



New York State Association of REALTORS®, Inc.

Organizational Planning Committee Meeting Report

Tuesday, February 11, 2020
High Street 24-26 – Desmond Hotel & Conference Center
Starting Time – 4:00 pm

Marcia Clarke
Chair

Tom McCarthy
Vice Chair

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Marcia Clarke, and the report of the September 2019 meeting was approved.

The committee then considered proposed amendments to the NYSAR bylaws.

In 2019, NYSAR's bylaws were reviewed by outside legal counsel. The goal of the review was to ensure that NYSAR's bylaws comply with state and federal laws and to update them based upon current standards. NYSAR's bylaws were determined to be in legal compliance but were not organized efficiently.

Attention should be given to Article 4, Section 5 (page 7) which allows the NYSAR CEO to set the date upon which applications for NYSAR officer must be submitted. It is staff belief that the August 31 date is not the most effective submission date. If this change is approved, the new date will revert to the original date of December 31. By allowing CEO discretion, the date could be moved without the lengthy process of amending the bylaws. Current best practices suggest that ministerial matters such as this are not appropriate for bylaws.

The proposed bylaws amendments were approved as amended.

Staff reviewed the NYSAR Board of Directors survey. The survey determined that the current structure and makeup of the board is effective and that the directors believe that their preparation and performance is satisfactory.

Staff reviewed the NYSAR membership survey and found the results to be consistent with previous surveys. In order to better gauge sentiments and trends, it was noted that the membership surveys will now be conducted on a yearly basis instead of every 3 years.

An update was given on the strategic plan noting several accomplishments across all categories since the last update.

Under new business, staff was asked about creating a repository of approved code of ethics courses for local board use. Staff will investigate the matter.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.