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Public Policy Advocacy Group and Bill Review Committee

Date & Time: Thursday, February 16, 2006, 10:15 a.m.

The Omni Hotel at the VAR Legislative & Education Conference

Richmond, Virginia

Presiding: Benton Downer, 2006 Chair

In attendance (PPAG): Robert Bain, Bob Barton, Eleanor Goode (conference call), Amy Hudson, Charlotte Jones, Jack O'Donohue, Robert Ramsey, Henry Scholz, Lewis Sifford, Suzy Stone, Patricia Szego, Jack Torza

(Bill Review): George Creed, Hugh Cross, Schaefer Oglesby, Tracy Pless, Charlie Search, Carolyn Thomas

Others attending: Kit Hale (VAR President), Jennifer Boykin (Richmond Association of REALTORS®), Rob Bradham (Hampton Roads REALTORS® Association), Mary Beth Coya (Northern Virginia Association of REALTORS®), John DiBiase (Dulles Area, Fredericksburg Area and Prince William Associations of REALTORS®), Susan Gaston (Virginia Peninsula and Williamsburg Area Associations of REALTORS®), Elizabeth Hancock (Richmond Association of REALTORS®), Laura Lafayette (Richmond Association of REALTORS®), Lisa Viersé May (Northern Virginia Association of REALTORS®)

Staff: Scott Brunner, John Broadway, Martin Johnson, Meredith Cox

Chairman Downer called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by motion.

New Business

Chip Dicks and John Broadway reviewed the VAR legislative issues for this session.

John Broadway reminded the group that the NAR Mid-Year Meeting will take place in May.

A motion was adopted to approve \$80,000 from the Issues Mobilization Fund for a public and media campaign to fight any proposed increases in the grantor tax. Because it exceed \$50,000, the request was sent to the Policy Board for further consideration.

Scott Brunner announced that a new tax force will re-evaluate VAR's long-standing public policy positions. Members are to be chosen and the date of the first meeting is to be determined.

Adjournment

