

Association of Texas Appraisers

Membership Meeting
August 14, 2015, 12:35 p.m.
Omni Hotel, San Antonio, TX

The General Meeting of the ATA was held on Friday, August 14, 2015 at the Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade in San Antonio, Texas. President, Bobby Crisp called the meeting to order at 12:34, however, there was not a quorum and the meeting began at 12:36 a.m. once all the Directors were accounted for..

Roll call of Directors was then conducted by Secretary, Mava Jalufka. All Directors were present at that time: President, Bobby Crisp, Vice-President, Dennis Crawford, Secretary, Mava Jalufka, Treasurer, Ace "Curt" Myrick, Andy Arledge, AnnA DeMoss, Diana T. Jacob, David McInturff, Bobby Shafer, Past President Arturo Palacios and Executive Director, Teresa Y. Walker.

President, Bobby Crisp then asked for the approval of the minutes as presented from the previous General meeting held on August 1, 2014. Bobby Shafer made a motion that the minutes be approved as read. The motion was seconded by Andy Arledge. The motion passed.

Financial Reports were presented by Curt Myrick along with a proposed budget synopsis.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bobby Crisp announced the current numbers for membership and designations. They are: 347 members, 1 Licensed, 54 Residential and 21 General Designations.

NEW BUSINESS:

The first order of business was to elect four new Directors. There were nine candidates on the ballot. Those elected to office are: Luis De La Garza, Stacey Cartwright, Wade Jordan and Rick Neighbors.

Bobby announced the idea of having an alternate Board Member in the future. He mentioned that there will be a necessary amendment of the by-laws. He said the by-law will be written and presented to the membership.

At this time, Dennis Crawford introduced Bobby Crisp as the new Chairman of the Board. Bobby Crisp announced the tentative dates for upcoming meetings: Dallas/Ft.Worth – Sept. 25 & 26, 2015, El Paso-January 2016, Semi-Annual Meeting in New Braunfels – February 19 & 20, 2016, Rio Grande/South Padre Island/Laredo-April 2016, West Texas/Abilene – May 2016, Annual Meeting in Austin-August 2016 and Dallas/Ft. Worth – September 2016.

Two 15 hour USPAP classes have been offered within the last year. In December there were 8 attendees and at the April class were 5 attendees. It will be offered in the future "as needed".

NAR is beginning to enforce Ethics for Appraisers which have always been in place but never enforced. Appraisers are now required to take an NAR Ethics course specifically designed for Appraisers. A possible deadline of June 1, 2016 was mentioned. Additional questions on this topic will be directed to Candy Cooke during the afternoon class.

Membership was informed that the ATA is affiliated with the NAA and is on their Board of Governors.

Proposed Partnerships:

Comergence is a company that performs a background check one time and then disperses these to those AMC's requesting that information. This helps the Appraiser in that an individual does not have to perform multiple background checks. NAA is a partner with Comergence. ATA members can already access this with our affiliation with NAA.

Anow is a brand new company that is more like a business management type company that offers a similar product that most Appraisers already have with their current appraisal software. The BOD passed on this partnership.

Diana Jacob did an overview of TAFAC activities. She said they are in the midst of developing and writing courses that will be distributed to State Regulators. She also said there was discussion of possible changes in Standards.

An announcement that was sent out by the VA on October 1, 2015, namely VA Circular 26-14-26, stated the term "ANY QUALIFIED VETERAN" should be used in place of the actual Veteran's name. However, this is not being practiced and/or recognized by the VA underwriters, who want the Veteran's name instead.

Candy Cooke spoke on the NAR Code of Ethics Class for Appraisers. Everyone is required to take this class. If a RE Agent takes the TREC Ethics class, it qualifies for the Appraisal Ethics Class. It will have to be taken every 4 years. The class will count toward one or multiple Board of Realtors.

Door prizes were then drawn.

A motion was made to adjourn and was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mava Jalufka
Secretary