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**REALTORS**<sup>®</sup>  
Association, Inc

# BULLETIN BOARD

## August 2018

MONTHLY ASSOCIATION UPDATES

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Reminder: September is RPAC kick off month!



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Plan on attending our September  
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**UPCOMING CALENDAR**

August 9	Golf outing
Aug 22	Membership Meeting
Sept. 13	Membership Meeting
Oct 24	Installation Dinner
Dec 13	Holiday Party



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August Membership Meeting Topic:

**Foxconn & The Outlook for Housing Inventory In Racine**

**Guest Speakers:**

Racine County Executive  
Jonathan Delagrave

Mount Pleasant Project Director  
Claude Lois

Real Estate Development Consultant  
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**August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

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## Upcoming Membership Meetings:

### August Membership

#### Meeting

August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Fountain Hall, Sturtevant WI  
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### September Membership

#### Meeting

September 13<sup>th</sup>

REALTOR Safety & RPAC Kick-off

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## Tubes for the Critters!

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## License Renewal and CE Classes

Don't forget that all REALTORS® (even those newly licensed) will need to renew their license with the Wisconsin Dept. of

Safety and Professional Services by December 14 of this year. The department should send you renewal information but it is your responsibility to contact them if you do not hear from them.

As part of the renewal, all Realtors® are required to complete 18 hours (6, three hour classes and passing of an exam for each) of Continuing

Education before the renewal deadline. You are required to take all 4 main courses and 2 elective courses.

You must take the classes from an accredited source.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Effective October 1, 2015 (Wis. Admin. Code REEB 25:Education) all licensees will be required to complete the 18 credit hours of continuing education, including for the biennium during which they were licensed. Therefore, there is

no longer an exemption for newly licensed people from the continuing education requirement during the biennium they first receive their license. However, one group will be exempt – a salesperson that received a license after October 1 of the even year of the biennium will not be required to complete continuing education for that biennium. Brokers will not receive any exemption.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES IS AS FOLLOWS:

**2017-18 Course 1 – WI Listing Contracts**

*Wednesday Sept. 5, 1 PM – 4:30 PM*

**2017-18 Course 2 – WI Offers to Purchase**

*Friday Sept. 14, 1 PM – 4:30 PM*

**2017-18 Course 3 – WI New Developments**

*Thursday Sept. 20, 1 PM – 4:30 PM*

**2017-18 Course 4 – Ethics & Best Practices**

*Wednesday Sept. 26, 1 PM – 4:30 PM*

**2017-18 Elective A – New Construction**

*Wednesday Oct. 10, 1 PM – 4:30 PM*

**2017-18 Elective B – WI Investment Property & Property MGMT**

*Thursday Oct. 18, 1 PM – 4:30 PM*

**2017-18 Elective C – Financing**

*Monday Oct. 22, 1 PM – 4:30 PM*

**2017-18 Elective D – Other WI Approved Forms**

*Friday Oct. 26, 1 PM – 4:30 PM*

## Joining A Committee

Committees are the lifeblood of an association. They provide forums for ideas, visioning, and are necessary for association operations. They can meet on a regular basis or as needed, and can meet as often or as little as necessary. Please consider signing up by clicking on the link which will take you to a list of your association committees and a brief description of what they do.

[Committee Sign Up Form](#) – Please email the form to:  
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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **WHAT IS RPAC?**

RPAC stands for the REALTORS Political Action Committee. A PAC is a vehicle under state and federal law through which interested people with common goals, such as members of a professional association, can band together for purposes of participating in the electoral process. RPAC was created nearly 50 years ago, and is now one of the largest PACs in America.

### **HOW DOES RPAC WORK?**

REALTORS voluntarily contribute funds to RPAC, which are then pooled together and used to support candidates for elected office who understand and appreciate the real estate profession.

Seventy cents of a dollar contributed to RPAC are allocated for state and local elections, with the remaining thirty cents allocated for congressional elections.

Decisions to disburse RPAC funds to candidates for elected office are based on their respective positions on real estate issues and promotion of the REALTOR legislative agenda.

Decisions regarding disbursement of RPAC funds are made by the WRA Board of Directors and Board of RPAC Trustees. Similar processes are in place for the National Association of REALTORS and local REALTOR associations.

### **WHY SHOULD REALTORS SUPPORT RPAC?**

RPAC helps to elect people who understand and appreciate the real estate profession, to help ensure that well-qualified candidates are elected to write the laws that you and your profession have to live under. As real estate professionals, RPAC is really our PAC.

At the state level alone, more than 2,000 bills are introduced in each session of the Wisconsin State Legislature. Elections determine who will be voting on these bills. Therefore, REALTORS must be actively involved in the electoral process.

### **DOES RPAC BUY VOTES?**

No, RPAC does not buy votes. Candidates and public officials in Wisconsin are honorable people whose votes are not for sale. RPAC fully complies with all state and federal election laws.

### **WHAT HAS RPAC ACCOMPLISHED?**

RPAC has helped to accomplish some huge victories for the real estate profession and homeowners:

- \* Reduced the statute of limitations for filing lawsuits against REALTORS from six years to two years
- \* Provided massive property tax relief, eliminated the state property tax, and imposed limits on local property taxes
- \* Enacted residential real estate development reforms to help increase housing inventory
- \* Terminated the outdated rental weatherization program
- \* Created a definition of "defect" for home inspection reports consistent with the definition in the offer to purchase
- \* Reformed landlord-tenant law
- \* Increased state funding for our local schools
- \* Placed limits on condominium document fees
- \* Increased the state historic rehabilitation tax credit to revitalize downtown areas in cities like Kenosha and Racine
- \* Enacted common-sense wetlands regulatory reform
- \* Defeated attempts to impose sales taxes on real estate commissions
- \* Defeated attempts to raise the real estate transfer tax
- \* Preserved the federal home mortgage interest deduction



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