



## Recent Actions by RVAR's Board of Directors

### December

- ★ Approved the 2019 RVAR and MLS budgets.
- ★ Confirmed the results of the election of the following 2019-2020 Directors: Dana Berenbaum, Jay Kilby, Julie Kingery and Lori Shultz-Moore.
- ★ Approved the 2019 Committee and Council Chairs and Vice Chairs.
- ★ Approved the following recommendations of the MLS Policy Committee: (1) add USDA as an option under Loan Type when closing a listing, (2) change the labels for the three Vehicle Space fields and (3) add a new field for Location of Off Site Water Access. These changes will be implemented in 2019.
- ★ Approved the following recommendations of the MLS Policy Committee: (1) change the FlexMLS setting to make the fallthrough date field required when changing the status of a listing from Pending to Back on Market, (2) add NAR mandated rule requiring the listing agent to confirm in writing that an offer has been submitted to the seller when requested in writing by a cooperating agent and (3) revise water-related property definitions in the MLS Rules. These changes will go into effect January 1, 2019.
- ★ Approved the recommendations of the Financial Oversight Committee to combine several Funds and define each Fund.
- ★ Approved the Standard Form Committee's recommended revisions to the Release of Contract form. This revision will be made in early, 2019.
- ★ Voted to terminate the membership of any member whose annual dues remain unpaid after January 14, 2019.
- ★ Voted to approve the findings and discipline recommended by a recent ethics hearing panel.

### November – *No Meeting*

### October

- ★ Approved the 2019 Strategic Plan.
- ★ Approved the recommendation of the Broker Council to send pending and sold data to Zillow and Realtor.com.
- ★ Adopted Approved revisions to the seller and buyer listing agreements to add the name and contact information of the principal broker, which will be required by law as of January 1, 2019.
- ★ Approved a proposal to hold a signature economic development event in 2019.
- ★ Approved standing positions as recommended by the Governmental Affairs Committee.

## **September**

- ★ Approved a variety of changes to MLS fields as recommended by the MLS Policy Committee. (Members will be notified prior to these MLS changes going into effect.)
- ★ Voted to keep the 2019 dues amount at \$270 (with a \$50 discount if dues are paid by November 1st.)
- ★ Voted to recommend a candidate for the Virginia 8th House District seat with a recommended RPAC contribution of \$1,500. (Awaiting approval from Virginia's RPAC Trustees before announcing publicly.)
- ★ Adopted NAR's sample harassment language for inclusion in the *RVAR Operations & Policy Manual*.

## **August**

- ★ Authorized candidate interviews to be held for the November 6<sup>th</sup> special election for the 8<sup>th</sup> House District seat in the House of Delegates.
- ★ Endorsed Mary Dykstra for another term as an NAR Director.
- ★ Approved a variety of changes to MLS fields as recommended by the MLS Policy Committee. (Members will be notified prior to these MLS changes going into effect.)

## **July – No Meeting**

### **June**

- ★ Approved a principal payment on the mortgage on the Starkey Road building.
- ★ Approved the recommendations of the MLS Settings Work Group to change some of the settings in the Flex system; several recommendations were referred to the MLS Policy Committee and Broker Council for further consideration.
- ★ Approved the recommendation of the MLS New Features Work Group to select CRS Data to integrate public records with the MLS system for a 3 year contract.
- ★ Approved a legislative proposal to Virginia REALTORS® to create a standalone summary page, containing Association specific information related to properties subject to the POA and COA Act. This standalone page would be made available at the time a property is listed for sale.
- ★ Increased RVAR's annual contribution to the Roanoke Regional Partnership.

### **May**

- ★ Approved a change to the MLS Owner of Record rule, to go into effect June 1st, to allow the following exception: *However, in cases where a municipality withholds the property owner's name from the public records, then the owner name field in the MLS may reflect same.*
- ★ Approved the addition of the following two fields to the MLS system, to be conditionally required if the POA or Condo Association field is checked YES: HOA Contact Name and Phone/Email. Members will be alerted prior to these fields being added to the MLS system.
- ★ Approved revisions to RVAR's investment policy.
- ★ Approved the following proposal from the Governmental Affairs Committee for possible legislation in 2019: *Grand licensed Class "A" contractors who apply for a Home Inspectors license be exempt from the pre-license home inspection education requirement, as long as the Class "A" contractor passes the required exam. All other aspects required of Home Inspector licensing would apply (e.g., licensing fees, continuing education requirements and reporting requirements.) Class "A" contractors must provide proof of their current contractor's license to the Commonwealth of Virginia to qualify for this exemption.*

## **April – No Motions**

### **March**

- ★ Approved Bylaws revisions mandated by NAR.
- ★ Reviewed key considerations for an upcoming RVAR.com redesign.
- ★ Approved nominations for NAR's REALTOR® Emeritus stats.
- ★ Authorized the Roanoke City candidate interview team and the Salem City candidate interview team to make candidate endorsements, with RPAC contributions capped at a maximum of \$1,000 per candidate.

### **February**

- ★ Approved NAR-mandated revisions to the MLS Rules & Regulations.
- ★ Approved a revision to the MLS Rules & Regulations to prohibit the use of misleading images in advertising.
- ★ Extended the Supra contract until March 12, 2019.
- ★ Authorized statistical data feeds upon request by Brokers, including the content of such feeds and the ability for Brokers to opt out.
- ★ Approved revisions to the 2018 Strategic Plan related to advocacy and community outreach.

## **January – No Meeting**