

2022 NAR NXT - REALTORS Convention and Expo, Orlando

REALTOR Party Member Involvement Committee (RPMIC) Report

I am happy to report the RPMIC committee is making BIG changes. Let's start with the NEW NAME! It was recommended the committee's name be FPC Coordinating Committee (FPCCC) for 2023.

In addition to the new name, the committee makeup and focus will be changing. I have always said the RPMIC committee had an identity issue – they wanted to be involved in so many areas, “Vote, Act and Invest”, resulting in overstepping other committee members responsibilities like RPAC. I could tell this committee used to have a different role and it needed to be modernized to reflect our current needs. Now, the committee will focus on the “Act” component of the REALTOR Party and will enhance the current responsibilities related to the FPC program. The new state FPC coordinating Committee member will help develop and plan for FPC training, programming, mentoring and education.

All committee members must now be a current or former FPC, complying with all FPC responsibilities including training and participation in all NAR meetings. *The presidential advisory group (PAG) recommends the 2023 FPCCC appointments be for one year to expedite the implementation of this new structure. After 2023, the position will be for two years.* Some states had more than one committee member because we were tasked with traveling over a large geographic area to “sell” the REALTOR Party concept. Now there will only be one committee member per state.

The FPC Coordinating Committee member will serve as the team coordinator for all the state FPCs and will provide updates and reports to State Leadership and Association members. They will also help develop FPC teams which help expand political engagement. This committee will continue to assist with federal advocacy, by encouraging REALTORS to participate and support NAR grassroots activities.

The former RPMIC quarterly report will now become a biannual report as determined by the Chair. Note: the FPC quarterly reports will also be discontinued. They will still have to write reports, but will be expected to write reports as actions are carried out, i.e., personal meetings like attending Leg. Meetings in D.C., attend political events at home districts and hosting an event for their assigned Member of Congress (MOC) to maintain an organic and close relationship with the MOC. We discussed other changes in the FPC program as well.

Regarding the Presidents Cup – the Leadership Team will assess the relevancy of the current advocacy goals and the goal setting process.

It was a full meeting with lots of questions. There were a lot of new committee members in the room and many of them had not ever been an FPC, so they were surprised by the changes. I spoke with the Chair of the committee, Gail Hartnett, in D.C. in May. She really runs a good meeting and has accomplished more in her term, than any other chair I've ever served under. Doyle Yates will be the new Chair and I'm sure he will do a good job as well.

I attended several other meetings and heard from great speakers during this conference. I especially like hearing what Lawrence Yun has to say about the economy and appreciated the virtual and recorded options as many meetings overlapped. I also enjoy attending the appraisal forum every year. I always learn a lot at those meetings!

This was my last meeting as the RPMIC member for North Dakota. It has been my pleasure to serve, and I greatly appreciate and thank NDAR for their financial support

Submitted by Mary Spliced.