



# REALTORS® Report

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## New RANWW Leaders Elected

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During every election cycle, and the last two Presidential elections have proved this, the phrase “every vote counts” winds up being more than a slogan.

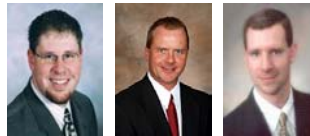
That also applies to Association elections.

This year’s election from top to bottom had a separation of *only nine votes!!!!*

Congratulations to Jeff Theisen, elected Treasurer.



Elected for three year terms were Paul Canfield, Brian Dunham and Ben Rivard.



Elected as alternate was Dan Lawler.



These new leaders will join President-elect Dave Fitzgerald and President John Flor. They’ll be installed on September 18th at Turtleback in Rice Lake. Mark the date and plan to join us

as we welcome our new leadership.



Nominations are needed for Realtor® of the Year, Board Service Award and Affiliate of the Year. Mark Fouts and his committee will meet on August 9th and they need your input.

Nomination forms are available right now, and are available to you on the association website, [www.ranww.org](http://www.ranww.org).

### Special points

#### Of interest:

- \* New Association Leadership Elected
- \* President Bush Signs Housing Bill
- \* RPAC Fundraising Needs Your Participation
- \* Are You Using All The Benefits Available To You?

## President Bush Signs Housing Bill

President Bush signed HR 3221, the Housing Stimulus bill into law on July 30.

The measure passed 272 to 152 in the House and 72 to 13 in the Senate. The bills features a \$4 billion grant program to enable states

and local agencies to buy and redevelop certain foreclosed properties in areas hard hit by foreclosures. First time home buyers will receive a \$7500 refundable tax credit, and current at-risk homeowners in the 100 cities with the highest fore-

closure rates, would be eligible for financial counseling and legal assistance. The measure also provides liquidity to Freddie Mac and Fanny Mae on a temporary basis. The bills went in effect immediately after the President signed it.

## RANWW Welcomes New Members

The following people have made application for Realtor® membership; in accordance with the bylaws, written comment, which shall be kept confidential, is invited.

Mary B. Johnson, Majestic Escapes  
Amber Joncas, Ellefson Appraisal and Brokerage  
William LaBelle, Sawdust City Real Estate  
Amy Muehlbauer, Coldwell Banker Brenizer, Rice Lake

Mary Pautz, Independent Properties  
Patrick Schremp, Northwest Land & Recreation  
Andrew Yakesh, Accupraisal



EARLYBIRD REGISTRATION  
FOR NAR ENDS AUGUST 15th!!!!

## News and Notes From Your Association

The recently completed Northern Waters Golf Outing at Turtleback, resulted in a contribution of \$445 in the chipping contest sponsored by Johnson Bank..

Incoming Association John Flor will be appointing new committee chairs very soon. This is a fun and easy way to make your Association a strong, viable and important organization for

all members. If you are interested in a committee chair, contact John at johnflor@sixlakesrealty.com or Joan at the board office. Her e-mail is joan@ranww.org.



Congratulations to Samuel Werner, Edina Realty Hayward on earning his ABR designation!!



A reminder to members that CE must be completed before renewing licenses December 14th—watch this newsletter and our website for classes.

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## Code of Ethics—Duty to Arbitrate

Do you know your Code of Ethics? This month, we look at Article 17, and how it pertains to your duty to arbitrate.

*"In the event of contractual disputes or specific non-contractual disputes as defined in Standard of Practice 17-4 between Realtors® (principals) associated with different firms, arising out of their relationship as Realtors®, **Realtors® shall submit the dispute***

***to arbitration in accordance with the regulations of their Board or Boards rather than litigate the matter.*** (Emphasis added)

**-Source: NAR Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice January 1, 2008.**

A reminder to Realtors® that between January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2008, all Realtors® are **required** to complete 2 1/2 hours of Code of Eth-

ics training. The requirement can be satisfied by going online to realtor.org and selecting the Quadrennial REALTOR® Ethics Training course link or by completing continuing education offered either through the Wisconsin Realtors® Association or through RANWW.

Realtors® who joined **after** January 1, 2005 are exempt from this requirement. If you have not completed this training, please do so now.

## RPAC Insider: What It Has Done For You

Your investment in RPAC afforded WRA to help elect legislators on both sides of the aisle who worked to support initiatives and victories on a number of issues during the recent legislative session. They include:

—WRA and the Wisconsin Homeowners Alliance combined to keep the Real Estate Transfer Tax from increasing to six dollars per thousand dollars of value.

—After a number of years of back and forth negotiating, WRA finally got a pier bill introduced, passing both

houses with unanimous support, and signed by the Governor.

—WRA worked to introduce legislation that prohibits predatory lending practices,

—WRA worked to prevent the DNR secretary from being appointed.

—WRA worked to prevent changes in the Uniformity Clause from becoming law.

—WRA worked to stop assessors from trespassing on private property.

There are a number of other bills that

your investment worked on during the last session.

This year, the most competitive races in the state ***will be in our Association!!!!***

That means your RPAC investment is VITAL to our continued success in Madison.



## RPAC Insider: Our Goal and Dues Billing

Our RPAC goal for 2008 is \$22,000, down from last year's \$27,000. So, why not wait for the bill to show up this fall? The answer is two fold:

One: In order to hit our \$22,000 goal at the suggested \$35 level, we would need **628** members to do it. The \$35 goes to work to help support candidates and incumbents who support real estate issues, but it also takes

away an opportunity for you.

Two: The opportunity for you, thru Direct Giver, to invest in the candidate or candidates of your choice. An investment of \$100 or more, and you get to decide who gets your dollars, you can present the check, or have it sent, and the candidate will know it's from you. You can use your Visa or MasterCard securely thru the board

office. Regardless how you do it, the important thing is that you ***actually do it by supporting RPAC thru Direct Giver or thru dues billing.***

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## Would You Like To Go To The WRA Convention FREE???

The WRA Fall convention is right around the corner. This year, it's at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells September 7-9. WRA is offering our Association one free registration.

To be eligible, you need to have NEVER attended an annual convention, contact Joan ***no later than August 15th!!*** If you have already registered, your fee will be refunded. Not

eligible for the free registration? Take advantage of the "twofer" program, see [www.wra.org](http://www.wra.org) for more information.



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### Broker Meeting Scheduled. . . .

Please plan to join us on **Wednesday, August 6** from 8:30 to 11:00 at the downtown RCU building to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern and be updated on WIREX. In addition to those discussions, brokers will have an opportunity to meet the new Eau Claire Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Heilmann. If you have a topic you'd like addressed at this meeting or plan to attend, please contact Joan.

A meeting for brokers is currently being planned for the Northern Waters area. Please watch the "message of the day" for complete details on the brokers meeting coming soon to the Northern Waters area.

## The RANWW Website: The Key That Unlocks Your Business

Over the past several months, your Association has revamped, retooled, and rebuilt the Association website. Hosted by JB Systems, [ranww.org](http://ranww.org) is now the one stop tool that should be your homepage. Here's why:

—In addition to being a portal to our MLS website, [ranww.org](http://ranww.org) opens the door to a wealth of information that you can use in your daily business.

—You can find a member's phone number, address and e-mail.

—You can find an application for membership and dues schedule.

—You can find a copy of the *Code of Ethics* and a complaint form.

—You can find the MLS Rules and Regulations and input forms.

—You can find electronic lockbox rules and application forms.

—You can find contact information for officers, directors and RANWW staff.

—You can find a calendar of upcoming events of interest to you.

—You can find a complete listing of committees, and members.

—You can find directions to the RANWW Association office.

—You can find current and archived *Realtors® Report* newsletters.

—You can gain access to the **members only** RANWW Forum using your MLS login and password.

—You can find the current edition of the *GAD Report*.

—You can find helpful links to other popular websites.

**Why not make [ranww.org](http://ranww.org) your home page??**

