

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
February 13, 2009

President Bridgett Blankenship called the meeting to order at approximately 5:11 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Hotel in New Braunfels, TX. Directors present were Bridgett Blankenship, Frank Baker, Michael Braught, John Macy, Bill Render, Bobby Shafer, Tom Shirley, Eileen Brown, Candace Cooke, past president Bobby Crisp and Executive Director Gale Pospisil.

The minutes of the last meeting on August 8, 2008 were read to the board as a reminder of our last meeting. They had been previously approved by the board via email.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer Michael Braught presented the Income/Expense Report for the period 9-1-2008 through 2-10-2009, copy of which is attached to the minutes. \$50 directors fees were distributed to all board members.

Old Business:

Chairman Bobby Crisp then discussed the Professional Standard Committee and all members acknowledged the fact that Tom Shirley is no longer eligible to serve on Professional Standards Committee due to his serving on board. Bobby Crisp offered to provide Bridgett Blankenship with a list of members of ATA that could be considered to serve on Professional Standards Committee. The board then discussed the success of Pay Pal and its providing for approximately half of the registration for the February 2009 meeting.

New Business:

Bridgett Blankenship made the board aware that a new board member must be appointed to audit the ATA bank account as Tom Shirley has done it the last two years. Candace Cooke accepted that task. Next the board discussed the sites and dates of the upcoming August 2009 meeting. Gale Pospisil delivered a report on the options that were available for the meeting sites. She relayed that Holiday Inn Airport in Corpus Christi, TX seemed to be the best option for the association. Motion was made to hold meeting August 7-8, 2009 at Holiday Inn Airport in Corpus Christi, TX. Motion seconded and passed.

Course topics were then discussed for Saturday the 8th. The possibility of offering the USPAP update was discussed and then dismissed due to the fact that many members depend on it being offered every two years in New Braunfels and moving it might disrupt many peoples CE schedule. It was decided that although the Fannie Mae form would have already been in use for a few months that it would still be a timely and useful course to offer. Motion was made by Bobby Shafer to offer FNMA course, seconded and passed. Candace Cooke suggested the board consider a "How Green Effects Value" course she herself can provide on Friday the 7th. She will be checking for approval on course and will keep the board updated so that we have time to find alternatives in the case that it is not approved for CE

in time.

The board then discussed the MCE Ethics/ Legal courses that the association offers on Friday mornings. Gale Pospisil explained that it has not resulted in the level of enrollment that was originally expected therefore causing the association to lose revenue due to the cost of holding class (i.e. instructors cost). One suggestion was the association offer the 3 hour MCE course only at the February meetings while in New Braunfels. A second suggestion was made by Candace Cooke that she herself instruct the course and due to membership charge a lower fee. The board decided both suggestions were acceptable and John Macy motioned for the MCE courses to only be offered in February and Candace Cooke to be instructor. This was seconded and passed.

The Nominating Committee for the upcoming year will be Bobby Crisp-Past President, Bridgett Blankenship-President & Tom Shirley-Vice-President. There will be three positions to be filled as Bridgett Blankenship, Michael Braught and Candace Cooke's term will expire. There are no term limits and no restrictions from running again. Michael Braught mentioned that he will be running again as would be interested in serving as Treasurer again. The Nominating Committee will have a report to Executive Director Gale Pospisil so that she may include the nominees in the June newsletter.

The dates and location for the February 2010 meeting were discussed. Candace Cooke made a motion to hold the meeting in New Braunfels as usual. This was seconded and passed. The dates discussed were 12-13 and 19-20 with preference for the latter. The availability will be researched and it will be determine which weekend it will be held. It was moved by Eileen Brown to offer the USPAP Update course for Saturday, this was seconded and passed. A quote will be obtained from Columbia Institute for USPAP course. Fridays course is still undecided.

The location of the August 2010 meeting was discussed in order for the Executive Director to have a place to start researching meeting sites. It was suggested in order for the association to appeal to Houston/Bay Area members or potential members that we consider Katy as a possible site. Executive Director with the assistance of Director John Macy will research the Katy area.

Gale reported her son may be doing some updating to ATA website.

Candace Cooke agreed to write the article for September (Note: This should have been for March) newsletter. John Macy agreed to write article for December (Note: This should have been for June) newsletter.

Tony Palacios, ATA member, then addressed the board with concerns that many Realtors are not being held responsible for the information they are providing on MLS, some by being negligent and some by being fraudulent. He suggested that we write a letter from ATA to TAR letting them know that as an association we will hold any agents responsible for false information that attributes to any disciplinary action against a member of ATA. Candace Cooke moved for a letter to be drafted on behalf of ATA, this was seconded and passed.

With no further business to discuss the board was adjourned at approximately 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Brown, Secretary