

Mr. President, Board of Directors and members of NDAR. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you on the national level as a member of the 2015 Membership Policy and Board Jurisdiction Committee. It is a great opportunity to further my knowledge in Real Estate and I appreciate the experience and the financial support in the travel grant you provide! Following is my report.

Membership Policy and Board Jurisdiction

I had the opportunity to serve on a hearing panel for an application for change of name in which the REALTOR® Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh wanted to change their name to REALTORS® Association of Western Pennsylvania. After review of current territory the association serves and the area they have expanded to, the committee voted to deny the change of name, feeling that the new name implied the coverage of much more territory than the Board actually covered.

The San Antonio Board of REALTORS® application for change of jurisdiction for the unassigned county of LaSelle, TX was approved and the Westmoreland REALTORS® Association of PA application for change of name to Western REALTORS® Alliance be denied.

The committee decided that a work group of the committee would be appointed to review the criteria and procedures for considering application for association name changes and jurisdiction. Apparently there have been issues with applications being withdrawn just a few days before hearings have been scheduled and many arrangements made by committee members to either attend or serve on hearing panels. Discussion was held that said there needs to be fees and/or penalties incurred as well as more strictly enforced deadlines to make or withdraw applications for the committee's consideration. Committee members oftentimes incur additional expenses in hotel rooms and flight arrangements made to allow them to serve on hearing panels, only to have those applications withdrawn and while the committee member has incurred expenses, the Board submitting the request for a hearing loses nothing.

The committee approved the recommendations of the Requirements for New Associations Work Group. With the Core Standards Policy adopted by the BOD,

it was acknowledged that the requirements for chartering new associations need to be examined to make sure that the requirements are consistent with the Core Standards Requirements.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Roller

Immediate Past President, NDAR