**WACCRA Board Meeting**

**July 8, 2022**

**Via Zoom**

**Attendees:**

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

*Committee Chair*: Susan Dillon, Membership Chair

Membership Coordinator: Tom Sakata

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

• Minutes: The minutes from the June 10, 2022, meeting were approved by consent.

• Treasurer’s Report: Approved by consent after Jim noted a small correction. Donations are down about $1,000, but he anticipates that some CCRCs will donate funds that will bring the total up to last year’s total.

OLD BUSINESS:

• Membership Renewal Update: Susan reported that WACCRA now has over 1,000 members’ names in the database. Of these 897 are up to date, but each location has members who have not renewed this year.

• WACCRA Marketing Materials: Judy Love reported that the new banner is on the website. The new photos are from Timber Ridge and Mirabella. Since the banner can be updated every two years, Judy urged all of us to collect photos for the next revision.

• Growing Membership: Rick talked to the two Crista organizations. Shoreline wants WACCRA to do a presentation in September. Residents are upset because management closed the Skilled Nursing units in both locations. Donna reported on the situation at Bonaventure in Olympia. Senator Hunt and Representative Dolan have become involved in what appears to be a heavy-handed approach by management toward its residents. Although Bonaventure is not registered as a CCRC, it seems to have the components of a CCRC. (Registration is not required by the state.) We decided that we should investigate this situation and others as an opportunity to increase WACCRA members. **Jim agreed to check out ERA Living**.

• Updates on *Commitment to CCRC Practices*: Monica reported that only one floor remains in the floor visits at Timber Ridge. Rick reported that Skyline is using the document for orienting new residents. In addition to a new CEO and new committee chairs, Put Barber will become the new resident council president. Donna reported that the Emerald Heights resident council needs to establish a process for breaches in policy (not for individual complaints).

• Update on the OIC Study: Donna gave Kim Hickman’s report since she was not present. Since there has been no response to the re-issued RFP, it is time to look at other options with an extended timeframe and reduced scope (limited number of states for comparison). Since only the legislature can extend the timeframe, WACCRA needs to push ahead by preparing a paper in the fall that provides input into the RFP which probably is best accomplished in an academic setting. Skyline has prepared a report providing input to the OIC study that must be approved by its resident council before it can be shared.

• Annual Meeting Update: The board approved a motion to hold the next Annual Meeting at Skyline in their new auditorium which has the capability of Zoom broadcasting during the live meeting. The date is Saturday, October 22, although the time has not yet been firmed up. Parking is available in the Polyclinic parking lot. Jack Cumming and Kim will be the speakers. The board will be able to have lunch with the speaker either before or after the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

• Meeting with Rep. My-Linh Thai: Carlos reported that she will be an advocate for WACCRA. Representing the 47th district (Mercer Island and Bellevue) as a Democrat, she is a champion of social action issues. She tends to focus on systems such as Medicaid as well as other protections for the elderly. With Eileen Cody’s retirement from the Health Care Committee chairmanship, she may want to assume that position.

• Gathering resource items for WACCRA.org: Monica reported that the last update to the *Resources* on the *About Us* page on the website was done in 2020. **She urged board members to look for new resources.**

• Items from Board Members: Donna reported that the Older Americans Act may not get the funding that is needed. An alert that was issued by the WA Association of Area Agencies on Aging requested that we contact our members of Congress. She also suggested that it could be shared in a News Mail or on the website.

Carlos reported that Kim had completed a 2-page document for coordinators. He also said that progress has been slowed down until the process for the OIC RFP has been resolved. The Joint Legislative Executive Committee is holding a hearing on July 13; public comment is solicited.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40. The next meeting is September 9, 10:00-12:00, by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted: Nickie Askov, Secretary