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Robert T. Benson served as the second Board President. He had served as president of the Chamber of Commerce and was the Founder of the American Legion Hall. Robert Benson served as a Trustee of Edison Junior College.

On January 11, 1950, the Board established Broker dues to be \$30.00 per year and Associate dues to be \$10.00 (This included \$5.00 that was sent to FAR). Affiliate members paid \$10.00 in dues. An Honorary member paid no dues.

Broker business meetings were separate from Associate meetings.

The Board decided not to accept Net Listings and no "for sale" signs were permitted on unimproved property without an exclusive listing.

On July 5, 1950, the Board established the commission rate at 10% for unimproved land and 5% for property within the city limits with a structure on it.

Grace Truesdale became the first woman member and was appointed the first woman director in 1952 and the first woman officer in 1953.

The following was reported in the Collier News:

- ⑩ City building permits passed the \$2 million mark not including \$24,000 for the jail to replace the Paw Paw Patch (a two-cell mosquito infested cement block building used as the local jail and located in what was a papaya patch, an area that is now Naples City Hall).
- ⑩ The county population was 6,452 and the city's 1,458.
- ⑩ The City Council approved sidewalks for Fifth Avenue, South.
- ⑩ City Council listened to the real estate community and banned motel kitchens.
- ⑩ A shell road was built to Marco Island.
- ⑩ The north Tamiami Trail was widened to 24 feet.
- ⑩ REALTOR W. Roy Smith beat REALTOR Bill Clark, for the position of Mayor of Naples 360 votes to 68.
- ⑩ REALTOR David C. Jones, Sr. was elected to the Florida House of Representatives.
- ⑩ (REALTOR Ad Miller lost the election for the Florida House of Representatives, 885 to 665 to REALTOR David C. Jones, Sr.)
- ⑩ Cigarettes were \$1.99 a carton at Roger Ford's Department store.
- ⑩ NABOR® membership dues are \$30.