

Thomasville Area Board of REALTORS®



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NAR APPROVES MANDATORY CORE STANDARDS FOR STATE AND LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

In a sweeping move to improve the professionalism of associations of REALTORS® across the country and the level of service they provide to members, the NAR Board of Directors passed a set of mandatory standards that touch on every aspect of association operations.

"This is an issue of professionalism in our industry," said Andrea Bushnell, chair of the Organizational Alignment Presidential Advisory Group (PAG), which drafted the standards. "We want to ensure unity within—and the long-term viability of—the 100-year-old REALTOR® organization. All three levels of the organization must thrive together as a true and strong association, rather than acting as group of independent but federated organizations."

Specifically, the country's approximately 1,400 state, local, and territorial associations have to meet standards in six areas: 1) Code of Ethics education and enforcement, 2) advocacy, 3) consumer outreach, 4) organizational unification, 5) technology, and 6) financial solvency.

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Board of REALTORS® Meeting

Monday

July 21, 2014

12:00 Noon

Plaza Restaurant

Special Guest Speaker

**Sam Watson, Georgia State House
Representative (District 172).**

Sam represents a portion of Thomas County in the Legislature and he will give an update on this year's legislative session.

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Meet our Affiliates

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Have you called an Affiliate Today?

Thomasville Area Board of Realtors Officers and Committee Chairs for 2013

**We
are
here
to
serve
you!**

Board of Directors

Melvin Darby, President
 Lourdes Kowalski, Vice Pres/Treas
 Dan Crocker, Past President
 Pam Davis, Secretary
 Wilma Cashman, Executive Officer
 Local Directors: Susan Bennett
 Sonja Clark
 Teri Gainey
 Len Powell
 Scottie Thompson
 Eugene Witherspoon
 State Directors: Mike Corbitt
 Emily Eckels

Committee Chairpersons

Awards – Sonja Clark
 Community Service - Rebecca Sanford
 Current Events –
 Education - Marilyn McRee
 GAR State Grievance - Sarah Ruddell
 GAR State Professional Standards
 Julie Bryan, Fran Milberg,
 Len Powell, Lisa Taylor
 Homes – Lourdes Kowalski
 Hospitality – Mary Golden
 MLS – Len Powell
 Membership – Lourdes Kowalski
 Programs – Len Powell
 Public Relations - Dan Crocker
 Political Liason/RPAC –
 Mills Herndon



Happy Birthday!

July

*9 - Jeff Jones
 15 - Donna Jenkins
 24 - Melvin Darby
 24 - Jay Lattay
 29 - Janice Smith
 31 - Pam Davis*

August

*12 - Patti Ketcham
 13 - Andy Vann
 14 - Danny Groover
 16 - Mary Golden
 19 - Dan Crocker
 26 - Linda Chastain*

September

*1 - Griff Beaty
 5 - Josephine Davis
 6 - Carrie Mitchell
 12 - Richard Cook
 14 - CW McKinnon
 18 - Bobby Brown
 20 - Paul Roberts
 29 - Ben McCollum*



Lynn Conoley
KeySouth Real Estate Group

Welcome!!
New Members

Danny Powers
First Thomasville Realty

GRI SUMMER PROGRAM

GRI One, Two Three
July 14 - 19, 2014

Brasstown Valley Resort
Young Harris, GA

Remember - Scholarship Funds are available for this class.

SentriLock - Warning

If you receive a notice that the batteries are "low" in your assigned lockbox, you need to immediately replace the batteries. If the lockbox fails to respond because of dead batteries, after you have been notified, then SentriLock **will not pay** the cost for a locksmith to remove the lockbox. If the lockbox is damaged in the process of removal then you will also be required to pay the replacement fee for the box.

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Among other things, under the new standards, associations must:

Provide Code of Ethics training

Participate in Calls for Action

Make an effort to collect fair-share contributions to the REALTORS® Political Action Committee, or write a check to cover the fair share

Promote the value proposition of using a REALTOR®

Maintain a strategic or business plan

Maintain a website with links to other levels of the association

Meet minimum financial performance

**GAR Core Standards Seminar
August 25, 2014 in Tifton
1:00 PM - 3:00 P.M
Meeting open to everyone.**

NAR approved up to \$20 million to help associations meet their new responsibilities: \$5 million helps associations create or update their strategic plan; \$3 million helps states implement the standards; and \$12 million to facilitate association mergers or dissolutions.

Report by Robert Freeman, NAR Internal News Service

Note: It is recommended that all members of the Board of Directors attend this seminar. If you plan to attend please advise the Board Office so appropriate accommodations can be made.



2014 Annual Conference & Expo

Early Bird Registration \$159.00 before August 8th. Register online at www.garealtor.net

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800-622-1038

Deadline for booking your hotel room is August 16, 2014.