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Public Policy Advocacy Group
Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2008
The Omni Hotel
Richmond, Virginia

Presiding: Suzy Stone, 2008 Chair

In attendance: Barry Allbright (conference call), Deborah Baisden (conference call), Bob Barton, Bradley Boland, Carol Clarke, Billy Coons, Jim Duncan, Bill Gearhart, Donn Irby, Sharon Johnson, Charlotte Jones (conference call), Schaefer Oglesby, Mary Beth Pauley, Dave Phillips, Tracy Pless, John Roberts, Zinta Rodgers (conference call), Trish Snyder, Suzy Stone, Henry Thrasher, Garrett Weddle, John Wilson

Others attending: Mary Beth Coya, Northern Virginia Association of REALTORS®; Charles Davis, Fredericksburg Area Association of REALTORS®; Susan Gaston, Virginia Peninsula and Williamsburg Area Associations of REALTORS®; Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield, Richmond Association of REALTORS®; Ed Krauze, Greater Washington Commercial Association of REALTORS®; Laura Lafayette, Richmond Association of REALTORS®; Lisa May, Northern Virginia Association of REALTORS®; John Powell; Christine Windle, Dulles Area Association of REALTORS®

Staff: Chip Dicks, John Broadway, Martin Johnson, Blake Hegeman, Meredith Cox

1. Chair Suzy Stone called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
2. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to pass the minutes from the November 27, 2007, PPAG meeting.
3. Richard Taylor provided a Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) update.
4. John Broadway provided a summary of the Economic Development Work Group recommendations.
5. PPAG members offered 2008 Day on the Hill feedback, including:
 - Add sponsor on talking point handouts; and
 - Include vote counts on talking point handouts.
6. Chip Dicks gave an update of bills that the VAR Bill Review Committee was tracking.
7. John Powell provided an overview of his work on the Governor's Foreclosure Task Force, and details were noted for the Foreclosure Scam Bill, which was helped crafted by Martin Johnson and Chip Dicks.
8. Martin Johnson gave a review and update for the Homebuilders Proposal, SB 768.
9. Present local Government Affairs Directors (GADs) gave updates.
10. Martin Johnson gave a brief update of the Your Virginia campaign.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.