**WACCRA Board Meeting**

**February 11, 2021**

**Via Zoom**

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**Attendees:**

*Board*: Donna Kristaponis, President; Rick Baugh, Interim Vice President; Nickie Askov, Secretary; Jim Crim, Treasurer; Carlos Caguiat, Monica Clement, Judy Love, Laura Saunders

*Committee Chair*: Susan Dillon, Membership Chair

President Donna Kristaponis called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

• Minutes: The minutes from the January 14, 2022, meeting, with modifications from Monica, were approved by consent.

• Treasurer’s Report: Approved by consent. Jim has added Bank Balance and Outstanding Checks to his report. Laura suggested moving a portion of the Bank Balance into a short-term money market or CD. **Jim said that we currently have a money market account and he agreed that more funds should be moved to it.**

OLD BUSINESS:

• Update on *Commitment to CCRC Practices*: Monica reported that 7 of 8 floor meetings at Timber Ridge have been scheduled with the ED planning to attend some of them. Rick reported that at Skyline residents’ objections to the Chapel remodeling led to a redecoration. Residents have assembled a task force to consult on remodeling the Main Entrance.

• Long-term Financials Task Force: Rick reviewed the disaster recovery scenario that the task force has been working on. The work of the task force is being held up because of lack of response from management. Rick said that the task force has been suspended until there is action to be taken and that he is going to write an interim report to the Board for the next meeting if no action takes place by that date.

• Membership Renewal Update: Brief reports were given from Mirabella and Skyline during both of which Donna spoke using her power point slides and the Katherine Pearson video was shown. Emerald Heights is planning a “bring your own glass” event in which the same presentation will occur. At Timber Ridge a membership drive will be incorporated into the floor meetings.

• Planning for WACCRA Presentations from Laura Saunders: Laura plans to use the same procedure as reported at Mirabella, Skyline, and Emerald Heights for recruiting members at Hearthstone. However, the main building now is shut down due to a Covid resurgence so the plans will have to be temporarily delayed.

• Review of Legislative Update: Donna distributed a detailed summary and status report of proposed legislation that WACCRA has supported. She reported that the Multi-State Nurse Licensure (SB 5247) was defeated as was the proposed Hearing Devices for All legislation (HB 1854). The Charity Care Act (HB 1616), with the support of AG Bob Ferguson, and the HB 1646 relating to dementia care are moving forward. Carlos also reported on the FDA approval of the Adulem drug for the treatment of Alzheimer’s although experts recommended more research since the efficacy was mixed. Since WACCRA did not take a position on that, we can respond individually as suggested in an email from Donna.

• Revisit the Use of Taking Credit Cards for Membership and Renewals: Questions about security and the member’s identity were raised about using credit cards for membership and renewal on the Go Daddy system. **Jim volunteered to call Yvonne to find out about the costs and mechanics of using credit cards on Go Daddy.** Rick suggested that linking directly with the Umpqua Bank might also be a possibility. **Jim will talk with the bank as well.**

NEW BUSINESS:

• Consider How We Diversify the Resident Pictures Used in WACCRA Marketing Materials: Donna asked for a volunteer to coordinate the collection of pictures showing diverse resident images. Since no one volunteered, she will include it on next month’s agenda.

• Discussion on Growing Membership Beyond our Current Boundaries, Increasing Saturation within our Active CCRCs, and Next Steps: Several board members (Donna, Rick, Monica) and Susan have volunteered to speak at CCRCs that are not represented in the WACCRA membership. Rick and Laura will put together a proposal for how to approach resident council presidents that participate in the Presidents Roundtable that might be open to learning more about WACCRA. Rick and Nickie will approach participants in the Presidents’ Roundtable whose CCRCs are not represented, such as Krista Shores. **More discussion will follow at the next board meeting.**

• Reaffirm President’s appointment of Laura Saunders to the Legislative Liaison Committee: The board unanimously approved this appointment.

• Consider Establishing a 501(c)3: Donna raised this possibility so that membership payments could be tax deductible. Only $15,000 in WACCRA’s annual budget is set aside for lobbying for specific bills, resulting in most of the funds being expended for education. We possibly might want to begin use of a 501(c)3 for accepting donations. **Jim will follow up on this idea**.

• New Multi-State Initiative: The idea grew from the Presidents’ Roundtable and contacts with 12-15 other states. Various states, such as PA, MD, VA, CA, NC, CT, and TX, met on Zoom recently. Another meeting will be held in April.

• Other Discussion Items: Donna suggested that although it was good to visit other CCRCs to meet with board members in person, board meetings on Zoom have been convenient. She suggested that we should have our own Zoom account that would be posted on the website with the invitation to join our board meetings. She feels that would increase WACCRA’s transparency. **This item will be put on the March meeting agenda**.

Rick announced that he downloaded NACCRA’s lengthy document on Financial Awareness which he offered to share. He has also archived WACCRA materials on Google Drive. **Donna will follow up on getting WACCRA’s *Consumer Guide* on the NaCCRA website as it is in a separate location from the other consumer guides. Rick will check to see if the WACCRA website can be included in the Washington AARP websites. Both will report on progress at next month’s meeting**.

The motion that the meeting be adjourned at 11:40 for an Executive Session passed. Next meeting is March 11, 10:00-12:00, by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted: Nickie Askov, Secretary