

May 23, 2016

To The NDAR Board of Directors,

It was yet another productive trip to Washington DC for the Realtor Party Meetings. I serve in six different capacities at the NAR level including Chair of the Flood Insurance Work Group, member of the Insurance Committee, Chair of the Real Estate as a First Career Choice Presidential Advisory Group, Vice Chair of the RPAC Fundraising Forum, member of the RPAC Trustees and member of the Strategic Thinking Committee.

I attending all meetings as required, but most importantly for North Dakota, I spend the majority of one of the days meeting off site with an official from the Executive branch of the North Carolina state government. We reviewed their technology and opportunities to rate every property in their state using LiDAR technology in hopes of reducing flood insurance rates over time. As a state legislator, I will be review the opportunities for North Dakota to work with other agencies and partner with FEMA to potentially implement the same in our state.

As Vice Chair of the Fundraising Forum, I was asked to serve on an informational panel regarding how Realtors and our leadership can most effectively work with elected officials and state legislators. It was an informative meeting and we're looking forward to the fundraising portion in November using a live and silent auction to bolster our efforts.

I was unable to attend the hill visits however, I was able to attend the candidate forum in which Region VIII member John Smaby was on stage discussing his vision for NAR as he was running for 2019 NAR President. Fortunately, John won the race on Saturday morning and will be serving on our leadership team in the coming years.

Finally, I reported on RPAC at the Regional Caucus and each state in our region should be aware of the changes made by NAR regarding the goals and the needs-based efforts which should greatly increase the amount of collected funds staying in our state for candidates and issues.

I look forward to the Orlando meetings in November and thank you for allowing me to serve our state and national associations at these meetings.

Sincerely,

Scott Louser
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