**WACCRA Board Meeting**

**June 13, 2025 on Zoom**

**ATTENDEES:**

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

*Membership Liaisons*: Kip Smith, Coordinator; Bob Hunter (Hearthstone), Tom Sakata (Skyline), Mandy Wertz (Mirabella)

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Kim called the Business Meeting to order at 10:00. The Minutes for the May 9, 2025 meeting and the Treasurer’s Report were approved by consent. It was noted that the membership and the budget are down slightly while our expenses have increased due to a new accounting firm that will be our registered agent (filing a 990 form).

The following changes have been made: Barb Williams (Skyline) has joined the Legislative Committee, and Susan Dillon has resigned as Liaison Coordinator after long service. (Kip is assuming coordination of the liaisons.)

Celebrations of the passage of 5691 have been held at Hearthstone (40 residents), Timber Ridge (110), and Mirabella (50). A session will be held at Emerald Heights on June 21. Laura and Kim have been presenting the past and future legislative efforts at these sessions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Legislation**: Kim reported that the committee is planning a new approach in preparation for the 2026 legislative session with amendments to the current legislation. They will be working with Senator Jamie Pedersen and Reparesentative Nicole Macri (both from the 43rd Legislative District) in this effort. They will be reworking legislative priorities which they plan to have ready by September. They will also be trying to influence the rule making in implementing the RCW (Revised Code WA) into practice in the Attorney General’s Office. Although all WACCRA’s goals were not accomplished, the plus side is that some 30 legislators were educated about CCRCs, especially in light of the growing “silver” demographic in the state.

**Membership**: No report.

**Outreach**: Laura expressed concern that Horizon House has become inactive after having had two residents on the board in the past (first Cassandra Caruthers and then Barbara Knight). She asked if anyone has a contact there that we might approach. Membership from Bayview has increased to 10, but more outreach is needed. The CCRCs in the Tacoma area, Panorama, Judson Park, and Covenant Shores are also needing outreach. Two CCRC representatives from Spokane have become involved in the Presidents Roundtable.

**Communications**: Monica reported that the committee is working on updating the *Consumer Guide*. The website update has been completed.

**STUDY SESSION**

Succession Planning was the focus of the discussion which began at 10:45.. Donna and Carlos will be leaving the board after six years 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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board was called into an Executive Session at 11:15. The board meeting was reconvened at 11:30.

ACTION ITEMS:

The board voted to give Donna Christensen a $10,000 bonus for her hard work on WACCRA’s legislative efforts during the 2025 legislative session. A broader salary review was recommended by a Budget Committee (yet to be created). The issue of increasing dues should also be considered.

**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.

The next board meeting is currently scheduled on July 11, 10:00-12:00 by Zoom. Some discussion occurred about taking the month of July off and meeting on August 8 instead of having an August recess. The Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 with no decision made about the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Nickie Askov, Secretary