

To advocate for the success of our members in partnership with our local Associations and the National Association of REALTORS®

Minutes Professional Development Committee Pre/Post Licensure Task Force Videoconference Meeting March 14, 2017 1:00 p.m.

Present: Kristin Oban, Chair, Desri Neether, Chris Feickert (joined 1:25 p.m.), Amber Kraft (joined

1:15 p.m.), Kristy Sagasar, Judy Maslowski

Absent with Prior Notice: Melanie Kitzan-Morel, Deborah Nichols

Staff Liaison: Jane Marum, Jill Beck

Kristin Oban, Chair, called the meeting to order. Welcome and introductions were made.

Kristin reminded all that the reason for creating the task force is to ensure professionalism for REALTORS® and ensure that REALTORS® are considered professional by the public.

Licensure requirements for other states were reviewed. The group agreed that the current pre- and post-licensure CE requirements in North Dakota are not enough to ensure a high level of professionalism.

The history of the Board's attempts to address this issue was reviewed. The process for making changes to the current requirements was reviewed. The question was raised about whether or not education providers could make changes if the requirements were changed.

The group agreed that addressing pre-licensure education requirements was the priority. Jill will get the NDREC licensure requirements for lawyers and send to group.

Kristin summarized key points: 1) what is the realistic number of hours to require?; 2) can the CE providers do it?; 3) we need to be clear about the reasons the change is necessary; and 4) the exceptions to current pre-licensure requirements need to be reviewed.

Kristin reminded the group that the reason for NAR's Core Standards was to raise the standards for REALTORS® and changing education requirements is another way to hold REALTORS® to a higher standard.

The task force will continue discussions by email before taking a recommendation to the full committee at the state meetings in April.

Respectfully Submitted,

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