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DO-NOT-CALL RULES IN EFFECT

Despite court rulings that have stalled the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) from administering its Do-Not-Call Registry, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) said Tuesday it will continue to enforce its do-not-call rules. The FCC rules have also been challenged in court. FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell said, to the extent possible, his agency plans to enforce the rules beginning Oct. 1. Since no one can register or access the registry at the moment, the FCC has said it will enforce its rules only against those who have previously obtained lists from the registry. NDAR is consulting with our Legal Council and the Council of the Real Estate Commission for advice to Brokers. We will keep you posted as soon as we have any new information.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

As most you know we held our annual convention in Rapid City this year. Attendance was said to be near 500. Some of the highlights:

RPAC FUNDRAISING AWARDS

% MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

- 1- 91% - Bois de Sioux Board of REALTORS®
- 2- 79% - Badlands Board of REALTORS®
- 3- 62% - Minot Board of REALTORS®
62% - Bismarck Mandan Board of REALTORS®

PER CAPITA MEMBER PARTICIPATION

- 1- \$59.15 – Badlands Board of REALTORS®
- 2- \$31.35 – Bismarck Mandan Board of REALTORS®
- 3- \$26.10 – Fargo Moorhead Area Association of REALTORS®

STATE REALTOR® OF THE YEAR

Arlene Volk of Century 21 Morrison, Bismarck received the coveted State REALTOR® of the Year Award. This award is the highest honor that the State Association of REALTORS® can give to one of its members annually. The selection criteria is judged by the REALTOR'S® activities on the local, state and National level, on the amount of volunteer activities in their communities, personal business accomplishments and a high professional REALTORS® standard.

Arlene was raised and educated in Goodrich, North Dakota. In 1972, *Arlene* became a REALTOR®. She served on many committees with the Bismarck-Mandan Board of REALTORS®, the State Association and the National Association of REALTORS®. *Arlene* is a Past President of both the local Board and the State Association and served in 2001 on the Board of Directors of the National Association of REALTORS®.

Arlene is married to *Ron Volk* who is also a REALTOR® with Century 21 Morrison and who was the recipient of this coveted REALTOR® of the year award in 2001.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following REALTORS® were elected and installed: President: **Kari Myhre**, Park Company, Fargo; President Elect: **Scott Louser**, Prudential Preferred Properties, Minot; and **Dewey Uhlir** as Vice President from Park Company, Fargo. **Ninetta Wandler**, Everett Real Estate, Dickinson assumes the position of Past President.

APPOINTMENTS:

President **Kari Myhre** appointed the following individuals with approval from the BOD: RETA Committee: **Randy Schwartz**, Town & Country Real Estate, Fargo, Jane Cody, Valley Mortgage, Fargo, and **Arlene Volk**, C21 Morrison Realty, Bismarck, to fill the unexpired term of Jerry Engel (who passed away last January). **Steve Diederick**, Action GMAC Realty, Wahpeton, was appointed to a one year term on the NDAR Executive Committee.

MLS AT LARGE:

The BOD authorized the formation of a MLS at Large. This type of service will be available to REALTOR® members throughout the State that are not covered by an existing REALTOR® MLS service. Chair of this 5 REALTORS® committee is **Scot Nething**, Hometown Properties, Jamestown. It is the goal to have this MLS up and running the end of the year.

NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

The following REALTORS® were appointed as chairs to these committee:
Membership Services: **Pat Gagnon**, Coldwell Banker 1st Realty, Minot
Professional Standard: **Kim VanHal**, Coldwell Banker 1st Realty Encore, Fargo
Technology TF: **Scot Nething**, Hometown Property, Jamestown
Education: **Naomi Murphy**, Keller Williams Roers Realty, Fargo/Killdeer
Equal opportunity TF: **Dewey Uhlir**, Park Company GMAC Realty, Fargo
Political Affairs: **Tate Cymbaluk**, Basin Brokers, Williston
RPAC Fundraising: **Diane Duchscher**, Everett Real Estate, Dickinson

2006 RVP ANNOUNCEMENT:

Jeff Nelson, CRS, CBR, Hasting, Johnson & Nelson Real Estate, Sioux Falls announced his candidacy for Regional Vice President to Region 8 (Minnesota, North & South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska) for the year 2006. Our current RVP is Richard Koestner from Iowa; next year is **Ann Cichy**, Park Company, Fargo and for 2005 is John Smaby from Minnesota. Jeff is a past President for the South Dakota AOR and immediate past President of NAR's Brokerage Council (CRB).

BUILD HABITAT HOME IN SAN FRANCISCO

Help build the REALTORS® Habitat for Humanity home in San Francisco just before the REALTORS® Conference & Expo. Volunteer build crews will be finishing the home on Wednesday, Nov. 5, and Thursday, Nov. 6, and a limited number of openings are still available. Morning crews will work from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Afternoon crews will work from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lunch is included. For more info and to volunteer, e-mail sgourley@realtors.org.

SEX OFFENDERS CAN AFFECT PROPERTY VALUES

REALTOR.org's updated resource page for Real Estate appraisers features a special September/October focus on sex offenders and property values. This sensitive and complex issue is important to prospective buyers and sellers. Access the latest Power Tools for Today's Real Estate Appraisers at <http://www.realtor.org/vlibrary.nsf/pages/appraise>

REALTORS® HOUSING CHAMPIONS

The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) honored four members of the North Dakota real estate industry with Champion of Affordable Housing Awards during the 2003 North Dakota/South Dakota REALTORS® Convention.

“The NDHFA relies on many unique public-private sector partnerships to create awareness of its affordable housing programs,” said Gov. John Hoeven. “One of the strongest links in relaying information about the first-time homebuyer program is North Dakota’s real estate professionals.”

NDHFA presented Century 21 Landmark Realty, Inc., of Mandan and Continental Real Estate, Inc., of Dickinson with broker awards, and **Scott Louser** of Minot and **Ninetta Wandler** of Dickinson with agent awards at the Sept. 10-12 conference in Rapid City, SD.

UPCOMING:

October 9	Fannie Mae Advisory Board Meeting
October 14	President Board visit and Roundtables, Fargo
October 15	President Board visit and Roundtables, Williston
October 16	President Board visit and Roundtables, Dickinson
October 16	President Board visit and Roundtables, Bismarck
October 21-22	RS 200, Holiday Inn, Fargo (approved for 15 hours CE)
October 29-30	NDAR Leadership Summit and NDAR Committee Meetings, Fargo
November 5-10	NAR Convention, San Francisco
December 16-18	Continuing Education Seminar, Bismarck (16 hours available including required Agency Law)