**WACCRA Board Meeting**

**March 11, 2022**

**Via Zoom**

**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

Membership Coordinator: Tom Sakata

Guests: Donna Christensen, Mandy Wertz

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

• Minutes: The minutes from the February 11, 2022, meeting were approved by consent.

• Treasurer’s Report: Approved by consent.

OLD BUSINESS:

• Legislative Update: Donna Christensen reported on the various pieces of legislation supported by WACCRA that were considered in the last legislative session. 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, passed and is on the Governor’s desk for signature. HB 1646 relating to dementia care also is on the Governor’s desk. The Cares Act (HB 1732) has already been signed by the Governor. Nothing Without Us (HB 1802) ended in Rules Committee due to lack of bipartisan support. The additional $400K in the Ombuds budget was appropriated. Donna C. suggested that we should write thank-you notes to legislators who have supported our legislative agenda. She will also summarize this legislative activity for a News-Mail.

Donna K. will send an editorial from the VACCRA newsletter about the privatization of Medicare. She will be asking for Board members’ approval to publish it in our News-Mail.

• Updates on *Commitment to CCRC Practices*: Monica reported that floor meetings have begun at Timber Ridge with the ED planning to attend some of them. Laura reported that she has been talking at floor meetings and with the new ED. Rick reported that residents in the Horizon House tower are being relocated while the tower is being expanded from 42 to 100 units.

• Long-term Financials Task Force: Rick was commended for his report that was circulated with the agenda for the meeting. DSHS is planning to require disaster plans for Health Care floors. The work of the committee is on hold until they can formulate more specific questions. Laura suggested that residents ought to ask management the four questions that the committee has been pursuing (although Hearthstone is a stand-alone facility so not all questions are relevant). **Donna offered to work with Rick separately in formulating specific questions**.

• Membership Renewal Update: Susan reported that of the 1003 names, 22 had not renewed for two years and were therefore considered inactive. Currently 429 had not renewed this year, 532 have joined or renewed (55 are new), and 38 are family members. No report yet from Parkshore and Hearthstone. **Rick will send the names from Horizon House. Susan will have a more complete report next month.**

• Update on latest Presidents’ Roundtable: In addition to Covid closure updates, the group led by Mary Kazlusky of Heron’s Key considered two questions: How many CCRCs have resident participation on their boards of directors; how many encourage resident participation in hiring upper management? The next meeting will be held in June led by Don Clark of Skyline.

• Update on Using Credit Cards for Membership and Renewals: Jim talked to Yvonne about using credit cards on the website; she recommended Pay Pal. He also talked to the bank which recommended Authorize.net (3% fee). **Jim will do further inquiries.**

• Diversifying the Resident Pictures Used in WACCRA Marketing Materials: Judy Love volunteered to collect pictures that reflect the diversity of our CCRCs. Full- or actual-size pictures of residents engaged in activities are requested by mid-May. Written permission should be obtained for the use of each picture. Nickie suggested that the banner could be redesigned to include WACCRA’s mission statement in addition to the full name. Monica and Yvonne will work on the layout. **Donna plans to add an agenda item next month about WACCRA’s communication strategies**.

• Continue Discussion on Growing Membership Beyond our Current Boundaries, Increasing Saturation within our Active CCRCs, and Next Steps: Laura is testing strategies for recruiting members at Hearthstone. **Rick will talk to the two presidents at the Crista facilities to encourage them to join WACCRA and to encourage other residents also to join.**

• Update on the Value of Establishing a 501(c)(3) Donna raised this possibility so that membership payments could be tax deductible. **Jim will follow up on this idea and report next month**.

• Consider Licensing a Zoom Account for WACCRA Board Meetings: The board decided to experiment with using existing Zoom accounts of board members. Laura volunteered to set up a recurring meeting for 3 months (beginning in April). Jim offered to do it for the next 3 months. Instead of posting the address on the website, we will invite residents to attend WACCRA board meetings in our own facilities and through the Presidents’ Roundtable.

• Update on Placing the *Consumer Guide* on the NaCCRA and AARP websites: Donna received no responses from the CEO of NaCCRA. She also inquired about a state membership in the organization. Rick also received no response from AARP. **This item will be put on the April meeting agenda**.

NEW BUSINESS:

• Nomination of Laura Saunders to be WACCRA’s Vice President: Rick nominated Laura to become Vice President; the board unanimously approved this appointment. The board expressed its appreciation to Rick for serving as Interim VP.

• Developing a Strategic Plan for WACCRA: Laura volunteered to coordinate a task force consisting of additional board members Jim, Rick, Carlos, and Nickie to develop a draft strategic plan.

The motion that the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 for an Executive Session passed. Next meeting is April 8, 10:00-12:00, by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted: Nickie Askov, Secretary