

# the REALTOR® Report



News for you from the ND Association of REALTORS®  
June 16, 2017

## Governor Makes Appointment

Sandra Meyer, Grand Forks has been appointed to the North Dakota Real Estate Commission. Her term will begin on July 1. We welcome Sandy and thank Jerry Youngberg for his many years of service to the Real Estate Commission. Congratulations!

## NDAR Board & Committee Meetings Next Week! (June 20 -21)

NDAR Board & Committee Meetings to be held June 20 – 21 in Bismarck at the Courtyard by Marriott – 3319 N 14<sup>th</sup> St.

Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> schedule as follows: 9 am – 10 am Cyber Alliance Committee, 10:15 am – 11:30 am Professional Development Committee, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Government Affairs Committee, 12:30 – 1:15 Lunch Break, 1:30 – 2:30 Member Involvement Committee, 2:45 – 4:15 RPAC Fundraising Committee, and from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm (or til last person leaves) a social will be held at the Amy Hullet residence with food, beverages, lawn games, and socializing & networking opportunities.

Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> Board of Directors will meet at 9:00 am.

*For address & map to the social visit*

<http://ndrealtors.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Map-Amy-Hullet-Residence.pdf>

*For a printable schedule of meetings visit*

<http://ndrealtors.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/June-Meeting-Schedule.pdf>

## VA Clarifies Appraisal Policy

The Department of Veterans Affairs has indicated that there is no maximum standard for the distance between a subject property and those used as comparables in an appraisal. In a clarification issued because its current policy was causing confusion about which sale properties in rural and suburban markets are acceptable as comparables, the VA said appraisers should provide an explanation if they use as a comparable a sale property that is further away from the property they are appraising than another one.

[https://www.nar.realtor/articles/va-clarification-on-comparable-sale-properties?tp=i-H43-Bb-Cv-15z7-1p-BuWG-1c-15IJ-1JMIy3&om\\_rid=261337%20&Om\\_ntype=INSAE&om\\_mid=801](https://www.nar.realtor/articles/va-clarification-on-comparable-sale-properties?tp=i-H43-Bb-Cv-15z7-1p-BuWG-1c-15IJ-1JMIy3&om_rid=261337%20&Om_ntype=INSAE&om_mid=801)

## Sign Up for Commercial Leadership Development Day

NAR's Commercial Leadership Development Day is set for Sunday, August 13, in Chicago. The agenda will focus on commercial initiative updates, best practices, education, and networking for association executives, staff, and leadership. For more information & registration visit:

[https://www.nar.realtor/commercial/commercial-leadership-development-day?tp=i-H43-Bb-Cv-15z7-1p-BuWG-1c-15IJ-1JMIy3&om\\_rid=261337%20&Om\\_ntype=INSAE&om\\_mid=801](https://www.nar.realtor/commercial/commercial-leadership-development-day?tp=i-H43-Bb-Cv-15z7-1p-BuWG-1c-15IJ-1JMIy3&om_rid=261337%20&Om_ntype=INSAE&om_mid=801)

## The Sky's the Limit – REALTORS® Conference & Expo November 3-6

Registration is now open! Register today for the 2017 REALTORS® Conference & Expo, taking place November 3-6 at the McCormick Place – West Building in Chicago, IL.

<https://www.nar.realtor/convention.nsf/>

## 3 Risky Behaviors in Email Communication

If you're not careful about how you respond to clients in email messages, you could risk losing contracts, damaging your reputation, and even being sued for breach of confidentiality.

[http://realtormag.realtor.org/daily-news/2017/05/30/3-risky-behaviors-in-email-communication?om\\_rid=AACsWD&om\\_mid=BZLdd2B9cIloEl&om\\_ntype=RMODaily](http://realtormag.realtor.org/daily-news/2017/05/30/3-risky-behaviors-in-email-communication?om_rid=AACsWD&om_mid=BZLdd2B9cIloEl&om_ntype=RMODaily)

## Protect Yourself Against Copyright Claims

It's easier than you might imagine to have a photo on your site that you don't have rights to. But it's not hard to lower your risk if you follow a few steps.

[http://realtormag.realtor.org/law-and-ethics/feature/article/2017/05/protect-yourself-against-copyright-claims?om\\_rid=AACsWD&om\\_mid=BZLdd2B9cIloEl&om\\_ntype=RMODaily](http://realtormag.realtor.org/law-and-ethics/feature/article/2017/05/protect-yourself-against-copyright-claims?om_rid=AACsWD&om_mid=BZLdd2B9cIloEl&om_ntype=RMODaily)

## Video Focuses on Copyright Law

The latest “Window to the Law” video from NAR Legal Affairs covers the steps real estate professionals should take to ensure they are protected by the Digital Millennium Copyright Act when posting photos or other content online. Watch the video at

[https://www.nar.realtor/videos/window-to-the-law-video-changes-to-dmca-safe-harbor?tp=i-H43-Bb-Cv-15z7-1p-BuWG-1c-15IJ-1JMIy3&om\\_rid=261337%20&om\\_ntype=INSAE&om\\_mid=801](https://www.nar.realtor/videos/window-to-the-law-video-changes-to-dmca-safe-harbor?tp=i-H43-Bb-Cv-15z7-1p-BuWG-1c-15IJ-1JMIy3&om_rid=261337%20&om_ntype=INSAE&om_mid=801)

## NAR Answers Questions About ‘Instant Offers’

Members have engaged the association and their fellow agents in discussions about online business models that attempt to cut the real estate professional out of the transaction. Here's how NAR responds.

[http://realtormag.realtor.org/daily-news/2017/06/13/nar-answers-questions-about-instant-offers?tp=i-H43-Bb-EQ-2QAq-1p-BuWG-1c-2VdP-TJERZ&om\\_rid=577272%20&om\\_ntype=RMODaily&om\\_mid=894](http://realtormag.realtor.org/daily-news/2017/06/13/nar-answers-questions-about-instant-offers?tp=i-H43-Bb-EQ-2QAq-1p-BuWG-1c-2VdP-TJERZ&om_rid=577272%20&om_ntype=RMODaily&om_mid=894)

## Headed to Bismarck this Summer?

The ND Dept. of Transportation is doing concrete pavement repairs and an asphalt overlay on the roadway and bridges along I-94 through Bismarck Mandan this summer. The five mile long project begins west of the Grant Marsh Bridge and continues east of Exit 161 (Bismarck Expressway)

Visit <https://dot.nd.gov/projects/bismarck/i94bisman/index.htm> for details.