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RPAC Trustees

Wednesday, July 2, 2014

11:00 a.m. Conference Call

Present: Shirley Dukart, Chair; Barb Grande, Vice Chair; Sharon Lunski, Grand Forks; Ron Volk, Bismarck-Mandan; Mike Swartz, Jamestown; Larry Louser, Minot; Tate Cymbaluk, Williston; Jill Beck, NDAR, Bismarck-Mandan. Ex-Officio: Vicki Roller (State President); Greg Larson (State President-elect and FPC) and Mary Splichal, FPC, Bismarck-Mandan.

Absent: Shelly Zach, Wahpeton-Breckenridge; Ex-Officio: Daryl Braham; Dave Lanpher.

Staff: Nancy R. Willis, State GAD

Presiding: Shirley Dukart, Chair

Dukart called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes from the October 28, 2013 call were approved as presented. M/S/C
2. Trustees ratified the e-mail approval by Trustees of an NAR contribution to Congressman Kevin Cramer in the amount of \$3,000. M/S/C
3. Trustees ratified the e-mail approval by Trustees of an NDAR contribution to Tate Cymbaluk of \$1,000. M/S/C
4. Willis reviewed Policy changes recommended by staff as follows:
 - a. Cover sheet changed to match bylaws with revision dates included
 - b. Title changed from "Policies Adopted by ND RPAC Trustees" to "RPAC of North Dakota Policies"
 - c. Policies organized in Roman numeral sections and alphabetic subsections to make it easier to reference for future bylaws changes.
 - d. Section II, word "can" changed to "may", word "the" added in two places for clarification, the word "Executive" replaced with "CEO".
 - e. Section III, Subsection A, the word "contributor" replaced by "investor."
 - f. Section III, Subsection B, the word "members" replaced by "investors."
 - g. Section III, Subsection D, the word "members" added and the abbreviation "NDAR" replaced with "RPAC".
 - h. Section III, Subsection F, the word "on" added and the word "about" replaced the word "of".
 - i. Section IV title changed from "REALTOR® Running for Public Office" to "Distribution of RPAC Funds"
 - j. Section IV, Subsection B, the word "contributors" replaced by the word "investors."

- a. k. Section IV, Subsection B, Bullet one, the word “donor” replaced with the word “investor”.
- l. Section IV, Subsection B, Bullet two, the word “donates” replaced with the word “invests”.
- m. Section IV, Subsection B, Bullet four, the word “is” added
- n. Section IV, Subsection B, following paragraph added at end: “Only one candidate per seat for each race at the state or local level will receive funding.”
- o. Section V title changed from “Note to Local Boards” to “Instructions for Local Boards”
- p. Section V, Paragraph two, added the words “on either the state or local level”.
- q. Section V, Paragraph three: “Partisan Functions: Approved to annually spend up to \$2500 on partisan functions” moved to Section II.
- r. Section V, Paragraph three (was four), the word “local” deleted and the words “does the” replaced with “approves”.
- s. Section V, Paragraph four (was five), line 1, the word “boards” changed to “board”, the words “coming in” deleted, the word “on” added and the word “CEO” replaced with the words “the local AE.”
- t. Section V, Paragraph four (was five), line 2, the date “Sept. 27, 2012” deleted. The following added: “Local boards must request their previous year’s RPAC funds by June 30 of the following year. If not requested by that date, local boards’ portion of RPAC funds will become part of the state RPAC funds and any request for distribution to local candidates by a local board will require state RPAC Trustee approval.” The disclaimer “RPAC Policies Adopted by ND RPAC Trustees” deleted.

Trustees adopted changes. M/S/C

- 5. Willis reviewed the Board Investment Report and noted that the amount of \$41,074.50 in RPAC funds shown did not include dollars received but not yet posted. With those dollars included total would be \$44,524.50. Beck reviewed 2013 RPAC funds available to local boards. \$23,610.64 remains.
- 6. Willis presented a request from the Minot Board to contribute \$2,000 from state RPAC funds to Larry Louser for expenses incurred for Ward County Commission primary campaign. M/S/C (Louser recused himself from the vote)
- 7. Beck reviewed the RPAC funding for statewide offices contributed to candidates from 2004 through 2012. Willis reviewed the amounts approved by Trustees at the October 28, 2013 meeting for 2014 candidates as follows:
 - a. Secretary of State - \$3,000
 - b. Attorney General - \$3,000
 - c. Agriculture Commissioner - \$3,000
 - d. Tax Commissioner - \$2,000
 - e. PSC - \$2,000 per seat (2 seats)
 For a total of: \$15,000
- 8. Willis reviewed a spreadsheet of the 2014 Federal and Statewide candidates. Trustees were asked if Libertarian candidates would be invited to be interviewed. Trustees agreed by consensus that ALL candidates should be invited.
- 9. Willis reviewed a document she created with Federal and State Priority Issues to assist with developing interview questions.

10. Willis referred Trustees to questions used in 2012 to interview candidates. Willis and Beck asked Trustees to send Willis any questions they wanted included for 2014 candidates. Willis said she had received a request from Chris Cramer, Kevin Cramer's campaign manager, to conduct the interview by conference call on Friday, July 18 at 10:00 a.m. as he would be unavailable on Saturday, July 19. Trustees agreed by consensus to accommodate Rep. Cramer.
11. Willis reminded Trustees that they had changed the threshold for invitations to the RPAC Reception during State Convention from \$99 contributors to those who have given a minimum of \$250. It will be on Thursday, Sept. 11 at the Bismarck Civic Center. She also informed Trustees of an Issues Mobilization fundraiser on Tuesday, night Sept. 9 which will be co-hosted with the Bismarck-Mandan Board. The event is called "Anchors Away" and will be held at the Bismarck Elks Club on the patio. Entry fee is \$25 which includes food and one drink ticket. It will have a beach theme.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy R. Willis, State GAD

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