

# the REALTOR® Report



News for you from the ND Association of REALTORS®  
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## Nominations Now Being Accepted

Applications are available for anyone interested in running for NAR Director, NDAR Vice President, or President Elect. See the following links for position descriptions and qualifications:

[Nominating Form](#)

[President Elect Position Description](#)

[Vice President Position Description](#)

[NAR Director Position Description](#)

Complete the form and submit it to **NDAR** by May 20 (Email to [info@ndrealtors.com](mailto:info@ndrealtors.com) or fax to [866-665-1011](tel:866-665-1011))

## Application Deadline for 2017 Committees is Next Week!

NAR is accepting applications for committee service in 2017. You may submit up to five applications and receive up to five endorsements per application. Submission deadline is May 23.

[http://gms.realtor.org/comrecords.nsf/comselMbrhome?openform&om\\_rid=AAAY3-&om\\_mid=\\_BW-si1B9MQzoOo&om\\_ntype=INSMarketMonthly](http://gms.realtor.org/comrecords.nsf/comselMbrhome?openform&om_rid=AAAY3-&om_mid=_BW-si1B9MQzoOo&om_ntype=INSMarketMonthly)

If you are applying make sure your member expertise profile is up to date.

## Private Flood Insurance Finally Here?

No lender makes loans for homes in flood zones without flood insurance, and yet virtually no private insurers offer it. That could change now that lawmakers have passed NAR-backed provisions opening the door to a private market. Watch that top story in The Voice for Real Estate news video.

[http://www.realtor.org/videos/the-voice-for-real-estate?om\\_rid=AAcSWD&om\\_mid= BxK6ZFB9NPuxzH&om\\_ntype=NARWeekly](http://www.realtor.org/videos/the-voice-for-real-estate?om_rid=AAcSWD&om_mid= BxK6ZFB9NPuxzH&om_ntype=NARWeekly)

## DC Meeting Highlights

The NAR Board of Directors - at its May 14 meeting in Washington - voted to add several requirements to the Organizational Alignment/Core Standards for REALTOR® associations and adopted a policy that seeks to ease student debt burdens that threaten to make it harder for people to become home buyers.

The board kept NAR dues at \$120 for 2017, approved a three-year extension of the \$35 special assessment that funds the consumer advertising campaign, and approved creation of a uniform communications platform for NAR's committees, advisory boards, and forums.

In response to homelessness and rising housing insecurity, the board adopted a policy urging state and local REALTOR® associations to work with their communities' stakeholders to develop innovative and proactive strategies to aid citizens experiencing homelessness or facing problems paying for housing.

Read additional DC updates at [http://www.realtor.org/articles/internal-news-service-special-report-0?utm\\_source=Membership+Update+May+18%2C+2016&utm\\_campaign=Membership+Update&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.realtor.org/articles/internal-news-service-special-report-0?utm_source=Membership+Update+May+18%2C+2016&utm_campaign=Membership+Update&utm_medium=email)

### **NDAR Board & Committee Meetings (June 8 – 9) Bismarck**

Board and Committee meetings to be held June 8-9 at the Baymont Inn & Suites (formerly Seven Seas) Mandan. Committees that will be meeting on June 8 are: Government Affairs, Membership Involvement, RPAC Fundraising, Nominating, RPAC Trustees, Technology, and Professional Development.

Thursday June 9 the Board of Directors will meet. A detailed schedule will be available soon.

\*Note: A block of sleeping rooms has been reserved at the Baymont Inn & Suites Hotel at the special rate of \$89. Call 1-800-597-7327 and mention you are with the ND Assoc. of REALTORS® group when making your reservation. Early reservations are a must as the block will only be available through May 23.

### **October CE Reminder**

The last live courses to be sponsored by NDAR will be held on October 18-19 in Bismarck. Nine hours of CE will be offered including the Code of Ethics class on October 19. This is the course that all members must have by December 31 to retain their membership in the REALTOR® organization. It must have been taken from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2016 - if you aren't sure if you have taken the course please contact your local board who is responsible for tracking this. If you have taken it from another entity than NDAR you will need to submit proof to your local board AE to enter into your member record.

### **Licensing Renewal Reminder**

Please remember that November 15 is the deadline to renew your real estate license for 2017. The Real Estate Commission will be mailing out the renewals this fall. You must have nine hours approved CE to renew. Please remember that the education must be completed by November 15 and that you can only take 8 hours of CE per day to qualify.

### **Address Update Postcards**

As a result of suggestions from several members, NDAR has created a "Voting in North Dakota" postcard for members to use when assisting clients with buying or selling a house.

The postcard reminds clients that if they move they need to update the address on their ID in order to vote. The postcards are available on the web and can be printed out on card stock or if you let NDAR know how many you would like, we can get some to you. The post cards can be mailed or handed out. They are 8.5" x 5.5" so require regular postage. Information on the postcards was reviewed and approved by the Secretary of State's office to ensure accuracy and we would encourage you to use them. To request postcards let us know how many you want and where you want the postcards to go or who will pick them up and send your request to Nancy R. Willis, GAD, at [nancy@ndrealtors.com](mailto:nancy@ndrealtors.com)

For a link to the postcard visit <http://ndrealtors.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Change-address-when-moving-postcard.pdf>

### **Website Accessibility: Not Just About the Law**

Making your website accessible is the law under the Americans with Disabilities Act, but it's also a way to expand your business to people who otherwise would have trouble accessing content on your website. That was the message last week at a risk management forum for REALTORS® in Washington.

[http://realtormag.realtor.org/daily-news/2016/05/12/website-accessibility-not-just-about-law?om\\_rid=AAAY3-&om\\_mid= BXPM52B9Nw7WuU&om\\_ntype=INSWeekly](http://realtormag.realtor.org/daily-news/2016/05/12/website-accessibility-not-just-about-law?om_rid=AAAY3-&om_mid= BXPM52B9Nw7WuU&om_ntype=INSWeekly)

## FAA on Track to Release Drone Rules by June

Federal officials intend to publish rules that will enable the general public to use small, unmanned aircraft for commercial activities before the end of spring, Federal Aviation Administration officials told a group of real estate professionals who visited the agency in Washington last week. [http://realtormag.realtor.org/daily-news/2016/05/13/faa-track-release-drone-rules-june?om\\_rid=AAAY3-&om\\_mid= BXPM52B9Nw7WuU&om\\_ntype=INSWeekly](http://realtormag.realtor.org/daily-news/2016/05/13/faa-track-release-drone-rules-june?om_rid=AAAY3-&om_mid= BXPM52B9Nw7WuU&om_ntype=INSWeekly)

## "Educate. Innovate. Celebrate!" – Orlando 2016 (November 4 – 7)

If You Don't Go, You Won't Be in the Know!

The REALTORS® Conference & Expo is the largest meeting exclusively for real estate professionals. In 2016 the REALTORS® Conference & Expo will be held at the Orange County Convention Center West in Orlando, FL. This year's theme is "Educate. Innovate. Celebrate!", and, indeed, the event will help REALTORS® get EDUCATED on future market trends and provide them the chance to test out all the new INNOVATIONS changing real estate, as well as CELEBRATE the industry.

<http://www.realtor.org/convention.nsf/pages/homepage?opendocument>

This year's event includes:

- 100 education sessions, featuring nationally recognized speakers, trainers, and industry experts, who discuss timely topics and critical issues of value to REALTORS®
- Nearly 400 industry vendors at the expo, who present the latest innovative tools
- Many affordable registration options
- 19,000 + REALTORS® and guests to network and idea share with

## Get registered 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!

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

- Go to [www.fmrealtor.com](http://www.fmrealtor.com) and click on the Convention Tab
- Scan and email registration to [patti@fmrealtor.com](mailto: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 Dr, 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\\_0.pdf](http://www.fmrealtor.com/sites/default/files/documents/2016%20Convention%20Schedule%20%28website%29_0.pdf)

Convention Hotel Information

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