

the REALTOR® Report



News for you from the ND Association of REALTORS®
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2017 Spring Education Caravan April 10-13, 2017

The Google Universe 2017

The Cloud Computing Solution To The Ultimate Mobile Office

Simple yet powerful (and free) apps to turn your PC and smartphone into a most effective resource for maintaining client relationships, productivity and social networking

6 hours ND & 6 hours MN Continuing Education **Approved!**

- April 10, 2017 Fargo – Hilton Garden Inn
- April 11, 2017 Grand Forks – Hilton Garden Inn
- April 12, 2017 Minot – Holiday Inn Riverside
- April 13, 2017 Ramada Bismarck
 - All classes start at 8:30 am & run until 3:45 pm (1 hour & 15 min. lunch on your own)

[Early registration deadline is April 3rd!](#)

Printable flyer & online registration are both available at www.ndrealtors.com homepage.

ND Legislature Establishes Term Limits for ND Real Estate Commission

NDAR successfully advocated for term limits for the ND Real Estate Commission during the 2017 Legislative Session. The legislation limiting appointments to two consecutive five-year terms passed the ND House 68-21 and the ND Senate 42-3. The change in the law becomes effective August 1, 2017.

NDAR would like to thank the following member legislators that sponsored the bill: Reps. Tom Beadle, Josh Boschee, Tom Kading and Steve Vetter and Sens. Scott Meyer and Jim Roers. NDAR also appreciated the willingness of members Cindy Harvey, Dave Lanpher and Tricia Schlosser to testify, written testimony provided by Bernie Erickson and a letter of support from the ND Appraisers Association. Success also would not have been possible without the phone calls and emails from all members to their legislators in response to two state Calls for Action (one House and one Senate) for a Do Pass. Members should never doubt that working together we have clout!

Scam Alert: Fake Association Billing Fla. Members

Several members in Florida report receiving a fake dues notice from a group calling itself the “Florida Board of Realtors.” This is a scam, and no such board exists. The Florida Association and several local associations issued alerts warning members not to pay the bill and cancel any checks already sent. NAR is also investigating. Ask your members to report any suspicious mailings or requests for payment to NAR at trademark@realtors.org.

Good Neighbors: Credit Where It's Due

Nominate yourself or someone you know by May 12 for the NAR Good Neighbor Awards, which recognize REALTORS® whose extraordinary commitment to volunteer work has helped make their community a better place to live. Read about prior winners, and access an entry form, rules, and judging criteria at http://realtormag.realtor.org/good-neighbor-awards?cid=GNA-223&om_rid=AAcWD&om_mid=BYulfYB9Y6RbCK&om_ntype=NARWeekly

Opportunity to serve on ND Real Estate Commission

All interested members have the opportunity to serve on the ND Real Estate Commission.

Per ND Century Code 43-23-01. The state real estate commission consists of five members, three of whom must be active real estate brokers appointed by the governor. The commission shall organize by the election of a chairman.

Also per North Dakota Century Code 43-23-02. The governor shall appoint each member of the commission for a term of five years. Terms must be staggered so **the term of one member expires each year**. At the expiration of the term of any member of the commission, the governor shall appoint a successor for a term of five years. A commissioner may not serve more than two consecutive five-year terms (effective 8/1/17). In the event of a vacancy on the commission for any reason the governor shall appoint a member for the unexpired term of that member.

If you are interested in serving on the ND Real Estate Commission, which meets eight (8) times a year, go to this link on the Governor's website:

<https://www.governor.nd.gov/boards/BoardDetails.aspx?boardid=90>

Click on "Application Form for Boards and Commissions" in the left-hand column, fill out an application selecting the ND Real Estate Commission as the commission on which you want to serve, and submit. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. The web page has information about the current commissioners and their appointment and term ending dates. Terms begin each year on July 1, so appointments are made prior to that date. For more information contact the ND Real Estate Commission or NDAR.

Legislative Meetings – Washington DC (Registration Open)

Registration for the REALTORS® Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo, May 15-20 in Washington, is open. Learn more about free registration for NAR members.

https://www.nar.realtor/midyear.nsf/pages/registration?opendocument&om_rid=AAAY3-&om_mid=BYpIkUB9YZzMw2&om_ntype=INS

Video Addresses Email Hacking

The latest Window to the Law video from NAR Legal Affairs focuses on ways real estate professionals and their clients can avoid being victimized by cybercriminals who hack email accounts and send fraudulent emails to unsuspecting home buyers. https://www.nar.realtor/videos/window-to-the-law-video-best-practices-for-cybercrime-prevention?om_rid=AAAY3-&om_mid=BYwIlyB9ZRg-vP&om_ntype=INS

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