



the REALTOR[®] Report

News for you from the ND Association of REALTORS[®]
September 26, 2014

2014 REALTOR[®] Convention a success!

Along with our friends and neighbors from the South Dakota Association of REALTORS[®] over 545 REALTORS[®], spouses, affiliates and exhibitors took time from their busy schedules to attend the 2014 Convention of the Dakotas. The Bismarck Mandan Board of REALTORS[®] members and staff were excellent hosts and put on a wonderful convention at the Bismarck Civic Center that was full of networking opportunities, top-notch education, and a ton of entertainment. The weather was cool (ok...cold!) for the golf event on Wednesday, but the course was beautiful and everyone had a great time.

We were honored to have the following people join us: the NAR President Elect, Chris Polychron, from Arkansas; Region 8 Regional Vice President Henry Kammandel from Nebraska; our NAR Political Field Rep Dan Blair from Washington DC; and our REALTOR[®] Party Rep Nick Bokone from Colorado.

Convention Highlights

Board of Directors Meeting

A resolution was approved in support of the Fargo Diversion project. NAR President Elect Chris Polychron, Region 8 RVP Henry Kammandel and NAR Political Field Rep Dan Blair gave updates on NAR, federal legislation and policy, and answered any questions or concerns. NDAR Staff also gave updates on the Vote Yes on Measure 2 Campaign, as well as the NAR Core Standards. Sheila Tom, Rapid City was the Grand Prize Winner of the Caribbean Cruise.

Election of 2015 Officers and Installation

President – Greg Larson, *Century 21 Morrison Realty*, Bismarck; President Elect – Cindy Harvey, *Elite Real Estate*, Minot and Vice President – Lyn Dwyer, *Town and Country Realty*, Fargo

State REALTOR[®] of the Year: Diane Duchscher, *Home and Land Company*, Dickinson

New NDAR RPAC Hall of Fame Member: Scott Breidenbach, *Park Co. REALTORS[®]*, Fargo

Dakotas CRS Chapter Election of Officers:

President – Diane Duchscher, *Home and Land Company*, Dickinson, ND; President Elect – Bud Hanna, *Re/Max in the Hills*, Spearfish, SD; Secretary – Sharon Lunski, *RE/MAX Grand*, Grand Forks, ND; Treasurer – Charlie Larkin, *Diversified Real Estate, LLC*, Watertown; SD Director – Cathy Ogdie, *Ogdie Realty*, Sioux Falls, SD; ND Director – Kelly Mullaney, *Park Co. Realtors[®]*, Fargo

Omega Tau Rho Awards: For over 40 years of continued membership in all three levels of the REALTOR[®] family-local, state, and national, Milton Rolle, Brokers 12, Inc. in Minot, ND

Good Neighbor Award: For recognition of her efforts in community and charitable service with the *Matthew's Voice Project*, Jenny Schuster, *Park Co. REALTORS[®]* in Fargo, ND

Congratulations to All!!

A big ***Thank you*** to the Bismarck Mandan Board of REALTORS[®] for the great education and entertainment - everyone left with a smile on their face, renewed friendships, and business referrals.

2015 Convention

The SD Association of REALTORS® also did a promotion for the Sept 16-18, 2015 Convention in Watertown, SD, "REALTORS®: The Crystal Clear Choice." For more information go to www.sdrealtor.org

Vote Yes on Measure 2

Just a reminder that if you want a yard sign and have not yet picked one up, please let us know how many you need. We have ordered more and hope to have them in Friday, Sept. 26 or Monday, Sept. 29. Odney, our advertising agency, has worked with us to compose letters to the editor. If you want to send a letter to the editor please let me know so that Odney can send you a letter to use. And please remember to wear your button everywhere so that people ask about Measure 2 and you can educate them. If you need buttons, we still have lots of those.

We're on the home stretch now. In the second poll we took just prior to beginning our advertising campaign we were up five more points for the **YES** vote! Keep urging everyone you know to vote YES and make sure to get out and **Vote Yes on Measure 2!**

www.voteyesonmeasure2.com



November 4 Election

The general election will be on Tuesday, November 4. You will be voting for one federal congressional seat, seven statewide candidates, local candidates and eight ballot measures. NDAR has endorsed Kevin Cramer for U.S. Representative; Allen Stenehjem for ND Attorney General; Ryan Taylor for ND Agriculture Commissioner; Al Jaeger for ND Secretary of State and Brian Kalk and Julie Fedorchak for Public Service Commissioners. NDAR chose not to endorse any candidate for ND Tax Commissioner and Chief Justice of the ND Supreme Court, Gerald VandeWalle is running unopposed.

The eight ballot measures are as follows:

Measure 1 - creates a new section in the Constitution guaranteeing that the "inalienable right to life of every human being at any stage of development must be recognized and protected."

Measure 2 - adds a new section in the Constitution that says that the "state and any county, township, city or any other political subdivision of the state may not impose any mortgage taxes or any sales or transfer taxes on the mortgage or transfer of real property."

Measure 3 - adds a new section in the Constitution creating a three-member commission of higher education that would replace the current eight-member state board of higher education. If passed, commission members would be appointed by the Governor to four-year terms after confirmation by the ND Senate.

Measure 4 - would amend a section of the Constitution requiring that initiated measures that are estimated to have a significant fiscal impact must be placed on the general election ballot and would prohibit circulating a petition for any amendment which would make a direct appropriation of public funds for a specific purpose or require the legislature to approve funds for a specific purpose.

Measure 5 - the "Conservation" amendment. Would add a section to the Constitution requiring that 5% of ND's oil and gas extraction taxes go into a fund to be used for conservation purposes. The fund would be governed by the Industrial Commission members and recommendations for spending would come from a 13-member advisory board.

Measure 6 - amends the Constitution to say that each parent is a fit parent and entitled to be awarded equal parental rights and responsibilities by a court unless there is clear and convincing evidence to the contrary. Also defines equal parenting time.

Measure 7 - repeals a section of the Constitution requiring that an applicant for a permit to operate a pharmacy must be a licensed pharmacist; a business controlled by licensed pharmacists; a hospital pharmacy or a postgraduate medical residency program.

Measure 8 - amends the ND Century Code to require that school classes begin after Labor Day.

Be sure to get informed and get out and vote!

RPAC Update

A reminder to all NDAR members (REALTORS® and Affiliates), that the deadline for contributing to RPAC or Issues Mobilization to get credit for the 2014 contribution year is Friday, October 24, 2014. We still would like to hit the 75% participation rate and need 218 **new** contributors to reach our goal. By new we mean individuals who have made **no** contribution this year as of yet. If you fall into that category, please consider a \$30 investment. Issues dollars are supporting our Vote Yes on Measure 2 Campaign and RPAC dollars go to support REALTOR® Party candidates who safeguard the real estate industry in Washington D.C. and at the ND State Capitol. RPAC contributions must come from the individual making the contribution and be made by personal check, credit card or cash up to \$100. (If more than \$100 must be by check). Issues contributions may be made by individuals, organizations or entities, by cash, credit card or check and credit cards and checks may be corporate accounts.

Good Neighbor Web Choice Voting

Vote for your favorite Good Neighbor

A few weeks ago, NAR revealed the names of the 10 finalists for REALTOR® Magazine's Good Neighbor Awards, including Minnesota REALTOR® Edward Pompeian. These giving and generous people are a shining example of the power of one person to make a difference in the world. *NDAR Note: Ed is a REALTOR® who started the Transplant House in Rochester MN and we have had several within our organization stay there, so we hope you will support and vote for Ed.*

On October 1, NAR will announce the five Good Neighbor Award winners. Those five winners will receive \$10,000 grants and national publicity for their charities. The five remaining finalists will receive \$2,500 grants for their charities.

Your voice counts! In the meantime, while we eagerly anticipate the winner announcement, you can help one of the 10 finalists win the Web Choice Award. [Read through the 10 profile articles](#) to select your favorite candidate. The finalist who receives the most votes will receive an additional \$1,000 donation to their charity. Vote at www.realtor.com/goodneighbor where you can also tell your friends about your favorite candidate through Facebook, Twitter or Pinterest. Voting runs through noon September 30.

.REALTOR Domains Coming in October

Get ready to claim your REALTOR® domain name on the Internet. The National Association of REALTORS® announced that the new .REALTOR top-level domain will be available Oct. 23. [Read more...](#)

December Education Class Information (Last live classes of the year!)

Need Continuing Education? Still need the required 9 CE credit hours for 2014? Have you completed at least 3 hours of the 9 in either Fair Housing or Agency to fulfill the 3 hour **mandatory** requirement for 2014? NDAR has set the December education schedule! Mark your calendar for December 2, to take Agency-"It's Not About You" presented by Casey Chapman. Then spend the afternoon with Daryl Braham earning more CE in *The Code of Ethics*. The December 3rd morning class will round out the 2-day caravan with *Fair Housing Basics*. Registration Flyers & detailed information coming soon!

***note:** Both the Agency class (or) the Fair Housing Class will fulfill the mandatory requirement for 2014.