

**MAR 2009 Convention & Expo
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Traverse City, MI
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Tuesday, 10-6-2009

07:00 PM-09:00 PM WCR Mixer – just fun and networking with other REALTORS®, Lenders, etc. from across the state – a good way to reconnect with old friends that you haven't seen since the last meeting and meet new referrals!! This year the Hospitality Committee turned this into a WCR Wines of Traverse Reception and it was a big hit!

Wednesday, 10-7-2009

08:30 AM-12:00 PM WCR Governing Board and Elections Meeting

This is our annual fall meeting where we have the election of the incoming officers.

However, this year, after the Pledge, Inspiration, Introduction of Line Officers/Attendees, Roll Call, Approval of the Consent Agenda and Rules of the Day – we had the pleasure of watching the Chartering of our Newest WCR Chapter in Michigan. President Jo Ann Hatfield, performed the Chartering Ceremony for The Northern Michigan Chapter – and they had many members present to participate in this once in a life time event for their chapter!

Next, we heard a report of the Credentials Committee and the Nominating Committee Report and then came the Election of the new Officers for 2010. The Officers are as follows –

President – Angie Ridley – Flint Chapter
President-Elect – Robyn Walker – Saginaw Chapter
Governor – Laurie Koelling – Lansing Chapter
Financial Secretary – Kathy Thayer – Western Michigan Chapter
Recording Secretary – Patricia Caston, Western Michigan Chapter

Congrats to our incoming officers!

After we elected the 2010 nominating committee we had a break and then listened to the Budget & Financial Report and then had Committee Breakouts – to prepare for 2010.

12:00 PM-01:30 PM WCR Installation Lunch and Learn

As always, this was a very nice luncheon for all of our members. At this luncheon, we heard a speaker from Michaelson, Connor & Boul (HUD) – Betsy Anderson who taught us all about writing offers on HUD properties – quite an appropriate topic since we are all writing offers on foreclosures every day! She told us that there is a new On-Line Broker Handout which was revised in September of 2009 and cautioned us that if there are two buyers on the property, put the stronger buyer first. HUD will not allow name changes after an offer has been accepted – this is true of most bank-owned homes.

02:00 PM-03:00 PM WCR General Membership Meeting

We began the afternoon with our Standing Committee Reports – Bylaws, Budget & Finance, Education & Programs, Membership, National Focus and Nominating. Next, we heard from our Special Committees – Marketing, Hospitality, Sponsorship, Ways & Means, Website and Election & Credentials. During this session, they described their goals and then asked for any money they might need for 2010 – so that B&F could begin to work on their budget.

After all of the committee reports, local chapters had the opportunity to promote any upcoming meeting(s) their chapter was having. Lastly, President Jo Ann Hatfield, made the announcements of our upcoming State and National Meetings and the meeting was adjourned.

03:00 PM-04:00 PM MAR REALTOR® of The Year Practice for Grand Assembly

Yes, I was asked to attend this practice session because I was our local associations' choice for REALTOR® of The Year. It was kind of neat because we got to see the auditorium and get a feel for the ceremony and entertainment, before anyone else got there. We practiced the walk through the auditorium, across the stage and into our seats, at least 3 times, which leads me to believe that MAR is very well organized association!

04:00 PM–05:30 PM Grand Assembly featuring REALTOR® of the Year from all the local associations and REALTOR® Active in Politics of the year awards, with entertainment by the Drum Café. This was a great group of drummers who got us all involved and created GREAT ENERGY in the room! Scott Griffith won the State REALTOR® of the Year award and rightly so for all of his volunteer efforts!!

05:30 PM-06:30 PM MAR – WELCOME RECEPTION IN THE EXPO

Cocktails and Appetizers at the Expo while viewing all of the vendors. Lots of great marketing ideas and other items were on display to use in our business. Also, lots of give-aways and the RPAC Basketball Donation. It was a great beginning to the MAR Meetings!

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Wretschko, Governor