verbal report given, written report attached

Nancy Garcia reported that the Chapter secretaries are providing their monthly Chapter GB and Resource meeting minutes to her to upload to box.com. Nancy also has responsibility this year for the State Governors, TDVPs and State Coordinators.

E. Governors:

Area A, Robbie Fenn: Verbal report given, written report attached.

Robbie reported that Area A District meeting was held on Thursday, February 5th, each Chapter had a role in the planning of the meeting and it was a success.

Area B, Renee Coulson: Verbal report given.

Rene provided an update on Area B Chapters and that they are planning the Area B District Conference in April in Dallas. Sindy Ready and Cathy Mitchell are scheduled as speakers.

Area C, Beth Fitzgerald: Verbal report given, written report attached.

Beth reported that she had met with several Local Chapters already attending their orientations and retreats. The Local Chapters are working together to plan Area C's District meeting. Sindy Ready and Cathy Mitchell will be speakers.

F. Texas District Vice Presidents:

Area A-1, Lizeth Smith: Verbal report given, written report attached.

Lizeth Smith provided an update on the membership activities for the El Paso del Norte, McAllen, Abilene and Cameron County Chapters.

Area A-2, Sonya Powers: Verbal report given, written report attached.

Sonya Powers provided an update on the membership activities for the Hill Country, Highland Lakes, San Antonio and Austin Chapters.

Area B-3, Melissa Clinton: Verbal report given, written report attached.

Melissa Clinton provided an update on the membership activities for the Dallas, Collin County and Greater Tarrant County Chapters.

Area B-4, Sherry Jones: Verbal report given, written report attached.

Sherry Jones provided an update on the membership activities for the Dallas Metro East, Southwest Dallas and Tyler Chapters

Area B-5, Tanya Endicott: Verbal report given, written report attached.

Tanya Endicott provided an update on the membership activities for the Brazos Valley, Central Texas and the Heart of Texas Chapters.

Area C-6, Sheryl Hunter: Verbal report given, written report attached.

Sheryl Hunter provided an update on the membership activities for the Bay Area, Greater West Houston, Houston and Montgomery County Chapters.

Area C-7, Michelle Mihalko: Verbal report given, written report attached

Michelle Mihalko provided an update on the membership activities for the Fort Bend, Great Northwest, Lake Houston and Golden Triangle Chapters.

G. Regional 9 Vice President, Sharon Morton, Verbal report given, written report attached.

Sharon Morton reported that she is working with the Chapters in the Region 9 which include the states of New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana. Sharon had attended two Chapter installations in New Mexico.

XV. Standing Committee Reports

A. Bylaws, Patti St. Louis Cox-Vice Chair for Cindy Cox -Chair: Verbal report given, written report attached

Patti provided an update on the activities of Bylaws and Standing Rules, which they are working with each Local Chapter to ensure their Chapter Bylaws are updated and stamped.

B. Education, Mary Nelson: Verbal report given, written report attached.

Mary Nelson advised the education classes that are scheduled; an MCE Etiquette class that will be offered before the Strategic Planning Committee meets in Dallas in June and the PMN class that is scheduled in August before the TAR Conference in Fort Worth.

C. Finance and Budget, Patti St. Louis: Verbal report given.

Motion made by Patti St. Louis – to strike from Standing Rules section V.E.3.c which reads “Reviews final financial records and reports to Governing Board no later than Spring Meeting.

Motion passed

D. Marketing, Vice Chair Cookie Long: Verbal report given, written report attached.

Cookie Long reported that the committee is working with Governors and Communications to ensure materials are uploaded and distributed in a timely fashion.

F. Membership, Vice Chair Carolyn Rhodes: Verbal report given, written report attached.

Carolyn Rhodes reported the State Membership that there were 1286 National members, 1056 Realtors and 230 Affiliate as of 1/31/2015. The Committee is planning the Texas State Membership contest that will begin in May and end August 31, 2015.

G. National Focus, VaLois Hounsel: Verbal report given, written report attached

VaLois reported that National Focus is working to report the value of National Focus, with planned newsletters, e-blasts, testimonials, and conference calls to the membership. .

Motion made by VaLois Hounsel to add the words ‘and National Focus Participant’ to VII Expense Reimbursement B.1 and B.1.a. **Motion passed**

Motion made by VaLois Hounsel: to include “active” Realtor Emerging Leaders nominated to be featured, should have a combination of the following State (TAR or WCR) Service: Vice Chair or Chair of State Committees or TDVP or Governor or Active on State Committees or engaged in all facets of the real estate industry or equivalent leadership experience. Under V. Duties, E. Standing Committees, 6.National Focus (f). **Motion passed**

- H. Past President/Nominating, Sharon Morton: Verbal report given, written report attached. Sharon reported that nominations for the 2014 awards was completed and will be presented at the awards banquet that afternoon. Sharon also reported on the 2016 nominating process.
- I. Strategic Planning, Sylvia Seabolt: Verbal report given, written report attached. Sylvia reported that Strategic Planning will be held in Dallas on June 27 -28th and that Jim Delizia will be facilitating the session.

XVII. Special Committee Reports

- A. Audit, Marilyn Burt: Verbal report given, written report attached. Marilyn reported that the audit was completed and was in excellent condition.
- B. Chapter Assistance Training Team, Sharon Morton: Verbal report given, written report attached. Sharon provided an update on the CATT retreats and training that was completed this yea. The CATT Team; Governors, TDVPs, Cathy Hamlin and Patti St. Louis facilitated the training held at this WCR Conference and the feedback was positive.
- Motion made** by Sharon Morton – to transfer \$5000.00 from Education Reserve Fund to CATT budget line 2095. **Motion passed.** The vote by membership was 74 yes and 18 no.
- C. Communications, Tom Gallagher: Verbal report given, written report attached. Tom Gallagher provided an update on the activities performed at the Conference and planned for 2015.
- D. Credentials, Mary Papageorge: Verbal report given, written report attached. Mary Papageorge provided an update on the committee duties.
- E. Historian, Connie Parsons: Verbal report given, written report attached. Connie Parsons reported that the pictures taken at the events can be viewed by logging into wcr texas shutterfly.com
- F. Hospitality, Veronica Taylor: Verbal report given, written report attached. Veronica Taylor reported that the Committee had greeted members and guests throughout the event and assisted the Credentials Committee with check in at Governing Board.
- G. Investments, Kristen Neff: Verbal report given, written report attached. Kristen Neff provided an update on the current investments for WCR Texas Chapter.

21, 2015 into a new 24 month CD at 1.2% yield rate. **Motion passed**

- H. Newsletter, Sheryl Hunter, Verbal report given, written report attached. Sheryl Hunter reported that the first quarter newsletter will be due at the end of March 2015 and to provide the committee with any news worthy information to be included in the newsletter
- I. Past Presidents, Linda Sheinall: Verbal report given. Linda Sheinall reported that the Past State Presidents had met and provided an update.
- Motion made** by Linda Sheinall to add a provision to the Standing Rules that requires the President Elect to submit their hotel contract and budget for Orientation to the Budget and Finance Committee no later than January 15th for review and approval before the State Chapter President signs the contract. **Motion passed.**
- Motion made** by Linda Sheinall to amend the Standing Rules to state that no officer nor the executive committee can increase the limit on the Chapter credit card without Governing Board approval. **Motion passed.**
- Motions made** by Linda Sheinall to amend the Standing Rules to state that only the State Chapter President and the State Treasurer are issued a Chapter credit card and are each limited to up to 50% of the permitted allowance. **Motion passed.**

J. Strategic Partners, Shawn Jones: Verbal report given, written report attached.

Shawn reported an update on the 2015 Strategic Partners for the Texas State Chapter and that the committee is requesting a two year partnership agreement.

M. Technology, Tom Gallagher: Verbal report given, written report attached.

Tom Gallagher provided an update on the activities the committee is involved in and suggested that Communications and Technology committee be combined since the charges overlap.

N. Ways and Means, Vice Chair Natalie Henshilwood, Verbal report given, written report attached.

Natalie Henshilwood reported that the Celebrity Waiter event, "You are the one that we want" collected 17,802.00 for TREPAC. The amount collected for the WCR Auction is to be determined

XVIII. Announcements:

August 31, 2015 at the Fort Worth Stockyards.

The 2016 TREPAC Event theme will be Casino Royale

XIX. Next meeting- September 1, 2015, TAR Convention and Expo, Fort Worth, TX.

XX. Meeting adjourned at 10:35am.

Nancy Garcia

2015 State Secretary