

2014 NAR convention, New Orleans

November 6 to 10, 2014

MLS Policy and Board Jurisdiction Committee

MLS Policy committee met on Saturday with a full meeting schedule. Our first order of business was the issue of 100% RPAC participation for the committee for 2015!

Prior to the meeting, a hearing panel met to decide the outcome of a decision regarding a contested change of jurisdiction. The panel decided the previous decision was to be upheld.

Several recommendations were voted upon by the committee regarding changes to the Model Board Bylaws and were forwarded on to the Board of Directors meeting for final approval.

- 1. LFRO—Limited Function Referral Offices—The amendment would assist local associations in more easily tracking licensees affiliated with REALTOR-owned Limited Function Referral offices. The amendment change was to have “Designated REALTORS® shall notify the association of which they are a member, within 3 days of any change in status of licensees in a referral firm.” This amendment was approved by the Board of Directors.**
- 2. Procedure for approving names of member boards and associations—This amendment provides for amendments to the procedures for approving association names to establish procedural safeguards on submission and withdrawal of applications for change of name. The main change was that now the applicant association is “required” to have a representative at name hearings in person AND at online hearings. This amendment was approved by the Board of Directors.**

New business for the committee involved discussion of reviewing existing requirements for forming a new Board of REALTORS®. A work group of the committee will be appointed to consider existing requirements for forming a

new association of REALTORS® in light of the recent adoption of Core Standards by the NAR Board of Directors.

The committee reviewed the Ownership Disclosure and Conflict of Interest Policy and the current member roster.

There being no other business before the committee, we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Roller

Thank you for allowing me to be your ND representative on this committee! I have one year remaining (2015) on this committee and have enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about the workings of our National Association regarding MLS Policy!

As I finished out my year as your NDAR President for 2014, my days at the 2015 NAR Convention were filled with many meetings and functions designed for state leadership. Getting to know other Presidents from across the US and its' territories, sharing in the leadership idea exchanges and being a part of the Region 8 caucus as well as being able to vote at the Board of Directors meeting along with your National Directors, Dewey Uhlir and Daryl Braham were only a few of the highlights and great memories I will retain from my year!

Thank you to the ND Association of REALTORS® Board of Directors and members of our association for having me serve you in this capacity!