**WACCRA Board Meeting**

**October 14, 2022**

**Attendees:**

*Board*: Donna Kristaponis, President; Nickie Askov, Secretary; Jim Crim, Treasurer; Rick Baugh, Carlos Caguiat, Monica Clement, Kim Hickman, Judy Love

*Committee Chair*: Susan Dillon, Membership Chair

*Visitors*: Rocky Higgins, Herb Johnson, Rhoda McLauchlan

President Donna Kristaponis called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

• Minutes: The minutes from the September 9, 2022, meeting were approved by consent.

• Treasurer’s Report: Approved by consent. Donna noted that Senior Lobby has not sent an email for corporate sponsorships for the annual meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

• Annual Meeting Update: The next Annual Meeting at Skyline will be in their new Performance Hall which has the capability of Zoom broadcasting during the live meeting and will also be recorded. A public parking lot is next door adjacent to the Polyclinic. Buses should drop off attendees in front of the new building at 715 8th Avenue. The new Skyline ED, Kevin Booth, will offer greetings and sponsor a social after the meeting. The date is Saturday, October 22, 2:00-4:30. A follow-up News-Mail will contain the details of the meeting. Monica will create the publications. The board members, who do not need to arrive early, will be introduced at the meeting.

• Update on the OIC Study and Jack Cumming’s Paper: Kim reported that the OIC has met with Leading Age as well as the AG and DSHS offices. They have also been in touch with New York and Texas about their legislation. Legislative members have indicated their willingness to accept this report later than the original required date of completion (December 1). Kim suggested that WACCRA should create a Political Strategy Task Force. If Kim is added to the current Legislative Task Force consisting for Donna, Laura, and Carlos, that committee will do the same thing. Jack Cumming’s paper is expected to be attached as an appendix.

Rick reported that the DSHS will be releasing in summer of 2023 a draft of the description of what constitutes a Disaster Plan for Healthcare Facilities. The contact for this draft is:

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Disabilities Rights WA has lobbied for disabled persons to be included on all advisory committees of state government agencies making policies for the disabled. Disability because of aging is included in the definition of a disability.

#### • Meeting with Legislators on Residents’ Rights: Donna and Carlos met with Senator Hunt and Representative Dolan and Representative Bateman’s legislatve aide about the situation at Bonaventure which is a monthly rental. Currently, the definition of a CCRC in state legislation is not consistent with the levels of CCRC offerings included in the Consumer Guide to Continuing Care Retirement Communities in Washington State. If the latter were used, Bonaventure would be defined as a

Type D or rental facility. A facility cannot call itself a CCRC unless it is registered with the state. Carlos suggested that a *Residents Bill of Rights* should apply separately to facilities with Types A, B, C, and D contracts. The Legislative Task Force will continue to work with the legislators and encourage WACCRA membership at Bonaventure.

Update on the Strategic Plan: No responses were offered to the draft copy of the Strategic Plan. The conclusion was that the board needs to schedule a retreat to work through its priorities and methods. A strategic planning session will be held at Mirabella on Friday, December 16, 9:00-3:00, with the possibility of continuing onto Saturday. Nickie will arrange a meeting room and parking. Lunch is available by ordering takeout or table service (working lunch) in the Bistro. Resident Elston Hill will take our pictures as we work (to be scheduled in advance). Our January meeting will be by Zoom, but February will be at a CCRC (possibly Hearthstone). To make WACCRA more visible in the various communities, we will alternate Zoom meetings with onsite meetings.

Succession Planning—November elections: Rick and Susan created the ballots that were distributed and collected by the membership coordinators. The appointed board members, Kim and Laura, must be elected. Judy and Nickie will be on the ballot for a second term. Rocky Higgins of Skyline will also be on the ballot for his first term. Rick will be up for his third and last term. Monica is resigning as Communications Chair although she is willing to continue her work on the WACCRA website. We were urged to look around our facilities to see if someone working in publications might be available. That person would not have to be a Board member.

The proposed change in the bylaws must appear on the ballot in addition to approval of the minutes from the October 23, 2021, Annual Meeting. A quorum of members is needed for voting to be valid.

• Updates on *Commitment to CCRC Practices*: Emerald Heights is updating its Resident Handbook to add procedures for grievances. Skyline resident association is training its new management hires on the appropriate procedures developed jointly between the resident association and management.

NEW BUSINESS:

• Status of NaCCRA and a Request: The NaCCRA Board is lacking members and is urging state groups to join. The consensus is of the Board is that WACCRA serves our state interests better than NaCCRA. It was recommended that our priority should be WACCRA and our multi-state efforts.

• Items/Questions/Ideas/Comments from WACCRA Coordinators: Susan said that ballots are due by October 17. Since 10% of the voting membership is needed for a quorum, it looks likely that enough ballots will be returned. It was suggested that the signatures on the ballots be eliminated to make the submission easier.

• Items from Board Members: Rick thanked the board for having Skyline host theAnnual Meeting. It has energized the residents toward more involvement with WACCRA.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled on Saturday, October 22, 2:00-4:00 at Skyline. The meeting was adjourned at 12:03.

The next meeting of the board is on November 11 at 10 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Nickie Askov, Secretary