



AGENDA

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, July 20, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

2011
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- Call to order
- Approval of agenda
- Minutes of June 15, 2011 meeting
- Guest: Tom Mulligan, Omaha City Council
- Local update:
 - Contractor Licensing Proposal
 - Rusty Hike, District 1, Sarpy County Board
 - Pat Lichter, Sarpy County Planning Commission
 - RPAC Update
 - Other
- State update:
 - Kristen Andersen, Nebraska REALTORS® Association
 - Other
- National update:
 - OABR Staff Member, **Lisa Welch** on earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing Management from Bellevue University.
 - Federal Political Coordinators Update
- New Business
- Adjournment

The Governmental Affairs Committee:

- Monitors the local legislative and political environment as it impacts the real estate industry.
- Reacts effectively to infrastructure, growth management, and land development issues.
- Takes a proactive role supporting economic growth in the Omaha area.
- Expands support for the RPAC program and organizes fundraising efforts to meet state goals.
- Participates in grassroots lobbying efforts approved by the Board of Directors.
- Interviews political candidates and makes recommendations for Nebraska RPAC support.





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ATTENDANCE	Chair Joe Gehrki, Members: Jerry Ahlvers, Ellie Bane, Mike Blackmon, Jo Ann Grennan, Henry Kammandel Jr, Joan Nigro, Jim O’Neal, Kris Pierce, Susan Rauth, John Seigel, OABR President Vince Leisey, Kristen Andersen, Pete Festersen, Kent Rogert, OABR Programs Director Donna Shipley and CEO Doug Rotthaus. Excused: Diane Battaito, Brian Carlin, Rusty Hike, Kelly Lewis, Mark Leaders, Mari Joe Mentzer, Paul Vojchegoske. Absent: Mark Bresley, Brian Carlin, Julie Hergert, Jackie Inman, Harold Johnson, Pat Lichter, Shawn Maloy, Kathy Miller, Brookelyn Musil, Walter Peffer, Richard Purchas, Mike Riedmann, Kathryn Rouch, Bobbi Schoettle, Karen Sheahan, Walt Slobotski, Alan Strong and Bill Swanson..
CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Gehrki at 11:00 a.m.
AGENDA	It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED to approve the Agenda of June 15, 2011 meeting.
MINUTES	Chair Joe Gehrki presented the minutes of the June 15, 2011 Governmental Affairs Committee. The minutes were approved as submitted with the correction of adding Kris Pierce in attendance.
GUEST SPEAKER	Pete Festersen, member of the Omaha City Council spoke to the committee about current issue.
CONTRACTOR LICENSING	The proposal that would create new licensing requirements for contractors was proposal until July 19, 2011. The City Council was pulling out the landlord portion of the proposal.
OSHA ENFORCEMENT	OSHA has recently stepped up enforcement of safety rules that previously were applied only to commercial construction with substantial fines. OSHA recently issued a 90 day “phase-in” period for residential Fall Protection rules. Contractors not in compliance with conventional fall protection but in compliance with the interim guidelines, OSHA will provide compliance assistance and send the contractor a hazard alert letter. If caught a second time before September 15, the contractor will be fined.
RPAC	RPAC Chair Jo Ann Grennan reported there is an RPAC Phone Calling Bank on Thursday June 23, 2011 from 4:00pm-6:00pm at the CBSHOME Real Estate office on 121 st & Pacific. Jo Ann would like volunteers for each of the big offices.
NRA	Kristen Andersen, Governmental Affairs Director for the Nebraska REALTORS® Association updated the committee on state legislative issues.

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KENT ROBERT	Kent Robert reported that the original intent of LB315 is dead however it is moving forward with an amendment that deals with the corporate formation of brokers. LR238 is a resolution to study the business organizations of firms and individuals rendering professional services.
NAR UPDATE	<p>Chair Joe Gehrki reported NAR's REALTOR® Party Political Survival Initiative will increase member dues by \$40.00. This initiative is designed to ensure that REALTORS® remain a powerful voice at all levels of government.</p> <p>Be sure to participate in your Calls for Action. Items of interests are protecting the Mortgage Interest Deduction and the proposed QRM rule, Qualified Residential Mortgage and Risk Retention. NAR Calls for Action will give you a voice on Capitol Hill.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12: p.m.

Prepared by:



Donna Shipley, Executive Liaison





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GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE 2010-2011 ATTENDANCE RECORD

MEMBERS	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
CHR-Joe Gehrki	N/M	X	N/M	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Jerry Ahlvers	N/M	A	N/M	A	X	A	X	A	X	X		
Ellie Bane	N/M	EA	N/M	X	Ea	Ea	X	Ea	X	X		
Diane Battiatto	N/M	Ea	N/M	Ea	Ea	X	X	Ea	Ea	Ea		
Mike Blackmon	N/M	A	N/M	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Mark Bresley	N/M	X	N/M	X	A	A	X	A	A	A		
Brian Carlin	N/M	A	N/M	X	X	X	X	X	Ea	Ea		
JoAnn Grennan	N/M	A	N/M	A	A	X	Ea	X	X	X		
Julie Hergert	N/M	A	N/M	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
Rusty Hike	N/M	X	N/M	X	X	Ea	X	X	Ea	Ea		
Jackie Inman	N/M	A	N/M	A	A	X	X	A	A	A		
Harold Johnson	N/M	X	N/M	A	X	A	X	A	A	A		
Henry Kammandel Jr	N/M	A	N/M	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Kelly Lewis	N/M	A	N/M	A	A	A	A	A	Ea	Ea		
Pat Lichter	N/M	A	N/M	Ea	X	Ea	X	X	A	A		
Mark Leaders	N/M	X	N/M	X	X	X	EA	X	Ea	Ea		
Shawn Maloy	N/M	New	N/M	A	A	EA	A	A	A	A		
Kathy Miller	N/M	A	N/M	A	X	A	Ea	A	A	A		
Brookelyn Musil						New	Ea	A	A	A		
Joan Nigro	N/M	X	N/M	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Jim O'Neal	N/M	X	N/M	X	A	X	X	X	X	X		
Walter Peffer							New	A	A	X		
Kris Pierce						New	X	X	X	A		
Richard Purchas	N/M	A	N/M	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
Susan Rauth		new		X	A	X	Ea	X	X	X		
Mike Riedmann	N/M	Ea	N/M	X	X	Ea	X	X	A	A		
Kathryn Rouch	N/M	A	N/M	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
John Seigel	N/M	X	N/M	X	A	X	X	Ea	X	X		
Bobbi Schoettle	N/M	New	N/M	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
Walt Slobotski	N/M	A	N/M	Ea	A	Ea	Ea	A	A	A		
Alan Strong	N/M	A	N/M	A	A	X	Ea	X	A	A		
Bill Swanson					new	A	A	Ea	A	A		
Paul Vojchehoske	N/M	New	N/M	X	X	X	A	A	Ea	Ea		
OABR President Vince Leisey	N/M	Ea	N/M	X	Ea	Ea	Ea	Ea	X	X		

N/M= NO MEETING D=MEMBER DROPPED DUE TO NUMBER OF ABSENCES

X=PRESENT A=ABSENT EA=EXCUSED ABSENET

A member will be removed as a member if they are absent from two (2) consecutive regular

