

**Alaska Association of REALTORS
Industry Issues Meeting
Thursday, October 13, 2011**

Present	Dave Somers	Debra Leisek	Glenda Feeken
	Eva Loken	Michael Droege	
	Anita Bates	Don McKenzie	Denny Wood
	Errol Champion	Joni Schneider	Janice Strong
	Dale Bagley	Helen Jarratt	Wendy Chamberlain

Old Business **Proposed License Fee Increase**

Errol Champion updated the committee on his recent meeting with Commissioner Susan Bell and Juneau Representative Cathy Munoz.

Some of the questions were answered and some remain to be clarified. The justification for the increase is based on the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing's assertion that the cost of legal and investigative expenses increased more than 207 percent for the previous period. We would like answers to a number of questions including verification that the increase in cost is directly associated with investigations that fall under the purview of the Real Estate Commission.

According to the division director, Don Habeger, the division is looking for other ways to mitigate the increase in fees. In addition, Commissioner Bell will be at the next Real Estate Commission in Anchorage in early December when this issue will be discussed. An increase will not happen before this meeting.

Another call for action will be sent to everyone this week and we will also encourage the members to contact the following people regarding this issue:

Governor Parnell's Chief-of-Staff Mike Nizich mike.nizich@alaska.gov
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Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.