

MLS of Elkhart County - Board of Directors Meeting - Thursday, January 12, 2012 – 8:30 a.m. - Board Office

MLS President, Tom Canarecci, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Members Present: Tom Canarecci, Gary Decker, Christina Miller Clauss, Pam Tice, Lisa Arendt, Jill Robinson, Nate Roll, and Cory White.
Absent: Emmon Schmucker. Others Present: Jim McCaslin, Julie Alert, and Kathy Bradley.

Additions to Agenda: None

MLS motion & second to accept the December 8, 2011 Board meeting minutes as submitted. Passed unanimously.

The Board introduced themselves and 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 MLS Board duties. The Board received a USB and an orientation folder containing reference documents to assist them in fulfilling their Board duties.

The 2012 calendar was reviewed and the upcoming events were highlighted. The Installation Banquet will be held on January 20, 2012 at the Elcona Country Club. Board members were asked to attend and be at the club at 6:00 PM for photos. The IAR Legislative Conference will be held on January 30th – 31st in Indianapolis. Julie updated the Board on the Right to Work and License Law legislation. A copy of the Participant Meeting minutes held January 5th was included in the packet.

The IAR Road Show follow-up meeting will be held on January 25th at the South Bend Board office. Most northern Indiana MLS's will be represented and the goal is to further discuss the concepts presented at the Road Show meeting in Indy especially regional mls's. A report will be presented at the MLS Board meeting in March.

The Governmental Affairs Committee will soon begin marketing their "Wins of Change" 9 week course highlighting what Elkhart County has to offer. The course will be limited to 30 members and attendance in 8 of the 9 sessions will be required. Registration will be scheduled for a specific time so all members can have an equal opportunity to register.

Ernie Bottom, RPR Representative, will attend the combined meeting of the MLS and Realtor Board on Thursday, March 8th at 10:00 a.m. 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. An email reminder will be issued which will include a link to the RPR site.

The MLS is required to have their governing documents approved by NAR. That process was recently completed and NAR issued a letter of compliance. The Board received a copy of NAR's letter.

A copy of the AREX Task Force meeting minutes were included in the packet. The task force invited South Bend to attend the meeting even though they had not signed the contract. The minutes were reviewed by the Board and filed as part of corporate records. Reciprocal Membership will be available to members of AREX MLS's for the same fee as previously offered, however, Reciprocal members will not be able to enter listings into the reciprocal MLS. Key coop is now in effect and extends to Affiliates from each Board who have keypads. The task force is still working on a specific process for handling Affiliate access to the AREX MLS's boxes. The Board supported our President meeting with Leadership from other MLS's to discuss partnership agreements.

Julie reminded the Board the 24 hour Key Access is still available to Non-Member Supra key holders.

The 2012 Keypad & Realtor Dues reports were presented. MLS Staff will send out the invoices in the mail and post a notice on the MLS system that the Key Service fees are due January 31st.

No MLS Office applications.

Motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 AM. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Alert, Association Executive