

**MEETING OF THE RHODE ISLAND
REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD**

DATE: May 6, 2009

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

**PLACE: Department of Business Regulation
69-1 Conference Room
1511 Pontiac Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Coyle, III -Chairman, S. Keith White, Jr. – Vice Chairman, Rory Budlong, Kenneth Cote, Lee Gallucci, Gregory Kwiatkowski, Jerry Roch, Neena Savage – Chief of Legal Services, DBR, Deanna Daniels – Appraisal Section Licensing Aide

GUEST:

Susan E. Kelly – Licensed Residential Appraiser

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

The Chairman asked for a motion to accept the open session minutes of the last meeting. Lee Gallucci made the motion. Keith White seconded the motion. All were in favor. Lee Gallucci made a motion to accept the executive session minutes of the last meeting. Keith White seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Chairman reviewed the following courses and seminars. Jerry Roch made a motion to approve all courses submitted for a period of one year. Lee Gallucci seconded the motion. All were in favor.

American Society of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers

Appraising Rural Residential Properties

Sales Comparison Approach

Valuation of Conservation Easements and Other Partial Interests in Real Estate

Wind Power

Appraisal Institute (Chicago Chapter)

Appraising Historic Preservation Easements

Wachovia Appraisal Training

Construction to Permanent Appraisal Process

The Chairman excused himself from discussion on the next item on

the agenda. In the absence of the Chairman, Keith White, Vice Chairman, read a letter from Mary L. Coyle requesting an extension to sit for the Certified General examination due to an extensive medical issue. Jerry Roch made a motion to grant Ms. Coyle permission to sit for the exam. Rory Budlong seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Keith White read a letter addressed to the Board from Tiffany Spiridakos requesting permission to take qualifying education online.

Keith spoke candidly on how this particular topic is familiar to him since he has two employees at his office, whom have been shut out of classes due to cancellations and low enrollment. A discussion ensued on the importance of taking qualifying education courses in a classroom setting. Keith stated it has always been the Board's position that the best way to obtain the correct knowledge and learning experience can only be ascertained through direct instruction in a classroom setting. Neena suggested asking the Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) when they arrive how they feel about online qualifying education and how many other states accept online core courses. The Chairman's concern was that the State of Rhode Island has never allowed online core curriculum courses and that our rules and regulations stipulate this. Therefore, if the Board were inclined to begin doing so then we would need to adopt a new set of policies. Keith made a motion to table the Tiffany Spiridakos request until Rory can conduct some research on course availability within a reasonable traveling distance and report back at the next meeting. Lee Gallucci seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Chairman asked for any public comments. Public guest, Susan Kelley spoke briefly on the need to re-evaluate what we allow for qualifying education as well as continuing education. Ms. Kelly agreed with Keith White regarding the importance of classroom instruction but thought some of the web-based courses do teach a great deal. Ms. Kelly stated as she is becoming more familiarized with the appraisal industry; she has noticed a lack of sharing of information amongst appraisers. The Chairman thanked Ms. Kelly for her input.

At 10:10 a.m. the Chairman asked for a motion to close the open session and convene to executive session. Lee Gallucci made the motion. Keith White seconded the motion. All were in favor.

At 12:20 p.m. Keith White made a motion to leave executive session and return to open session. Lee Gallucci seconded the motion. All were in favor.

There being no further business, Keith White made a motion to adjourn. Lee Gallucci seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Daniels