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I would like to again thank NDAR for allowing me to serve our association at our May midyear meetings in Washington DC. By the way, the new name for the midyear meetings is, "The Realtor Party Convention and Trade Expo"

As in the past, I attended a number of meetings with my primary focus being on the Realtor Party Member Involvement Committee, of which I am a member. This is a new name also. The former name was The Realtor Political Involvement Committee.

I have attached a list of ongoing job responsibilities that I am supposed to accomplish.

We, as a group of about 12 to 14 people made our annual pilgrimage to Capitol Hill to plead our agenda, "Talking Points". They are as follows:

- 1. Preserve the Mission and Purpose of the FHA Program.
- 2. Preserve Real Estate-Related Tax Policies.
- 3. Reform The Secondary Mortgage Market to Provide Certainty in the U.S. Housing Market.

I must say our Talking Points were well received by the Staff of House Member Kevin Kramer, as he was not in DC because the House was not in session, and also by the Staff of Senator Heidi Heitkamp as she was voting but we got to say hi in the hallway as we were leaving and she was going back to her office. We did get to meet with Senator John Hoven. He was very receptive and very much agreed with everything we had to say.

A number of times, over the years, we did not get to speak with all 3 of our Congressional leaders on these visits. Typically, the reason is that they are on the floor of their respective chambers voting, and are unable to keep their appointment. I sometimes feel on some of these matters, our FPC's along with State Leadership should meet with them in North Dakota where they are able to keep their appointments and we really have their ATTENTION. They love to ask questions and very much want to know what is going on back home, but they are so busy in DC, they just don't have time. It is a thought and after doing this for 20 years, it makes a lot of sense to me.

Again thank you
Ron Volk



REALTOR® PARTY MEMBER INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Respond to ALL NAR Calls for Action and encourage others to do the same. Encourage your state and local associations to actively support all Calls for Action, to increase participation numbers. Set annual Call for Action goal and monitor Call for Action reports for your state.
- 2. Set aside personal political beliefs to advocate on behalf of all REALTORS® and the REALTOR Party.
- 3. For your state, ensure each FPC's success in completing all of their required duties. Contact FPCs at least once per quarter to obtain feedback and provide assistance as needed. Meet with FPCs at least twice per year to review job responsibilities. Fill in for an FPC as needed.
- 4. Promote usage by state and local REALTOR® associations of the REALTOR® Party Hub, to increase participation numbers and advocacy success.
- 5. Download the REALTOR® Party App, follow the REALTOR® Party on social media channels, and actively use these tools to engage REALTOR® members.
- 6. Working with your state and local leadership, association staff, and REALTOR® Party consultants, determine the best way to seek out speaking opportunities to promote the array of REALTOR® Party programs, tools and services available.
- 7. Learn, promote and use the REALTOR® Party Tracker, to ensure your state (and local associations within your state) is getting the most "bang for the buck." Track the usages of REALTOR® Party programs, tools and services in your state.
- 8. Report, once per quarter, to RPMIC Leadership on concerns, results and successes of REALTOR® Party programs, tools and services; as well as FPC performance and feedback.
- 9. Collaborate with leadership of REALTOR® Party Committees to discuss goals and formulate a plan to ensure the success of the REALTOR® Party programs, tools and services that fall under their purview.
- 10. When feasible, collaborate with state association leadership and staff to assist in the appointment of FPCs, to ensure the right people are involved.
- 11. Attend annual RPMIC training and each meeting during the Midyear Meeting and Annual Convention. (Two consecutive unexcused absences will result in replacement, per committee structure rules.)
- 12. Strive to invest in RPAC before April of each year, to have 100% participation by the Midyear Meeting. Be familiar with Major Investor levels to promote them to members as needed.