



BERKSHIRE COUNTY BOARD OF REALTORS® BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2000

- I. **Call to order: 9:30 a.m.**
- II. **Attendance** – Elizabeth Randall, Debbie Dwyer, Sherry Street, Sandy Drager, Jonathan Hankin, Sheila Thunfors, Barbara Demers, Jeff Rose **Guests:** Susan Newman, Sandra Carroll **Excused:** Sue Patella, Lynne Blake, Linda Warner **Absent:** Charley Sawyer, Joe Carini, Elaine Steinert, Dottie Pires.
- III. **Meeting Minutes** - Minutes were not received by Meeting time. Submission of minutes will be made to the Directors in advance of next meeting.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** - A **motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by Dottie Pires made by Debbie Dwyer, Seconded by Jonathan Hankin and approved unanimously by the Board.
- V. **Committee Reports** – The **Government Affairs** committee chair, Debbie Dwyer, reported that they were waiting for the Berkshire Regional Planning Committee's plan and would report back when received. She also referred to the Brief Summary of Issues of the NAR 2000 Board of Directors that was attached to each Director's Agenda. This outline was received at the Washington Midyear meeting. Jonathan Hankin suggested getting this summary out to the membership, and all directors concurred. Sandy Carroll said staff would distribute to the offices and/or members.

The **MLS** report was also presented by Debbie Dwyer. She explained that Staff was currently reviewing other MLS systems in order to knowledgeably recommend options to the MLS Board. She also reported that the MLS board is adding language to the cover of the MLS books that clearly state the fine for distributing the books.

- VII. **Council Reports** – The **North** and **Central** Councils offered no reports. The **South** Council President, Jonathan Hankin reported that the council again discussed the open house schedule and decided to remain operating in the same manner as they have been.
- VII. **President's Report** – President Randall reported on the many meetings that she has been attending in her position. The upcoming **State Directors** meetings required much discussion with the Directors, as there was a motion from the Massachusetts Executive Committee to terminate the employment of the MAR Executive Officer, Robert Nash. Betty explained the results of the **Western Mass. Caucus** held at the Berkshire Board and provided a Banker and Tradesmen article on this matter. In addition, she reported attending with Sandy Carroll, a **MassForms** meeting in Waltham. MAR President Fred Meyer asked for any feedback on the electronic state-wide forms and all boards were provided an opportunity to speak to the issue. It was reported that Steve Ryan will be sending Sandy Carroll changes to the forms, which can be distributed when received. Elizabeth also reported on the **Washington DC meetings**, attended by both herself and Sandy Carroll. She felt this meeting was the most informative, interesting and well-run meeting she has attended during her Presidency. She made a **recommendation** that the President, President Elect and Executive Officer are funded for this event each year.
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IX. Old Business –

Committee Appointment Approvals: The **REALTOR® of the Year Selection Committee** was appointed by President Randall, consisting of Chair, Sandy Drager, and members, Debbie Dwyer, Al Gelinas, Shari Collins and Kathy Hazlett. The **2000 Board Nominating Committee** was also appointed and announced as follows: Chair Joe Carini, and members Lynne Blake, Dennis Welch, Dottie Craft, and Linda Warner.

Barb Demers made a **motion** to approve these appointed committees, which was seconded by Debbie Dwyer and unanimously approved.

The Nominating Committees of each council were also reported - informational only. **South Council** will be served by Sheila Thunfors (chair), Carol White, Melissa Jacobs, Maureen Kirkby and Charles Bergen. **Central Council** will be served by Kathy Hazelett (chair), Dan Boulais, Sue Seely, Lynn Arseneau and one position to be announced. **North Council** will be served by Carlyne Mills (chair), Barb Demers, Betty Krazanik and Shari Collins. Staff will send notices to the North and Central Members in July, to approve of this committee. The South Council will bring their committee for approval at their July meeting.

X. New Business –

The 2000 **Professional Standards Training Session** was announced. All directors were encouraged to attend, so that they can serve on appeal panels.

Sandy Carroll presented a **request from Penny Gallagher** to receive a refund of her 2000 dues, as she is retiring to Arizona for the remainder of the year. The Board consensus was to adhere to the normal business operations in situations such as this, (not to reimburse funds).

President Randall discussed her surprise upon learning that the **Associate Directors on the MLS** are unable to vote at the MLS Participants meeting and suggested we check to see if that is consistent with national policy. As reported, it didn't seem fair that the policy makers elected to serve could not have a voice at these meetings.

A **Professional Standards Ethics Decision Ratification** was submitted, as required by the NAR Code of Ethics and Arbitration manual. The directors reviewed the findings of the panel, the suggested disciplinary action and noted that there were no appeals to this case. Jeff Rose made a motion to ratify the decision of the professional standards tribunal in the matter of (case # E-21-99), Sandy Drager seconded and this motion was approved unanimously.

X. Adjourn

Next Meeting September 13, 2000, unless otherwise notified

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra J. Carroll
July 17, 2000
