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2016 Code and Standards of Practice

The 2016 Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice is available at <http://tinyurl.com/z7bcb73>

NDHFA Seeks Affordable Housing Champions

BISMARCK, ND - North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) is seeking nominations for its 2015 Champion of Affordable Housing Leadership and Housing Production Awards.

“The Champion Awards recognize and celebrate exceptional contributions to North Dakota’s affordable housing industry,” said Jolene Kline, NDHFA executive director.

The Leadership Award honors an individual or entity who has demonstrated outstanding effort in advocating for or providing affordable housing or related services. The impact of those results, and the obstacles overcome to provide the housing or services are considered.

The Housing Production Award recognizes the development, preservation of, or conversion to affordable housing, innovative construction or financing techniques, responses to the unique needs of special populations, or the ability to provide information to the public about affordable housing options. Housing Production Award Nominees must be occupied, placed in service or active during the one-year period prior to Nov. 1, 2015.

Nominations for both categories are open to individuals, organizations, affordable housing programs or developments within the state of North Dakota.

Forms and the selection criteria are available online at www.ndhfa.org. Nominations must be received by Jan. 15, 2016. For more information on the awards, contact NDHFA at [\(800\) 292-8621](tel:8002928621) or hfainfo@nd.gov.

Media contact: Sarah Mudder at [701/328-8056](tel:7013288056) or smudder@nd.gov.

2016 Standard Mileage Rates for Businesses Announced

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service issued the 2016 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2016, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 54 cents per mile for business miles driven, down from 57.5 cents for 2015
- 19 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, down from 23 cents for 2015
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations

Alert: Email Scams Hitting Real Estate Transactions

NAR has received reports of sophisticated email scams targeting the real estate industry. Access an article, checklist, and links to additional resources from NAR Legal Affairs at <http://tinyurl.com/zr47ph3>

Achieve Business Goals

Go to realtor.com for a free personalized goal-setting plan to help map out a path to success. To create a personalized plan please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/hwep2du>

Save \$35 when registering for the 2016 Convention of the Dakotas

Don't forget to register for the 2016 Convention of the Dakotas in Fargo! You won't want to miss it! Register before **December 31, 2015** to save \$35.

To register by credit card, please do one of the following:

- Go to www.fmrealtor.com and click on the Convention Tab
- Scan and email registration to patti@fmrealtor.com
- Fax the registration form to FMAAR at [701-232-1831](tel:701-232-1831), attention Patti

To register by check please:

- Make check payable to FMAAR
- Mail to: Fargo-Moorhead Area Association of REALTORS®
813 N University Drive, Fargo, ND 58102

Full registration includes all convention activities and education. Additional events are available for sign-up, including the Tuesday night "Downtown Experience", Wednesday "Creatively Uncorked" painting event and Wednesday Golf Outing at Oxbow. Space is limited for additional events and are limited to members registered for convention.

Tentative Convention Schedule

<http://www.fmrealtor.com/sites/default/files/documents/2016%20Convention%20Schedule%20%28website%29.pdf>

Convention Hotel Information

<http://www.fmrealtor.com/sites/default/files/documents/2016%20Convention%20Hotel%20Information%20List.pdf>

Hope to see you there!

Board Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

The NDAR office will be closed Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th in honor of the Christmas Holiday. Offices will also be closed on January 1, 2016 New Year's Day.

We would like to wish our members a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all of us here at the North Dakota Association of REALTORS®.