

North Dakota Appraisers Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call
Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Gion at 10:00 am, CST

Present: President: Bill Gion, Secretary/Treasurer: Rhonda Knudson, Board Members: Ross Berg, Kathy Berry, Wade Bachmeier, Executive Secretary: Debbie Ellerton, and Advisor: Craig Steinley, via conference call. Not present: Beth Keller, Dean Rylander, Joe Ibach, and Peggy Boettner.

Agenda: The agenda was included Nominations for Election of Officers, the Annual Conference in Fargo on December 6-8th, and the new Legislative Discussion.

Nominations and Report on the Election process

Debbie Ellerton and Bill Gion gave a report on the current nominations to be presented at the annual meeting by the Nominating Committee as a result of the self-nominations and the work of the nominating committee. They are as follows: President-Elect, Joe Ibach, Secretary-Treasurer, Rhonda Knudson, Board of Directors, Ross Berg, Gerald (Gary) Bock, Tiffiney Dick, Bob Gietzen, and Al Leirness.

The committee will send the Bios out to the board members this week and out to the general membership within a week. The committee reported that they have visited with persons interested in providing service to the organization in the form of committee work or representation on the Board of Directors or Officers. They checked the nominees for their standing in the organization, on the state level, and on the national level. There will be nominations accepted from the floor at the time of the election as well.

Report on the Annual Conference in Fargo

2017 Annual Conference in Fargo, ND (December 6th, 7th, & 8th, 2017). Kathy Berry gave a report on the events scheduled for the Conference. There are currently 31 registered for the Thursday class and 59 registered for the Friday class. There are 24 registered for the dinner and social on Thursday evening. The annual meeting will be held on Thursday during the luncheon. Due to a need for a quorum for the election process, it has been decided that the elections will take place on Friday, December 8th with installation of officers and new board members at the luncheon on Friday. Kathy and Debbie called upon the Board members and Officers and any other volunteers, to provide additional help setting up and working the registration and booths at the conference. They have also asked that board members solicit and provide door prizes and/or sponsorship for the Friday drawings.

Legislative Discussion

Craig sent an email to the BOD with the following information: Late last week, the Senate Banking Committee released its banking modernization legislation, including a section to exempt certain loans in 'rural' locations from an appraisal if the loan amount is below \$400,000 (section 103 of the bill).

The mark-up on this bill has already been scheduled for Dec 5. In layman terms, this is the time and process whereby Senators will have a chance to hold hearings and make changes in the bill before it is delivered to the full Senate as new legislation. As is typical in DC right now, this timing is much faster than normal. My understanding is that the Republicans would really like to pass a banking reform bill before the end of the year, which may help you to understand the fast timeline. It is an open question as to whether that will happen, but that is the intention.

Because of the expedited scheduling, the SD/ND delegation would like to meet with us again in DC on Thursday, 11/30. I have scheduled the meeting for 1.30 pm, which will allow any appraiser that travels to DC for this meeting to return home yet that evening.

Anyone is welcome to attend, of course, but I think it important to have at least one ND appraiser with me in DC. This will send a strong follow up message to what we started in the last meeting in October. This will be our only chance to have additional provisions that we want (favorable to appraisers) put in the legislation by 'our' Senators, so their staff wants to understand our reaction to section 103, as written, and the other provisions we might like to see inserted into the legislation.

Motion: (Rhonda Knudson) to have the NDAA pay transportation and hotel expenses to send a representative to Washington DC to attend the meeting on November 30, 2017 with the ND/SD Delegation. Seconded: Ross Berg

Amended Motion: (Rhonda Knudson) The expenses will be paid from the NDAA uncommitted funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000. Seconded: Ross Berg

The amendment and motion carried respectively.

The meeting adjourned by President, Bill Gion at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Knudson
Secretary/Treasurer, NDAA