**WACCRA Board Meeting**

**March 14, 2025 by Zoom**

**ATTENDEES:**

*Board*: Laura Saunders, President; Kim Hickman, Vice-President; Nickie Askov, Secretary; Carlos Caguiat, Monica Clement, Donna Kristaponis, Steve Neville

*Membership Liaisons*: Susan Dillon (Coordinator), Jackie Boss (Emerald Heights), Celie Brown (Timber Ridge), Bob Hunter (Hearthstone), Mandy Wertz (Mirabella)

*News-Mail Editor*: Kip Smith

*Technical Support*: Rick Baugh

*Guest*: Barb Williams (Skyline Liaison Committee)

Zoom recording of the entire meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/L5fWRPqkh-tSRGFflsXUK_24JKdcSqzJxmyUECvVAHt_STyA1O5fKU2LhrJ9mOAY.cRltXojTPtXY-xxT>

**STUDY SESSION**

The study session concerning the 2025 Legislative Session began at 10:00. SS5691 has been introduced in the House to the appropriate committee after unanimously passing in the Senate (as S5691). More than 600 residents expressed their support for the bill. The House bill is now greatly stripped down to avoid additional costs. The role of the Attorney General (Consumer Protection) was preserved.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Laura called the Business Meeting to order at 10:45. The Minutes for the January 10, 2025 meeting were approved by consent. The Treasurer’s Report, which was distributed by Barb Horrell, was tabled in her absence. A few questions were raised that could not be answered.

**ACTIONS/VOTES:**

**• Nomination of Mary Baroni to the WACCRA Board of Directors was passed unanimously.**

• **NaCCRA proposal for affiliate memberships was discussed. The motion was tabled until next month to allow careful study of the documents that were distributed.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

• Legislation (Kim): The legislative actions had been previously described in the Study Session. Kim requested that Donna Christensen receive a bonus for all her hard work beyond the hours that she is being paid. The issue was postponed to discuss later the best way that her work might be rewarded.

• Membership: Kip reported on the preliminary membership numbers: 1,023 renewals, 303 lapsed, and 99 new members. On April 1 he will identify those whose memberships are still lapsed for further follow-up by the Liaisons.

• Outreach to CCRCs with small membership: Laura is speaking at Bayview at the end of April to encourage membership. Follow-up is needed at Panorama, Judson Park, elisio (Tacoma), The Kenney, and Horizon House. The Presidents Roundtable has proved to be a good way to encourage membership in WACCRA.

• Communications (Monica):

 • The President’s Letter for 2025 is needed for the website.

 • An update of the *Consumer Guide* is underway. Rick has rewritten the financial section (draft).

 • The category of Honorary Members exists, but the criteria for membership are lacking.

 • Monica requests that additional Resources (links to pertinent articles, pertinent research papers for instance) be sent to her for possible inclusion on the Resources page of the website.

**OTHER ITEMS**

• Laura reported that a representative is needed for Senior Lobby. She has been attending, but someone else is needed. Senior Lobby meets via zoom on the 3rd Monday of every month.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Next meeting is on April 11 on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted: Nickie Askov, Secretary