

The RPIC/FPC Federal Political Coordinator Newsletter

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A newsletter to inform RPIC members and FPCs of recent grassroots trends and tips, as well as to provide a status report on NAR's grassroots programs. If you have any comments, suggestions, or ideas for the next edition, please contact Rick Miller at (202) 383-1107, or via email at rmiller@realtors.org.



House Financial Services Passes GSE Legislation: NAR Victory on Key Vote

The House Financial Services Committee on Thursday, March 26 passed H.R. 1427, the GSE Reform package, sponsored by Chairman Barney Frank (D-MA), and Rep. Representatives Richard Baker (R-LA), Mel Watt (D-NC) and Gary Miller (R-CA). If enacted by the House and Senate and signed by the President, H.R. 1427 will:

- preserve Fannie Mae's and Freddie Mac's abilities to accomplish their important housing mission while providing safety and sound regulation.
- allow for regional adjustments to conforming loan limits in high-cost areas. These adjustments will help more low- and moderate-income working families in high-cost areas qualify for conforming GSE loans.

NAR launched a targeted Call for Action (CFA) on March 20 to all members residing in districts of House Financial Services Committee Members. Over 8,400 REALTOR® letters were sent to the Hill, a response rate of 5.69% of the targeted membership.

To see how members of the committee voted on this important legislation, please use this link:

http://www.realtoractioncenter.com/grassroots_news/HFSC-Roll-Call-HR1427.doc

Save the Date: Winter FPC Meeting is Set

The 2008 Winter FPC meeting has been set, and we want every FPC to be there. While details are not completed, please mark your calendar today. Here's what you need for the moment....

DATES: Sunday - Wednesday, February 3-6, 2008

LOCATION: Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C.

More details to come later in the year.



R U Ready 4 the MYM?

Instant messages are easy to read, but sometimes things sneak up on us that need a bit more information...like the Mid Year Meeting. This year's meetings will be held May14-19, 2007 in Washington, DC. FPCs attending the meetings are welcome to join RPIC at its regular meeting on May 16, 2007 from 10 AM -12 Noon, at the Marriott Wardman Hotel in Ballroom, Salon 2. Also to be noted:

FPC Lounge

Once again NAR is opening the FPC lounge on Capitol Hill. Plan to stop by to grab a snack and file your field reports.

When: Wednesday, May 16 Noon - 5 PM
Thursday, May 17 9 AM - 5 PM

Where: Holiday Inn Capitol Hill, Federal North Ballroom

FPC/Diversity Reception

Watch for your e-invitation to this year's FPC/Diversity reception. This gala honors our volunteers who are serve in key positions that shape NAR's image and relationships with lawmakers in Washington, DC.

Here are the details:

When: Thursday, May 17, 2007
5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Where: National Association of REALTORS®
500 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

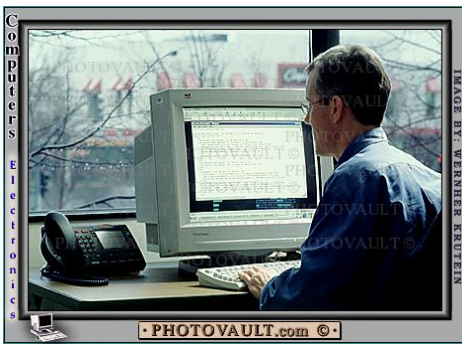
NAR President Pat Vredevoogd Combs will extend welcoming remarks. She looks forward to thanking you for your great work.

FPC On-Line Training:

Coming Soon to a Computer Near You

Training FPCs continues to be one of NAR's highest priorities. NAR's training of its key voices to Members of Congress is perhaps the best in the nation. FPCs who attend the January conference each year met the training requirements established by RPIC.

For those members unable to attend the winter conference, or for those FPCs wishing to pick up another pointer or two, NAR is once again offering on-line training. This year we are pleased to announce that there are two classes available for FPCs: one for newly appointed FPCs and one for reappointed FPCs. Both courses are at no cost to FPCs. Each course provides a quick but thorough overview of the NAR grassroots program and the responsibilities of each FPC, new or returning. Courses are hosted through The Learning Library, the on-line service used by NAR to offer its many



on-line classes. The new courses are interactive and easy to use with any browser.

Details will be sent to FPCs by mid April announcing the opening of the class and the deadlines for class completion.

RPIC Work Groups Meet: Work Underway

Two RPIC Work Groups (WG) met during the winter to carry out specific Committee charges. The first work group met in February and approved a proposed plan to expand the RPIC by up to six additional appointments beginning in 2008. The appointments would come from several suggested areas of NAR, including societies, councils and institutes, and would aide RPIC in increasing member responses to NAR Calls for Action. The Working Group, with the advance approval of RPIC, forwarded the expansion proposal to NAR's Committee on Committees, and awaits their decision.

A second Work Group met in March to begin plans for the development of a voluntary political profile database for NAR members. To be found on Realtor.org, and linked to the Realtor® Action Center, the data base would give members an opportunity to share with leadership and staff their political experience(s). For members wishing to serve on an NAR political committee or serve as an Federal Political Coordinator (FPC), the database offers a new way of letting appointment-makers know of their experience as those appointments are being considered.

A status report on the database will be given to RPIC on May 16 at their meeting. Watch this publication for further updates.



Action Center Trouble Shooting

Does technology sometime stump you? If you have problems with the NAR Action Center, help is but a toll free phone number call away. If you experience troubles with the Action Center, just call our hotline at 1-866-77145643. (We have knowledge that NAR Vice President Walt Witek frequently uses that number. Don't let him know that we know).

Important Staff Contact Information



NAR Staff Contact Information

Thank you for all your time, energy and efforts as a member of the NAR grassroots team. Please call us with questions at the following numbers:

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or Call the Federal Coordinator Hotline at 1- 800- 445-0784

Do you have a suggestion regarding NAR's legislative or grassroots program? Perhaps you have developed a useful resource? Then we want to hear about it. Maybe you have great idea on how to motivate the grassroots volunteers in your state. Call Rick Miller at 202-383-1107 or email him at rmiller@realtors.org to share your thoughts.

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