

July 28, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting held by Zoom due to executive order by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer related to coronavirus.

Call to Order – Abel at 3:08 p.m.

Roll Call (+ indicates present)

Council

Abel+
Arnold+
Block+
Fraser+
Grow+
Hendricks+
Jocuns+
Komorn
Lavigne+
Loker+
Morris+
Thurin

Additional Attendees:

Jennifer Hinze
Jenny Colagiovanni, ICLE
Allen Peisner, MLS Technical Guru
Dennis Hayes
Joslin Monahan
Mike Nichols

OPEN ISSUES:

Minutes from last meeting approved after correction through unanimous vote after motion by Loker, seconded by Fraser.

Report by Fraser and ICLE on 2020 annual conference. ICLE reports that with Michigan not moving up in Phase classification, other ICLE conferences for 2020 are modifying to a virtual only format. ICLE agrees to reduce its administrative fee to \$15,000, if MLS moves to a virtual format. This would save \$5,000, plus cost of videographer (estimated at \$10,000). Soaring Eagle has agreed to allow rescheduling of the conference to 2021, with no penalty. Block motions to make our 2020 annual meeting and conference virtual only and to have our 2021 conference at Soaring Eagle with dates to be determined. Loker seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion held regarding our joint fall MIAOWIA conference, with consensus to defer to them as to whether they want to change the date or move to a virtual format.

Report on DRE webinar with Lance Platt was that it was a great success and generated \$833.92 in revenue to each MLS and MIAOWIA. We used the Go to Webinar platform. Fraser to investigate Zoom webinar program. A decision will be made at a future meeting regarding which program to use. Consensus of the group is to have no additional webinars prior to the annual conference and to discuss additional webinars after that meeting. Hinze to arrange meeting with SBM to discuss notice needed for fee collection for future webinars, as the three month notice requirement is not conducive to holding paid webinars.

NEW ISSUES:

Discussion held about correspondence received from prisoner Jason Szymanski, with decision to take no action.

Matt Abel discussed Jenn Hinze drafting an entry for SBM Section Briefs each month and circulating it to the Board for approval. Consensus of the Council is in agreement with this.

Discussion held about HB 6022, with decision to look at future action, if the bill moves forward.

Discussion held about possible amicus brief in the *Sinclair* case or other cases. Discussion by the group about having any litigant who wishes us to consider a position to request so in writing with a summary of the legal issues involved.

Next meeting scheduled for August 25, 2020 at 3:00 by telephone/Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m. by unanimous vote after motion by Fraser, seconded by Grow.