

## **Membership Policy and Board Jurisdiction Committee Report**

**Orlando, Saturday, November 5, 2016**

Our meeting began with the introduction of the 2017 committee leadership and a welcome to all committee members and guests. Thanks was given to those members who had reached their term limits on the committees and who could no longer serve because of it. Chair Deborah Baisden mentioned that due to the difficult learning curve of the information this committee deals with (NAR Policies and Board Jurisdiction), that longevity is definitely an asset when serving on hearing panels.

She moved on to the challenge that 2016 President Tom Salamone had issued to all committees at the beginning of his term; that all committees achieve 100% participation in RPAC. Daryl Braham addressed our committee and said that as one of the largest committees the NAR has (over 60 members), we should be extremely proud that our committee DID achieve 100% RPAC participation for 2016!

Earlier in October, a message went out to committee members asking for volunteers for 10 hearing panels for contested applications for changes in names or jurisdiction. In my 3 years of serving on the committee, this was the largest amount I had ever seen. By the time the committee volunteers had been chosen for the various hearings, the number was down to just 4 hearings needing panel members. I was chosen to serve on one.

The decisions of the hearing panels contested applications were as follows:

1. That the Gallatin AOR (Montana) application for the unassigned territory of Sweetgrass and Wheatland counties be denied.
2. That the Helena AOR (Montana) application for change of jurisdiction for the unassigned counties of Broadwater and Jefferson Counties in Montana be approved; and the Gallatin AOR application for change of jurisdiction for these same counties be denied. (I served on this committee and since Montana and the counties in questions are very rural areas, was asked questions by the committee several times how rural area might be affected due to the change in question. Apparently, we are definitely thought of in ND as rural!)
3. That the Bartow Area BOR (Georgia) application for change of name to Northwest Metro Association of REALTORS® be approved.
4. That the Grants Pass AOR (Oregon) application for change of name to Southern Oregon AOR, Southwest Oregon AOR and Southern Valleys AOR be denied.

Review of decisions and changes in Associations since Core Standards was implemented was as follows:

May, 2014 at the beginning of implementation of Core Standards, there were 1355 local boards and associations. As of November 2, 2016, there are 1183 local boards and associations for a decrease of 172. (Note that not all of these changes involved committee hearings, only those being contested by one board or association or another.)

The meeting moved on to some considered amendments of the model application for REALTOR® membership. NAR legal staff had recommended that the application be amended to be able to obtain consent by a member to be contacted by text message and to also acknowledge the ability to use the term REALTOR® as granted by NAR. A motion was made and carried for this change to be voted on at

the BOR. However, this recommendation did not involve a change in NAR policy so was not brought to the NAR BOD.

Two additional reports were brought to the committee for consideration.

1. The committee heard a report from REALTOR® Party reps on changes related to the use of resources when crossing association territorial boundaries, and
2. The committee heard a report from NAR legal counsel on the use of criminal records and the possible need for potential modifications to the Membership Qualification Criteria that could be necessary as a result.

The consensus of the committee on both these issues was to establish work groups to study the issues and report their recommendations to the committee at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

I would like to thank the ND Association of REALTORS® for the recommendation that I be on this committee and the travel grant I receive that helps defray expenses so that I can attend and serve! This committee has increased my knowledge greatly of the working of NAR and as I enter my second term, I look forward to learning even more about our great association!

Respectfully submitted;

Vicki Roller