



# MINUTES

Professional Development Advocacy Group  
Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2008  
By Conference Call

**Presiding: Amy Gianniny, 2008 Chairman**

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m.
2. Members present included: Amy Gianniny, Chairman; Bitsy Davis, Vice Chairman; Wes Atiyeh; Charlie Bengel, Jr.; Karen Bertrand; Frank Hughes; Dempsey Jones; Barbara LeFon; Susan Mekenney; Kathy Nunnally; Julie Pearson; Matthew Rathbun; Shay Samuels; Janice Soto

Members Absent: Gail Belt; Candice Bower; Julie Emery; Lee Odems; Drake Van de Castle; Karen Dearman-Bailey, AE Liaison

Staff present: Tracey Florida, Staff Liaison

3. MOTION: To approve the minutes of the April 16 meeting as distributed.  
MOTION PASSED

4. Old Business  
REALTOR® Institute - The group reviewed REALTOR® Institute attendance figures for the year to date noting the affect the market has had on attendance.

The group discussed an issue regarding a member of the REALTOR® Institute faculty.  
MOTION: To suspend the instructor for the remainder of the year pending fulfillment of the terms of the consent order, with automatic reinstatement to the faculty for the 2009 schedule.

MOTION PASSED

Staff will notify the instructor accordingly.

The AG discussed the continued delays in delivery of the updated curriculum. With a new projected delivery date of August 29, staff was instructed to request periodic progress reports through the end of the project. In the interim, staff will work with current instructors to factually update the materials that are the most dated, and consider contingency plans should the project be further delayed.

Convention - The Convention brochure was reviewed.

Convention Model Work Group - Staff reported on the status of the Convention Model Work Group's progress. Proposals have been received however a decision has not yet been reached.

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Webcasts - Staff continues to work with Special Counsel to schedule the taping of the risk and rookie webcasts

5. Proposed budgets for 2009 were reviewed.
6. The next meeting of the Advocacy Group is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24 at 2:30 in Baltimore during the Convention.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Tracy D. Hoidich  
Staff Liaison