



# MINUTES

Public Policy Advocacy Group  
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2007  
VAR Headquarters  
Glen Allen, Virginia

## Presiding: Henry Scholz, 2007 Chairman

In attendance: Deborah Baisden, Bob Barton, Bradley Boland, Paul DiCicco (conference call), Eleanor Goode, Denise Nebb, Zinta Rodgers (conference call), Lewis Sifford, Trish Snyder, Suzy Stone, Henry Thrasher (conference call), Garrett Weddle, John Wilson (conference call)  
Other members attending: Pat Jensen, 2007 President-elect; Dewey Reynolds, Policy Board member

Others attending: Rob Bradham, Hampton Roads REALTORS® Association; Charles Davis, Fredericksburg Area Association of REALTORS®; Susan Gaston, Virginia Peninsula and Williamsburg Area Associations of REALTORS®; Elizabeth Hancock, Richmond Association of REALTORS®; Mary Beth Coya, Virginia Association of REALTORS®; Lisa May, Northern Virginia Association of REALTORS®; Christine Windle, Dulles Area Association of REALTORS®  
Staff: John Broadway, Martin Johnson, Chip Dicks, Blake Hegeman, Meredith Cox, Debbie Talley

1. Chairman Scholz called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Martin Johnson provided an overview of the 2008 draft standing positions, which were unanimously approved with the following provisions:
  - Chip Dicks will research licensure revocation to identify if it remains a key VAR issue and
  - under **APPRAISERS: COMPOSITION OF THE REAL ESTATE APPRAISER BOARD** like "one of whom shall be an educator."
4. Chip Dicks explained the proposed 2008 legislative agenda.
5. A motion to approve the 2008 legislative agenda was unanimously passed, including that Chairman Scholz form a working group to examine the homestead exemption for real estate.
6. Debbie Talley explained current and upcoming changes in the budget process.
7. Martin Johnson provided an overview of each budget program.
8. The 060-Public Policy Operations budget was unanimously approved.
9. The 061-Public Affairs Counsel budget was unanimously approved.
10. The 064-REALTOR® Day/Legislative Reception budget was unanimously approved.
11. The 066-Grassroots and Political Advocacy budget was unanimously approved.
12. Martin Johnson discussed VAR's interest in hiring a regional field representative to be present in the western region of the Commonwealth.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.