

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

DATE: March 2, 2016

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Berlinsky – Chairman, Peter Scotti – Vice Chairperson, Susan Kelly, Bernardino Lancia III, Kenneth Scotti, Patricia Grogan, Susan Martins-Phipps and Christine Tanner.

OTHERS PRESENT:

William DeLuca – Real Estate Administrator, Ellen Balasco – Deputy Chief of Legal Services.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M.

The Chairperson called for election of officers in accordance with RI

Gen. Laws 5-20.7-4(5) (c).

Chairperson Berlinsky nominated Vice-Chairperson Peter Scotti as Chairperson. Seconded by Susan Martins-Phipps. No other nominations. All members present voted in favor. Peter Scotti was elected as Chairperson of the Board. Chairperson Peter Scotti nominated Bernardino Lancia as Vice-Chairperson. Seconded by Susan Martins-Phipps. No other nominations. All members present voted in favor. Bernardino Lancia was elected as Vice-Chairperson of the Board.

The Chairperson made a motion to approve the open and executive sessions minutes of the January meeting. Seconded by Susan Martins-Phipps. All members present were in favor. Motion passed.

Review of Continuing Education courses submitted for approval: Vice-Chairperson Lancia presented course review.

American Society of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers

Best Practices for Rural Property Appraisal - 8 hours classroom

Vice-Chairperson Lancia made a motion to approve the above course. Seconded by Susan Martins-Phipps. All members present were in favor. Motion passed.

Appraisal Institute (Chicago Chapter)

Application & Interpretation of Simple Linear Regression – 15/14

hours classroom

The Appraiser as an Expert Witness: Preparation & Testimony – 16/15

hours classroom

Business Practices & Ethics – 4 hour seminar

**Litigation Appraising: Specialized Topics & Applications - 16/15 hours
classroom**

**Residential Applications - Using Technology to Measure & Support
Assignment Results – 7 hours classroom**

Residential Applications - Part 2 – 7 hours classroom

**Vice-Chairperson Lancia made a motion to approve the above
courses. Seconded by Susan Martins-Phipps. All members present
were in favor. Motion passed.**

**No Executive session matters scheduled on agenda and meeting
stayed in open session.**

**Chairperson Scotti brought up an email he received from William
Coyle Jr. requesting if a mandatory course for supervisor/trainee
training with AQB approval taken in Connecticut would be able to
receive reciprocal credit in Rhode Island. Ellen Balasco reported
having to review the Rhode Island approved course for specific
Rhode Island information. She did review the material provided by Mr.
Coyle reference the Connecticut course but needs to review the**

Rhode Island material before advising if reciprocal credit would be allowed.

Richard Berlinsky brought up before the Board a Virginia Real Estate Appraiser Board Guidance Document on Customary and Reasonable Compensation for Fee Appraisers, dated, February 23, 2016. The document addresses AMC's providing customary and reasonable compensation to fee appraisers. General discussion ensued. Ellen Balasco advised that AMC legislation is still being reviewed and not submitted yet by the Governor's office to be introduced. Several Board members wanted to issue a similar guidance document in Rhode Island. Ellen Balasco advised that the AMC legislation has not passed and to wait on a guidance document until after the legislation passes.

Chairperson Scotti brought up to the Board having the Appraisal Foundation Bulletins placed on the board agenda. Ellen Balasco advised that by the time the Bulletins are published the time for public input had passed. She recommend that members sign up to receive notices of proposed changes inviting public comment. General discussion ensued about changing the four year college requirement and AARO at its spring meeting with the ASC about changing its prohibition against the grandfather clause of those who had been in system during the change.

Vice-Chairperson Lancia inquired about the MLS service eliminating

the final non-disclosure field regarding type of financing. General discussion ensued. Board members will check with RIAR legal staff and do additional research on the elimination of the field.

Chairperson Scotti made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Vice-Chairperson Lancia. All in favor. Motion passed. Adjourned at 9:58 A.M.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on April 6, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. DeLuca

Real Estate Administrator