

Recorders Business Meeting Minutes
Ramkota Inn Bismarck ND
October 09, 2006

In attendance:

President Linda Rohrbach, Vice President Ruth Stevens, Secretary Sheila K Dalen, Carol Beckert, Lynelle Lyman Hoppe, Brenda Cook, Ann Johnsrud, Vicki Kubat, Faye Schimelfenig, Donna Adams, Pam Kuk, Susan Olson, Sylvia Gion, Susan Froemke, Wanda J Knutson (Clerk), Kay Newell Braget, Karen Samek, Mary Stewart, Kari Evenson, Joyce Stern, Carrole Schaner, Jolene Hoffert, Julie Foss, Ruth Stevens, Marlys Landeis, Maxine Olson-Hill, Doris E Randle

Special Guests: Secretary of State Al Jaeger, Tracey Fillbrandt Secretary of States Office, Joe Silverthorn CSA, Mike Abel Association of Counties

Meeting was called to order right around 3:00pm by President Linda Rohrbach. With many new faces, all present were introduced.

I have attached for you copies of the handouts provided at the meeting.

Honorable Al Jaeger was first up and assures the group Llona is missed but Tracey has stepped in and things are going on as anticipated there.

Al spoke on the proposal out there for the state to set up a centralized real estate records system in 2010. He assures us he is not interested in pursuing any type of system. He commended the Recorders in going forward and doing this already through NDRIN and knows there is no reason for state involvement in a centralized system. The counties have already done it!

President Rohrbach presented Mr. Jaeger with a group photo of the County Recorders taken at this year's convention in Minot.

Tracey shared the following with the group:

The continuations are getting finished up.

Forms are being updated and being sent to Jan Steffan for comments and to be reviewed.

More clean up to come before switching over to the SOSKB, we will receive lists and instructions in the future to clean up the city of, Minot city of, etc.

Also extended names will be addressed.

Tracey also stated they hope to not be using labels once we are changed over to the SOSKB system. She had sent out a survey asking who was currently using the Star Printers.

President Rohrbach took the floor again:

Provided a brief treasurer's report, stating we have \$8800.00 in checking and have the \$5000.00 CD.

Next years convention is slated for June 18-20 in Dickinson. Carol was asked to see if the meeting dates could be changed to 19-21 so Recorders would not have to spend Sunday traveling. She will look into this for us.

PREP Chapter was discussed again. There are no chapters set up in ND, SD, or MT. Nell will continue to attend the MN meetings and will report back to us at next year's convention, we can then decide if we would like to set up a ND chapter or join the MN chapter. Maxine state the importance of staying involved with this group and Mary suggested that we start our own chapter so we are addressing ND needs.

No one from the board was available to attend the Abstractors convention as intended. We are certainly hoping to be invited again next year and will attend if possible.

President Rohrbach went over items that the board discussed at their meeting last evening. The minutes to that meeting have been sent out.

Mike Able from the Association of Counties addressed the group. Stated a rewrite was done on the marriage license program to change servers. It looks no different it is just working on a different back end.

Fielded some questions from the group: Many are having problems with locking up or not being able to print. Please email Mike if you are having problems.

ITD is suggesting some security changes be put in place on the system. There is a way to allow us to make changes as well.

Mike will get balance information in account for us and will be in touch with the Marriage License Committee to address the options.

President Rohrbach went on to state she had been in touch with Terry Traynor and asked that any future association meetings at this convention be

scheduled in a room other than the lounge. Uncomfortable, noisy, etc. The association will see that we no longer have to meet in the lounge.

Legislative issues were addressed; we will be keeping in touch with Darin Meschke and watching as things take place with the death certificates.

Wanda Knutson provided information on the marriage license bill that will be coming. The marriage license committee will be watching this bill and providing testimony if needed. She will email updates to all Recorders as well as Clerks so information gets out to everyone. Please answer the call if she calls or emails and asks for support with this bill, especially if you are on the marriage license committee. We should only be testifying if the bill takes a turn and involves us in a way that is not favorable. The legislative committee will also be watching the bill, along with the association of counties.

Indexing and inputting information in our computer systems was discussed. It was shared how consistency in inputting information is helpful to those accessing the records. It is being encouraged that all Recorders input grantor/grantee names exactly as shown on each document, with no abbreviations and such. Joe shared that is using his system he may be able to help convert any back entries that are abbreviated if you so desire, give him a call if you are interested.

Copy of the Certificate of facts was handed out, most feel you would not need to create a new document code in our systems as these should be what we are receiving to record in real estate in the future in place of the Death Certificate.

Joe addressed the group stating that Ruth should have the new CSA program by the first week in December; others will get updates beginning in Jan. 2007.

Exempt statements on deeds was discussed again and reinforced that exempt statements do have to be on deeds and signed. Attorneys again are trying to record without adding the statements.

President Rohrbach gave her accolades to Brenda and Susan our NDACo Delegates this year, for sharing the resolutions with all Recorders and asking for input on those prior to convention.

Ann Johnsrud shared what is going on with the company wanting her records. They have made a deal with this company and they will be receiving microfilm of all records that are not digitized, they will be paying all costs involved plus 4 cents per image. There is also another gentleman questioning the legality of charging the 4 cents. At this point the association voted at convention to charge this fee and do your best to work with anyone requesting your records.

President Rohrbach, then announced that Vice President Ruth Stevens will be filling the remainder of her term. She will be around until the end of the year but with the illness of her deputy's husband, there will not be enough of her to go around. So she passed her Presidential Gavel onto Ruth.

Thanks for the memories Pres., you served us well, and have formed some wonderful friendships. Please keep in touch with addresses and such as you move into retirement. Probably a good time to remind all retiring Records to be sure and stay in touch so we can invite you all back for convention in June. Send me an email and I will keep you in a little association address file.

Submitted this 17th day of October, 2006, by Sheila K. Dalen Secretary