

Elkhart County Board of REALTORS Directors Meeting – Thursday, January 12, 2012 – 10:30 a.m. - Board Office

ECBOR Members Present: Janice Ruszkowski, Karen Smith, Andy Myers, Patty Miller, Scott Klein, Lori Snyder, Cory White and Mary Ezzell and Steve Miller. Absent: Emmon Schmucker. Others Present: Julie Alert and Jim McCaslin

Additions to Agenda: None

ECBOR motion and second to approve the December 8, 2012 Board of Directors meeting minutes. Discussion. Passed unanimously.

The Board went through a brief orientation outlining their fiduciary responsibilities and job descriptions. All Board members were given the Board's Confidentiality Policy and Conflict of Interest Policy to review and sign. Anti-Trust guidelines were discussed as well as other protocol specific to the ECBOR Board duties. The Board received a USB and an orientation folder containing reference documents to assist them in fulfilling their Board duties.

Upcoming meeting and events were discussed. The Installation Banquet is scheduled for Friday, January 20th at 6:30 pm. Board member induction and photos will be at 6:00 p.m. The IAR Road show meeting follow up scheduled for Wed. January 25th at 10:00 a.m. at the South Bend Board office was discussed. The objectives of the meeting will be to determine the options for future regionalization and resource sharing. ECBOR and MLS Executive committee members will attend the meeting and report back to the Board in March. An updated calendar is available on www.ecbor.com

The Board was reminded of the IAR Legislative Conference where the focus will be on legislative issues currently under consideration including the Right to Work bill and the Indiana License Law Update. The Right to work bill is supported by the Realtors Defense Fund because of the potential to attract additional residents to Indiana who will need housing. The proposed license law legislation is available in MLS Docs and will be reviewed by the Public Policy committee. State Rep. and Realtor member, Wes Culver is Vice Chairman of the committee so comments should be directed to Wes.

Ernie Bottom, RPR Representative, will attend the combined meeting of the MLS and Realtor Board on Thursday, March 8th at 10:00 am. to demonstrate the RPR product. Information on RPR was included in the packet and members were asked to familiarize themselves with the product and to bring question to the meeting. A email reminder will be issued and include a link to the rpr site.

The Board and MLS must have their documents in compliance with NAR. The documents were recently submitted to NAR for approval the and compliance letter has been received and is included in the packet.

2012 Code of Ethics changes were included in the Board packet. No action needed.

The ECBOR 2012 Dues follow up report was submitted. Currently, ECBOR has 303 active members & non members and 277 have paid. The MLS keypad billing was emailed in November and is due January 31st. We currently show 207 members unpaid. The MLS will mail the invoices to the individual agents and add a reminder to the MLS home page and send out another email with the invoice attached.

Motion and 2nd to approve the following new REALTOR® member pending appropriate licensing and paperwork:

Chrystal Frank – Cressy & Everett

Committee Reports were filed.

Governmental Affairs Committee Chair, Lori Snyder, gave the Board an overview of the upcoming 9 week course offered by the Governmental Affairs committee that will introduce members to their local community. Registration for the course will be offered to all members through email and participation will be first come first register. Members must commit to attend 8 out of the 9 courses before they will be accepted.

Motion and 2nd to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 pm Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Alert, Association Executive