

Alaska Association of REALTORS
Industry Issue Key Work Group
January 3, 2013

Minutes

The teleconference meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chairman Dave Somers.

Present:

Dave Somers	Errol Champion	Michael Droege	Denny Wood
Glenda Feeken	Joni Schneider	Anita Bates	Art Clark
Debra Leisek	Paddy Coan	Denny DeWitt	Ruth Blackwell

Issues

Consumer Pamphlet Recommendations

PeggyAnn McConnochie submitted recommended changes to the AREC Consumer Pamphlet. The committee will review the recommendations and discuss at the next meeting.

Here are the recommendations from various discussions

- Reduce the pamphlet to one page
- Each area of real estate practice should have a form – especially commercial
- On the residential form include the word “or” so all the boxes do not get checked
- Make it look like it is not a contract
- Have a tear-off section for the buyer and licensee
- Need to address how teams utilize the form

HB 157 Midterm Cancellation of Insurance

Denny Dewitt has been in touch with representatives from the insurance industry regarding HB 157 which deals with midterm insurance cancellations. He said they are working on definitions of abandonment and would like to amend the bill. Glenda Feeken indicated that she had examples of cancellations occurring in the Kenai area.

Alaska Real Estate Commission Update

Commission Chair Anita Bates reported that the commission is not receiving accurate and complete financial information. They currently have not seen their budget and do not know how the license fees are being spent. She reported that the other boards with the same issues are the Nursing board, the Medical board, the CPA's, the Architecture Board and the Big Game Hunting board. It was recommended to put pressure on the elected representatives to assist with resolving these issues.

AAR President Michael Droege will contact Mia Costello to update her on the progress from the Division since she chaired the hearing in Anchorage.

AAR Legislative Summit

The AAR Legislative Summit in Juneau is scheduled for March 26-27, 2013.

Anadromous Stream Ordinance

The law firm on Robinson & Cole made recommended changes to the proposed Ordinance and also commented on the second draft of changes. Glenda Feeken reported that Assemblyman Wolf would like to repeal the entire Ordinance and start a new draft. Currently a vote on the revised Ordinance is scheduled for August 2013.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.