

31 January 2000

MLS Board Meeting

Attendees: D.Dwyer, J.Rose, W.Brinker, D.Pires, P.Roberts, E.Taft, E. Randall, S.Carroll, S.O'Brien, S.Newman

Absent: M.Zeppleri, D.Mansen

Excused: C.Koch

Ms. Dwyer welcomed everyone and thanked Ms. Roberts for her past year of service.

There were no minutes to approve.

Treasurer's Report: We have ten new members and the budget reflects that new revenue. Pro Match is also an increased revenue, due to new members online. (The financial statements were end of year for 1999)

It was moved and seconded to approve up to \$1000 for expenditures to allow a delegate to attend the Washington (DC) meeting in May. This provides an opportunity to check into all of the products and services available to us, specifically for research into our ProMatch contract which expires in two years. All in favor.

President's Report: None from the incoming President; Pam Roberts (Past President) encouraged us all to keep working especially with the progress on the new forms; she also remarked that it had been a rather uncontroversial year, and hoped we could continue on a smooth course for the coming year.

Old Business: It was moved and seconded that we give discretion to the office to implement a program for rotating CDs for ProMatch. There currently is no set policy, but certain procedures need to be followed (i.e. 24 hour return policy so everyone has equal access and time to install). All were in favor.

In reference to the Realtor.com getting listings in a more timely manner, they are still working on a better way to get the data on a timely basis.

New Business: There have been reports of a moving company soliciting clients who have recently placed their homes on the market; the question was raised as to how the company got the information so quickly and accurately. The discussion centered on who has access to the MLS books and possible referral fees to the agent/agency involved if there is such arrangement. It was decided to alert the members about this unsanctioned practice by newsletter or e-mail.

A discussion of the new state forms available for computer use was lead by Mr. Emil George, counsel to the Board. Although the forms on disk may be in a better format, it was agreed that the forms we use currently best serve our members. It was agreed that we should look at a better format (i.e. 8.5"x11") for ease of reading and faxing. There is a one year evaluation period for the new forms, at which time we can go back and give our recommendations. If the members wish to use the new forms, they are welcome to do so;

however, they require much editing and must be printed out (requiring a trip to the office to access a printer) before being signed. This was seen as more work rather than easing our burden. The new forms also have an offer to purchase to be followed by a purchase and sale agreement, so this was seen as more paperwork as well.

A forms committee was organized to rework our forms, make them available on disk in a more useable format, educate our members as to the different forms available, and make the new state forms available if members so desire to use them.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William Brinker, Secretary