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Public Policy Advocacy Group

Date: Friday, June 23, 2006

Richmond Association of REALTORS®

Richmond, Virginia


Presiding: Benton Downer, Chair

In attendance: Bob, Barton, Kurt Negaard, Jack O'Donohue, Robert Ramsey, Henry Scholz, Lewis Sifford, Suzy Stone, Jack Torza

Conference Call: Florence Freeman (AE Liaison), Amy Hudson, Charlotte Jones

Others Attending: Jennifer Boykin, Richmond Association of REALTORS®; Mary Beth Coya, Northern Virginia Association of REALTORS®; Charles Davis, Fredericksburg Area Association of REALTORS®; Elizabeth Hancock, Richmond Association of REALTORS®; Laura Lafayette, Richmond Association of REALTORS®

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. and attendance was taken.
2. John Broadway explained the Public Policy Advocacy Group budget line by line.
3. A motion was made and seconded to delete Item 15 (Political Events-Annual) from the "060-Public Policy Operations" budget, with a PPAG recommendation to be made to the RPAC Trustees to add these items to their budget. The vote passed unanimously.
4. A motion was made and seconded to approve the "060-Public Policy Operations" budget at the staff-recommended Level 3. The vote passed unanimously.
5. John Broadway explained that "061-Public Affairs Counsel" numbers have not yet been decided upon, so that vote will go directly to the Policy Board members. Consequently, the Public Policy Advocacy Group took no action.
6. A motion was made and seconded to approve the "064-REALTOR® Day Legislative Reception" at the staff-recommended Level 2. The vote passed unanimously. 
7. A motion was made and seconded to delete Items 19 (Candidate Polling) and 20 (In-Kind Fundraising) from the "066-Grassroots and Political Advocacy" budget, with a PPAG recommendation to be made to the RPAC Trustees these items to their budget. The vote passed unanimously.
8. A motion was made and seconded to approve the "066-Grassroots and Political Advocacy" budget at the staff-recommended Level 3. The vote passed unanimously.
9. A motion was made and seconded to approve the "067-PPAG/Bill Review Committee Support" at the staff-recommended Level 1. The vote passed unanimously.
10. Chairman Downer gave an update on the Licensing Work Group, which had its most recent meeting, via conference call, on June 5.

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11. Martin Johnson gave an update on the Housing Strategy Work Group, which had its first and most recent meeting on June 16, 2006.

12. John Broadway gave an update on the Political Advocacy Work Group, which had its first and most recent meeting on June 19, 2006.

13. John Broadway gave a General Assembly update, saying that the budget is awaiting amendments and approval by Governor Kaine. Currently, the budget does not include the grantor tax, but may when the House and Senate discuss the transportation package at a later time.

14. Mary Beth Coya announced that the Northern Virginia Association of REALTORS® will soon meet with legislators from that area to discuss growth issues. She also reported that the localities are cracking down on sign ordinances.

15. With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.