

Report from the NAR MLS Committee Meeting Held Thursday, May 18, 2018
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MLS Forum – This precedes the MLS Committee meeting so that members at large can provide input on committee agenda items and also offers presentations on various topics.

Government Affairs Items – Melanie Wyne, NAR, DC Office

Net Neutrality – FCC voted to roll back the policy and rules, 60-90 days of comment, NAR will provide opinion to keep the rules, local boards can issue letters with NAR guidance

Patent Reform – Waiting for new legislation, Congress is currently completely sidetracked and continues to be dysfunctional

Legal Update – Lesley Walker, NAR, Chicago Office

Patent Trolls – associations have additional coverage for REALTOR® owned MLSs

Copyright Infringement – all have to re-register by 12/31/17 and renew every 3 years, see NAR Window to the Law video on this. (online at www.nar.realtor.com)

Wire Fraud – Best thing to do is educate clients (video available on this as well)

MLS Committee

A plea for all to invest in RPAC – NAR goal is 100% of committee members invest

Lockbox Security Requirements –

Added language to require lockbox/key systems to have protocols in place to prevent cyber attacks

Language re: temporary issuance of a key by a broker, required to give MLS notice within 2 business days

Audio Delivery of IDX – IDX language revised to include audio methods of delivery, such as Alexa, Echo, etc. When broker attribution is disclosed was a point of lengthy discussion.

Broker Attribution revisions to IDX

Change from optional to mandatory: broker attribution to “reasonably prominent...readily visible color and typeface not smaller than the median used in display of listing data”.

MLS Technology and Emerging Issues Advisory Board

Discussion of Coming Soon listings – we learned there are lots of variables in state laws and MLS rules

Jurisdictions and requirements of MLS subscriptions by all agents of a broker – the proposal is to allow an agent to choose a MLS that their broker is a Participant in. To be discussed at a meeting in August.