

NAR 2014 Midyear Realtor Party Political Action Conference

Washington D.C.

May 12 – 17, 2014

FROM: Jerry Youngberg

NAR/ARELLO Liaison meeting participant

Global Business Alliance Committee member

Public Policy Coordinating Committee member

The name of the conference seemed a little odd. To try to create a comparable REALTOR® Party to the established Republican, Democrat and Independent Parties is a trip down a road that if pursued, will lead to many small single interest Parties that cedes more power to the executive branch of government that already has too much power.

The ARELLO/NAR Liaison meeting covered a variety of concerns to both organizations.

Advertising by REALTORS® that do not include information as required by appropriate jurisdictions is being more vigorously prosecuted. National Flood Insurance info was updated and a review of proposed EPA Cleanwater Act was covered. Some auction issues were again covered as well as lawsuits challenging the independent contractor status of REALTORS® were reviewed.

The Global Business Alliance Committee was informed that Ireland was added to the list of countries that are full partner members with NAR. A great overview of the amount of real estate transactions by international buyers and sellers both in the US as well as overseas was provided and is available on Realtor.org.

The Public Policy Coordinating Committee had only one action item. The FIRPTA report was accepted and supported.

The visit with Senator Heidtkamp, Senator Hoeven, and Congressman Cramer was held mostly with staff due to the Senate being in session, votes occurring, and Congressman Cramer being in ND due to house not in session.

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the North Dakota delegation to the NAR conference.