

REALTOR® Party Convention & Trade Expo

Washington, DC May, 2014

NDAR Members,

Thank you for allowing me to represent you as your President at the meetings in Washington, DC. Meetings I attended included but were not limited to the following:

State Leadership Idea Exchange

NAR 360

Federal Legislative and Political Forum

Federal Priority Issues Briefing

State & Local Issues Mobilization Committee (grant presentation)

Hill Visits and ND Night out at Pi Pizza

State Presidents Breakfast

Membership Policy and Board Jurisdiction Committee meeting

John Smaby Breakfast

State Presidents Information Exchange

Region 8 Lunch and Caucus

NAR Board of Directors meeting

Membership Policy and Board Jurisdiction Committee

Thursday, May 15, 2014

Our meeting began with Chair Allyson Bernard-Church welcoming the 2014 committee members and guests and then introduced the 2014 committee leadership.

President Steve Brown issued a renewed challenge to the committee for 100% participation in RPAC by all committee members.

Decisions of committee hearing panels appointed to consider contested applications for change of name were heard next. They were as follows:

That the San Marcos Area Board of REALTORS® (TX) application for a change of name to “CTX Association of REALTORS®” be denied

That the Flint Area Association of REALTORS® (MI) application for change of name to “East Central Association of REALTORS®” be approved

2 other applications for change of name or jurisdiction were withdrawn and there was some discussion as to how the “late” withdrawals of such applications should be handled. It was decided a work group should be appointed to study the issue and report back to the committee at the November committee meeting.

Some concern was raised by committee member Steve McWilliam (FL) regarding the tracking of Limited Function Referral offices by local associations. It was decided that a work group be formed to revisit current policies in place regarding LFRO's and report back to committee in November.

Cindy Butts, Executive Vice President of the Connecticut Association of REALTORS® and Marc Lebowitz, Executive Vice President of the Ada County Association of REALTORS® gave a report of the Presidential Advisory Group on Organizational Alignment. A few questions were taken by the pair on the implementation of the mandatory core standards and after no further discussion the pair left the meeting.

There was some discussion by committee members as to how the Organizational Alignment might affect the committee. It is expected that there could be numerous mergers and consolidations across the country that could result in many applications for changes of names and jurisdictions. With the implementation completion date of June 30, 2015, the question arose as to how the committee would be able to handle many such requests if hearings were to be done face to face with committee members. No solution was made and it was stated that “we would just have to wait and see” what the potential result would/could be.

Hearing no other new business, the new meeting time was announced for the November meeting as 10:00 am instead of the usual 8:00am start time. The announcement was met with applause as this committee generally misses the session where Lawrence Yun speaks due to our meeting taking place the same time as his session. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Roller, NDAR President