**WACCRA Board Meeting**

**June 9, 2023**

**Hearthstone**

**Attendees:**

*Board*: Laura Saunders, Vice-President; Nickie Askov, Secretary; Jim Crim, Treasurer; Carlos Caguiat, Kim Hickman, Barb Horrell, Jerry Tuttle

*Membership Liaisons*: Susan Dillon, Membership Coordinator; Bob Drexler (Emerald Heights), Barbara Knight (Horizon House)

*Hearthstone Visitors*: 20 to presentation only

*Guests*: Lindy Thompson (Emerald Heights), Miceal Vaughan (Mirabella)

Vice-President Laura Saunders called the business meeting to order at 11AM. The Minutes for the May 12, 2023, meeting were approved by consensus as was the Treasurer’s Report. The meeting agenda was reordered to begin with New Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

• Barbara Knight, Liaison for Horizon House, was approved as a Board member. She gave a brief overview of her career in working for the IRS.

• Reports from WACCRA Liaisons: Bob Drexler stated that he is trying to bring together the WACCRA and Resident Council leadership at Emerald Heights to overcome past difficulties. Membership is down by 23 with a total number of 223 residents. He is also developing a job description for Liaison to clarify his role. A discussion of the Liaison position ensued as they will be asked to coordinate the upcoming letter writing campaigns of the CCRCs.

Membership: Susan reported that 1169 names are on the list with 24 now in arrears for two years. 77 are in arrears by one year. 190 are new members. She said that the data are incomplete as she does not yet have reports from all CCRCs. A discussion occurred about waiving fees for members who can’t renew due to financial circumstances. **Jim agreed to bring a motion to the next board meeting to create a waiver of dues for those with financial hardship.**

• Items from Board members: Laura reported that Donna was having health problems and was advised not to attend today’s board meeting. Ron Weisinger’s memorial service will be held on June 25 at Emerald Heights. (Donna’s sister will also be memorialized at the service.) All are invited to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

• Authorize payment of NaCCRA dues ($500 each for 2022-23 and for 2023-24): Some discussion occurred, including the reminder that both CA and NC had withdrawn from state membership. Jerry then made a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting when more board members might be present. **His motion passed with the urging that board members should investigate NaCCRA further, including the website’s exclusivity to paid members, accuracy of its articles, board membership, etc**.

• Communications Task Force: After distributing Monica’s summary, Kim reported on upcoming focus groups to be held at Skyline, Mirabella, and Timber Ridge on June 12 and 13. She also requested that Barbara Knight provide the written surveys to her and Nickie for data analyses (21 of 47 were received). The plan is to report the results of the focus groups at a board meeting in September or October. Additionally, the Presidents’ Roundtable was discussed as an opportunity to communicate WACCRA’s accomplishments. **Rick and Nickie were advised to urge Vice-Presidents as well as Past Presidents to attend the meetings to create more continuity.**

• Legislative Committee update, discussion, and assignments: The Legislative Committee distributed contact information for CCRCs that have few WACCRA members. Board members were given assignments to write to legislators in those districts to thank them for voting in favor of the Budget Proviso (talking points provided). The goal is that at least three handwritten letters be written to each legislator within the next month. The letters should contain our mailing and email addresses. Board members are to report at the next meeting about whether they wrote at least three letters and whether others also wrote letters. Laura is setting up a meeting of WACCRA Liaisons to discuss the role that they might take in letter-writing campaigns in the future to support legislative actions.

The business meeting adjourned at 12:20. The next meeting will be held on Zoom on July 14 at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted: Nickie Askov, Secretary