**WACCRA Board Meeting**

**April 11, 2025 by Zoom**

**ATTENDEES:**

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

*Membership Liaisons*: Susan Dillon (Coordinator), Jackie Boss (Emerald Heights), Bob Hunter (Hearthstone), Tom Sakata (Skyline), Mandy Wertz (Mirabella)

*News-Mail Editor*: Kip Smith

*Technical Support*: Rick Baugh

*Guests*: Donna Christensen (lobbyist), Mike Waring (Mirabella), Barb Williams (Skyline Liaison Committee)

*NaCCRA Guests*: Luanna Pinasco (president), Richmond Shreve (technology support)

Zoom recording of the entire meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/4eUko_vFWFgye8jODb1FMEZf8-11bjNIi0cOzI95-5LQV6xKx9IR4HzeiBgRVziT.GxJGWD9pCvWcECx3>

**STUDY SESSION**

The study session concerning NaCCRA affiliation began at 10:00. A discussion occurred about the pros and cons based on the materials that the board had been sent and on a conversation that Donna K. had with the president Luanna Pinasco. At 10:30 Luanna and Richmond joined the Zoom call. Luanna made a presentation about the mission of NaCCRA as a national networking organization. After the guests departed, more discussion ensued, mainly focusing on the $500 annual membership fee. Since NaCCRA is a 501©3, it can do a certain amount of national advocacy, but it cannot lobby. WACCRA already has in place the technology support offered by Club Express so that is not of interest. Laura said that she would check with the other states in the Multi-State group to see if they are going to affiliate with NaCCRA. She will also see if she can negotiate a lower price (e.g., $200) for statewide affiliation.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Laura called the Business Meeting to order at 10:25. The Minutes for the March 14, 2025 meeting and Treasurer’s Report were postponed. (Note: The Treasurer’s Report for the March 14 meeting was also not approved due to Barb’s absence from that meeting.)

**ACTIONS/VOTES:**

• **NaCCRA proposal for affiliate membership was postponed pending further investigations.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

• Legislation (Donna Christensen): Donna reported on the legislative process for SSB5691, giving kudos to the Legislative Committee for its influence on the legislation. The deadline for a vote is April 16. Liaisons were asked to tell residents to call the Hotline to register support for passage. The Consumer Protection passed by the Senate had a further clarification inserted by Nicole Macri in the House:

***Requires that applications to register as a continuing  
care retirement community include a written statement indicating  
whether the residency agreement includes an entrance fee in lieu of  
payment for future care and service and whether those services are  
covered completely or partially by the entrance fee.***

Leading Age is fighting this regulation. If SSB5691 passes, the Governor has to sign the bill after the Chairs of the House and Senate also sign. Donna further clarified that the Ombuds Office had no cuts and that Aging and Long-term Care had done well.

• Membership (Susan and Kip): Kip reported on the membership numbers: 1,152 paid total members; 199 lapsed members; 135 new members; and 94 family members. Susan urged Liaisons to follow up with the lapsed members, especially to find out their reasons if they don’t renew.

• Outreach (Laura): No report.

• Communications (Monica): Monica reported that the committee had been tasked with describing the criteria for Honorary Membership. After discussion it decided that the term really isn’t a good one since it includes not only legislators but also members of the Multi-State group and Presidents Roundtable. She also described the work on revising the *WACCRA Consumer Guide.* Rick has drafted the Finance section, and the committee is considering the Table of Contents for what should be included. The committee has been discussing the audience with the new idea of direct marketing to the consumer through a bookseller such as Amazon. Finally, Monica mentioned that WACCRA could contribute a column to the online magazine Northwest Prime Time that is for those over 50 years old (https://northwestprimetime.com).

**OTHER ITEMS**

The date of the Annual Meeting is Saturday, November 1, 10:00-12:00, at Mirabella Seattle. Katherine Pearson from Penn State Law will be our speaker. She will also be in the area on May 9, the date of the next board meeting. Laura and Donna K. are exploring the possibility of an in-person lunch meeting at Emerald Heights where Katherine will be staying.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 12:10.

Respectfully submitted: Nickie Askov, Secretary