

ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS APPRAISERS (ATA)

GENERAL SESSION – MINUTES

AUGUST 2, 2013

President Rick Neighbors opened General Session by asking the membership if anyone had any changes to the previous meetings minutes they have received a copy of. With none being presented, a motion was made by Robert Partin and a second made by Karen Cerdas. The motion carried.

Frank Baker presented the Financial Report and stated that Tom Shirley conducted the audit and found all to be in order. No corrections were necessary. A motion was made by Robert Partin and a second was made by Bob Keeney. The motion carried.

Old Business discussed was an update on current membership which stands at 305 members with 62 of these having Designations.

The main topic of New Business was the election of three Directors. The three directors whose tenure has expired are Rick Neighbors, Bobby Crisp and Frank Baker. Mike Braught, Nominating Committee Chair, came forward to conduct the election. Those named as possible candidates were: Andy Arledge, Bobby Crisp, Diana Jacob, Bobby Shafer, Tony Palacios and Robert Partin. Ballots were handed out to the membership and taken up upon completion.

While the ballots were being calculated, President Neighbors announced upcoming ATA meetings and session topics. The next meetings will be held in Ft. Worth on September 27-28 with “Mobile Appraising” by Dustin Harris being the Friday session and “Interagency Guidelines” by Diana Jacobs and “Overview of the Complaint Process” by Troy Beaulieu, lead attorney at TALCB. The following meeting will be in South Padre Island on January 24-25 with the Friday afternoon course being “Contract Analysis” presented by Candy Cooke. The Saturday session will be the USPAP Update.

The February meeting will be held on the 14th and 15th in San Marcos at the Embassy Suites. The agenda will be the same as the South Padre Island conference. The Galveston meeting is still in the works with the venue and classes to be determined.

Bobby Crisp, Educational Director, was asked to explain what is being planned for future educational offerings. He explained that it is being considered to once again offer Diana Jacob’s course “New Construction” in Galveston due to the influx of new construction in the Houston area. Other course ideas were discussed during the Board of Directors meeting and will be pursued. Rick reminded the membership that USPAP is being offered twice at a very reasonable rate and encouraged everyone to take advantage of the opportunity.

Bobby announced that the Board has asked Teresa to put together a survey for members to complete on their opinions on future course topics. Members are likely to receive an email that will contain a link to a website with the before mentioned survey.

Diana Jacob gave a report on TAFAC, speaking first on the increasing expense of travel and lodging with rooms costing \$250-\$300 nightly. Meetings have been cut to two times a year. There was the suggestion that Bobby Crisp possibly travel with her and they would separate to attend committee meetings before the main meeting. Diana currently serves on the Emerging Issues Committee. Many changes are coming in the fall including "Qualifying Mortgages" which will affect the way an appraiser conducts an inspection.

Diana asked before the General Membership if Bobby was willing to travel with her to the TALFAC meetings which he agreed to and it was met with overwhelming approval. There was no need for a vote since it was discussed and voted on during the Board meeting earlier. Bobby did explain that a vote would have been necessary had there been an objection. However, since the money has already been budgeted for 3 meetings a year and they have since been cut to twice yearly, there is money in the budget to allow for his attending the meetings.

At this time, President Neighbors thanked all of those who volunteered to serve on the Board of Directors. He announced the new directors to be Bobby Crisp, Diana Jacob and Bobby Shafer.

The winners of the drawing were: \$25 ATA Certificate – Karen Cerdas; \$25 ATA Certificate - Joseph Benet; and \$100 ATA Certificate – Chris Davis.

A motion to adjourn was made at 4:40 p.m. by Donna Green and a second was made by Frank Baker. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mava Jalufka".

Mava Jalufka

ATA Secretary