**WACCRA Board Meeting**

**June 11, 2021**

**Via Zoom**

**Attendees:**

*Board*: Nickie Askov, Rick Baugh, Orin Brustad, Carlos Caguiat, Cassandra Carothers, Monica Clement, Donna Kristaponis, Judy Love, Natalie Siegel

*Officers and Committee Chairs*: Allan Affleck, Task Force Chair, Jim Crim, Treasurer, Susan Dillon, Membership Chair

*CCRC Coordinators*: Tom Sakata

*Guests*: Elizabeth Fullinwider

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

• Board approved the appointment of Treasurer Jim Crim as a member of the Board. His election will occur at the Annual Meeting in October, 2021.

• Minutes: The minutes from the May 14, 2021, meeting were approved by consent.

• Treasurer’s Report: Approved by consent.

OLD BUSINESS:

• Membership Update: Donna shared the great news that from June, 2018 to June 2021, WACCRA added 332 members.  We went from 575 members to 907, which equates to 57.8 percent.  Typically membership increases would be noted annually, but this is over three years.  So an approximate average annual increase, compounded each year, is between 16 and 17 percent. Susan Dillon reported that total membership is now at 847 paid members plus 58 lifetime members. **Susan will follow up on Monica Clement’s request for the number of members coming from newly affiliated CCRCs.**

• Website Enhancement: Monica reported that a forum has been added to the website and requested that Donna write the initial entry welcoming readers to the new website. Someone should monitor the forum to identify questions, contributions, or inappropriate postings from readers. Monica will contact NaCCRA to see how that forum is working. Final review of the website will be delayed until edits have been completed. The site is expected to go live in July.

• Presidents’ Roundtable Update: Nickie and Rick reported on the meeting on June 4 with 14 attendees. In addition to the prepared agenda Donna reported on *WACCRA’s Legislative Program*. Page Baldwin from Bayview requested a discussion of the role of the Resident Director which occurred later in the meeting. Rick led the discussion of implementing the *Commitment to CCRC Practices*. A very interesting discussion ensued about the situations at Parkshore and Emerald Heights. One issue that emerged was the Executive Director appointing a Liaison Committee instead of using the Resident Council in decision-making. The other issue is the need for residents to be provided with the data that are used in setting the annual fee increase (financial transparency). The next meeting will be scheduled in early September led by two representatives from Hearthstone.

• Update on *Commitment to CCRC Practices*: Cassandra Carothers reported on a situation at Horizon House in which the administration decided to replace the long-standing salon staff with a national company with no consultation from residents. Since the Resident Council had not been informed or consulted, numerous residents complained until the administration canceled its plans. In spite of signing the *Commitment,* executive directors do not always think to consult residents before making decisions that affect residents’ lives.

• 3rd Edition to the Consumer Guide: Rick ordered 100 print copies to be distributed to members of the Legislature with Donna Christensen’s assistance. Other requests for print copies should be directed to Rick. The digital copy will be available on the WACCRA website.

NEW BUSINESS:

• Discussion on publicizing our legislative achievements: A synopsis of the *WACCRA’s Legislative Program* is now available and will be distributed digitally by the News-Mail. Recipients should also include members of the Presidents’ Roundtable, possibly Crosscut, and other senior resources.

Summer schedule and in-person meetings: Donna proposed meeting in person in July, but Rick and Nickie will be out of town and available only on Zoom. Cassandra will check into the possibility of our meeting in person at Horizon House in August.

Items from WACCRA Board Members: Arrangements for the October Annual Meeting occurred with consideration for our guest speaker Katherine Pearson, Professor of Law at Penn State, who specializes in laws and policies connected to aging. She will fly to Seattle on October 22 and will meet with the Board for dinner that evening at Skyline. The Annual Meeting will be held at Emerald Heights on Saturday available both in person and, if possible, by Zoom.

Carlos reported that a meeting will be held at Emerald Heights on July 20 with Legislators Dhingra, Goodman, and Springer about the last legislative session and what may be coming up in the next session.

Orin Brustad talked about a request for individual assistance to a resident who had a complaint about another resident at their CCRC. Orin agreed to help them locate an attorney, but that WACCRA should not be involved in a dispute resolution between residents at an individual CCRC. Board members affirmed that WACCRA should not be involved unless residents as a whole are affected by administrative decisions.

Judy Love raised the issue of car charging stations since electric cars will become more prevalent in the future. The issue of who pays for the installation and electricity will need to be addressed by CCRCs in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02. Next meeting is July 9, 10:00-12:00, by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted: Nickie Askov, Secretary