

Association of Texas Appraisers
Board of Directors Meeting
February 8 & 9, 2008

President Bobby Crisp called the meeting to order at approximately 5:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Hotel, New Braunfels, Texas.

Directors present were Bridgett Blankenship, Frank Baker, Michael Braught, Bobby Crisp, Norm Miller, Shirley McAllister, Colleen Nance, Bill Render, Bobby Shafer, and Tom Shirley. Also attending was Gale Pospisil, Executive Director.

Reading of minutes from previous Board of Directors meeting August 17, 2007 held in Victoria, Texas, was waived as minutes had already been mailed to directors and approved.

Treasurer Michael Braught presented the Treasurer's Report which included an Income & Expense Report for 9/1/2007 through 2/7/2008; a Projected Income & Expense Report for the Feb. 8-9, 2008, meeting; a report on our Certificate of Deposit; and a report on the status of our IRS reporting requirements. A report was also presented on the status of membership renewals and new members. Motion was made, seconded and passed to once again discount the membership dues to \$50 for the last half of the year. Gale Pospisil distributed checks in the amount of \$50 each for director fees for the current meeting. Motion was made, seconded and passed to prorate the dues to \$50 for the second half of the year.

Gale reported total membership at 99 as of Feb. 8.

Under Old Business President Crisp discussed who had written articles for the newsletter since the last meeting: Colleen Nance for the Sept. 2007 issue and Tom Shirley for the Dec. 2007 issue. He also reminded directors who was scheduled to provide columns for future issues: Bridgett Blankenship & Shirley McAllister for March 2008 and Frank Baker for June 2008.

Bobby Crisp, Chair of the Professional Standards Committee, lead a discussion regarding the draft of a proposed ATA Code of Ethics. Suggestions for changes as well as questions were covered by the members. The Committee will continue to refine the document and bring it back to the Board for further review at the next meeting.

Shirley McAllister gave a brief report from the Membership Committee.

Also under Old Business, the Board received information from the Executive Director regarding the possibility of setting up Pay Pal as a means for members to pay their dues and meeting fees via the Internet. Motion was made, seconded and passed to have the Executive Director move forward with getting the ATA set up to use Pay Pal.

Under New Business, the Board received a report that we have 21 designated members and also approved the application of Ron Hanz for designation as an ATA-G.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to have Tom Shirley perform the audit of the books in July prior to the annual meeting in August.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting until noon on Saturday due to time constraints.

February 9, 12:07 p.m. the meeting was called back to order.

The Board discussed the site of the August, 2008, and agreed that the Holiday Inn, Town Lake in Austin would be a good place for the meeting. The dates were confirmed as August 8-9, 2008. Motions were made, seconded and pass to offer a “Red Flags” course on Friday afternoon and a course on REO’s and foreclosures on Saturday. These will both be provided through Columbia Institute and will provide ACE credit. It was also decided to offer a three hour course on Friday morning on either Legal or Ethics for those members that need this for their real estate licenses. This will be an optional course and charged separately from the regular Friday afternoon and Saturday courses.

A discussion was held regarding whether or not to charge a different rate for members versus non-members attending ATA meetings. It was decided the current system is fine and no motion to change was made.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase a President’s Plaque for outgoing presidents and to provide Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing directors.

The Board was reminded that there will be three Director positions to fill in August; that currently serving Directors can run for re-election; and that the Nominating Committee is comprised of the Immediate Past President Bobby Shafer, the President Bobby Crisp and the Vice President Bridgett Blankenship.

The Board decided to have the spring meeting in New Braunfels in February, 2009. Hopefully on the second weekend. The Executive Director will look into reserving the hotel for that weekend.

The Executive Director gave an update on the website and fielded questions and suggestions from the Board regarding the website, including possible new links to add to the website.

Further discussion was held regarding the newsletter. The Executive Director suggested that after the March, 2008, newsletter we discontinue mailing hard copies except to those few members who don’t have e-mail addresses. Motion was made, seconded, and approved to make this change. Michael Braught agreed to do an article for the Sept. 2008 issue of the newsletter.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to increase the Executive Director’s monthly fee for services to \$150.

Motion was made, seconded and passed that the ATA would pay for rooms for the President and the Executive Director for the August and February meetings if these aren’t comped by the hotel. Colleen Nance advised that she would be willing to be in charge of gathering doorprizes for the August meeting.

Business was completed and the meeting adjourned before 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley McAllister
Secretary