**WACCRA Board Meeting**

**August 8, 2025 on Zoom**

**ATTENDEES:**

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

*Membership Liaisons*: Jackie Boss (Emerald Heights), Celie Brown (Timber Ridge), Bob Hunter (Hearthstone), Tom Sakata (Skyline), Mandy Wertz (Mirabella)

*Technology Coordinator:* Rick Baugh

**BUSINESS MEETING** (called to order at 10:00)

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Minutes: Approved without discussion.

Treasurer’s Report: June’s report was approved without discussion. Laura asked to delay approval of the July report until September.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget Update**: A Budget Committee of Laura, Rick, Kim, and Barb will do a preliminary review to look at sources of income (dues and donations) and projected expenses for next year to see if WACCRA is engaging in “deficit spending.” Another issue is whether or not to increase Donna Christensen’s salary or to reward her with a bonus for accomplished work. Depending on the outcome of these findings, the question is if it be necessary to raise dues next year?

**Legislation**: Kim reported that Donna C has been talking to legislators about the unaddressed items from the legislation that was passed. The focus will be on the definition of a CCRC to expand registration and on actuarial reporting. Laura reported on the visit by Grace Huang, policy advisor in Governor Ferguson’a Office, accompanied by Donna C. She began her visit with residents and the executive director at Hearthstone, also touring the facilities. At Mirabella she met with residents, resident officers, executive director, and a resident board member during lunch. Afrer touring the facilities, including a resident’s apartment, she visited the healthcare floor (Skilled Nursing and Memory Care) led by the Healthcare Director. Laura hoped that Grace heard the message from residents that they want a guarantee of future healthcare even as Skilled Nursing has been eliminated at Hearthstone.

Laura and Kim urged us to invite new legislators to our CCRCs. Skyline, Timber Ridge, and Emerald Heights already have plans in place. Kim asked that she be informed so that the Legislative Committee can keep track. She urged board members to review “CCRCs for Legislators” to keep on message. At the September meeting the board will be asked to approve the legislative objectives for the upcoming year.

**Membership**: No report.

**Outreach**: Laura expressed concern that Horizon House has become inactive. She asked if anyone has a contact there that we might approach. Membership from Bayview has increased to 10, but more outreach is needed.

**Communications**: The committee of Monica, Kim, Rick, and Nickie have been revising the *Consumer Guide*. They each have assignments and deadlines with the goal of having the document completed by the Annual Meeting. The revised document may become a financial asset to WACCRA if it can be marketed to the Elder Law section of the Bar. Another possibility is to sell it through Amazon or from the WACCRA website.

**Succession Planning**: Donna and Carlos, after six years of service, will be leaving the board at the Annual Meeting on November 1. In addition, two vacancies exist now. The board was urged to recruit WACCRA members to join a committee and possibly the board, especially at Skyline, Emerald Heights, Horizon House, and Bayview.

**OTHER ITEMS**

The date of the Annual Meeting is Saturday, November 1, 10:00-12:00, at Mirabella Seattle. Katherine Pearson will be the keynote speaker. Mary Baroni and Nickie Askov will be co-coordinators along with Mandy Wertz and Susan Dillon. This planning group had a very productive meeting with the Mirabella Resident Services and the Facilities Directors. They helped the committee consider the logistics for registration, car and bus parking, and other details. The planning group has scheduled another meeting at the end of August, specifically to meet with the Dining Director and then tour the facilities around Emerald Hall which is in the process of a massive AV upgrade. An overflow room has already been approved for Zoom broadcasting in case the attendance exceeds 200 people.

Celie Brown made a strong case for another NewsMail before September to use in recruiting new members. The next board meeting is scheduled on September 12, 10:00-12:00 by Zoom. The Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted: Nickie Askov, Secretary