## Egyptian Board of REALTORS, Inc. General Membership Meeting Minutes September 14, 2023 Herrin Civic Center, Herrin, IL

The General Membership Meeting convened at approximately 12:30 p.m. following a luncheon buffet and the Affiliate Meet and Greet. There were approximately 70 in attendance.

President Coons called the meeting to order, welcomed the REALTOR® members. The Anti-Trust Statement and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Motion approved to accept the General Membership Meeting Minutes from July 6, 2023.

President Coons introduced Guests, Affiliates & Annual Sponsors. He then recognized Egyptian's new Realtor® and Affiliate members.

Government Affairs Director Ron Deedrick presented an update on upcoming candidate races.

Illinois REALTORS® Treasurer Candidate Ayn Bartok announced her pursuit of this position in IR leadership and thanked Egyptian for supporting her candidacy.

Sustainable Housing – AE introduced a panel of experts to discuss pros and cons of sustainable housing in southern Illinois. Among the panelists were Kathy Lober, US Bank; Gary Hamm, Supervisor of Assessment Massac County and licensed Appraiser; Randy Crider, B2N Roofing; Shariff Shakir, AES Solar.

President Coons recognized the Committee Chairs for their service the past year.

Teresa Camarato, board member of the IR Real Estate Education Foundation presented an award to Egyptian for their total contributions of \$5000 to the Foundation. AE accepted for the Association.

ROTY Chair, Ayn Bartok announced Egyptian's Realtor of the Year. The award went to a very surprised Paula Arpasi with Homefinders Realty in Benton. She will represent Egyptian at the IR ROTY banquet in Springfield April 2024.

Former Egyptian President, Al Suguitan administered the Installation of new Officers and Directors for FY 2023-2024. Incoming President Suzanne Wood; President Elect Teresa Camarato; Treasurer Paula Arpasi; Directors Tiffany Korte, Linda Holt. He then passed the gavel with all past Presidents who were present to the incoming president, Suzanne Wood. This ceremony has been part of Egyptian's installation ceremony since Suguitan introduced it during his presidency.

Outgoing president Paul Coons gave a few remarks about his term as President. He encouraged the members to serve on a committee in the coming year.

Rhonda Mulvaney was the winner of a \$100 VISA card for her contribution to RPAC with above the line MLS billing.

A new drawing for free Quarterly MLS & Sentrilock fees was introduced. All broker attendees who had registered for the meeting were the participants. The winner of the drawing was David Gilchrist. He will receive a \$225 credit towards his MLS & Sentrilock fees next quarter.

Several affiliates also presented giveaways to several members.

Incoming President, Suzanne Wood adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m.

**President Paul Coons**