

November 5, 2016

I attended the Professional Development Committee meeting on November 5, 2016. I am proud to say that our committee is a 100% RPAC committee. Above that, there seem to be some very good things coming from NAR.

REALTOR University Masters program –

- Leadership development tool will be ready by May 2017
- By 2018, Leadership Institute will be fully developed.
- The program is nearly self-sufficient with the help of grants.

Center for REALTOR Development

- The Center still falls under the REALTOR University umbrella, but they are becoming a stand-alone program and working on branding.
- They are working on a new free Code of Ethics training which will offer a customized track based on your specialty. Once you have completed the training, a new portal will be available that will have tools for you in your specialty. No firm launch date on that, but the current free course will be available until it comes.
- Several classes and designation courses are being re-designed and will be coming on-line within the next year or two. They will bring them each to the classroom first and then on-line. Two courses were debuted at this convention and will now go into the process of going on-line. ABR and Real Estate Investing both had classroom tracks at this convention so will be on-line within the next year or two.
- ePro and Green designations have also both been re-designed and will be going to the classroom format first, then on-line. No timeline on those yet.
- It is the 100th Anniversary of the REALTOR mark.
- It is the 20th Anniversary of ABR Designation.
- There are also 9 tech events planned for 2017. More information will come.

Broker Tool-Kit

- The goal is to have all resources for Brokers in a central hub. There is already a Broker Page on Realtor.org which includes the Broker Involvement program and information.
- NAR is working on a way to communicate better with brokers and all in central way.
- They are looking at all courses and updating where needed, to share with brokers to help them train new agents.

Certified Residential Broker (CRB)

- The course is being or has been completely renovated. This designation has been growing in popularity among REALTORS in the last 34 months – going from approximately 4,000 members to over 15,000 members today. They are introducing 6 new courses and those working toward there CRB will need 3 courses of choice, plus the experience, etc. It will be a more streamlined process and more easily understandable as far as knowing the requirements.
- It is offered through REBI (which is where you will go to get your ABR, SRS, CRS, Etc.)

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