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## POLICY SUPPORT

- > Code of Ethics
- > Core Standards
- Governing Document Certification
- > Membership Policy
- > Professional Standards



## CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING

- > REALTORS® are required to complete Code of Ethics training every 3 years
- New members are required to complete new member Code of Ethics training upon application for membership
- > The current cycle ends December 31, 2021
- May take online or through classroom courses provided by state or local associations
- ➤ Failure to meet requirement results in two month membership suspension (Jan. & Feb.) followed by termination on March 1 if requirement is still unmet



## CORE STANDARDS

- Intended to raise the bar for REALTOR® associations and ensure highquality service for members
- > Can access Compliance Form throughout the year and fill as needed
- > Your state association sets the due date. NAR's deadline is 12/31, but your state's may be earlier
- > State associations determine whether an activity meets Core Standards
- Exists to make sure an association is serving its members well, not to punish associations



## GOVERNING DOCUMENT CERTIFICATION

- Associations need to certify that their bylaws include the mandatory provisions that NAR requires to be adopted verbatim
- Beginning last year, we've implemented a similar process for MLS Bylaws / Rules & Regulations
- Associations and MLSs have 60 days from the effective date of new or amended policies to adopt them locally
- Governing documents only need to be recertified once mandatory provisions are amended



## MEMBERSHIP POLICY

- Annual changes to Professional Standards, MLS Policy, or Membership Policy are posted on NAR.realtor
- Merger Policy, Name Change Policy, and Jurisdiction Policy, along with resources, can be found on NAR.realtor
- Policy team also offers "Good Sense Governance" articles to help AEs with implementing sound governance practices



## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

#### NAR.realtor offers the following:

- Resources for understanding and filing ethics complaints and arbitration requests
- Resources for Professional Standards Administrators
- Professional Standards Training Resources and exercises
- Mediation resources, training, events, videos, and articles
- > Resources for developing an ombudsman program
- > Forms, models, templates, brochures, and scripts
- Information on annual mediation training



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## ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP VS. MLS PARTICIPATORY RIGHTS

- Association membership and MLS Participatory Rights are two separate things, often confused
- ➤ Who is a "Principal"?
- > Association membership terminology: "Designated REALTOR® (DR)" and "licensee"
- MLS terminology: "Participant" and "user / subscriber"
- "Open MLS" vs. "Closed MLS"



### **BOARD OF CHOICE**

- Allows REALTORS® to choose the board to which they want to belong on the basis of the factors they decide are most important rather than being limited by office location or jurisdictional boundaries
- At the same time, services of other boards are available without the necessity of holding membership in those boards
- How does this affect the Designated REALTOR®? How does this affect a licensee?



### PRIMARY & SECONDARY MEMBERSHIP

- Secondary membership describes REALTORS® who hold membership in an association other than their primary association
- The only distinction between primary membership and secondary membership is that the dues collected in the member's primary association include the NAR portion of dues
- How does this affect the Designated REALTOR®? How does this affect a licensee?



## CONTACT US

- Call 800-874-6500, extension 8399, between 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. CST
- ➤ Send e-mails any time to: NARPolicyQuestions@nar.realtor



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