

REALTOR® Association of Acadiana

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MLS Nominations

Nominations for 2010 MLS Committee

Notice is hereby given for nominations for three (3) broker members to serve one 2-yr. term on the MLS Committee. Nominations will be accepted until August 25, 2009. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact Janice Hebert, MLS Director at 233-0086 or email janice@realtoracadiana.com. Only Participants (Brokers) may nominate and vote for Participants (Brokers). Participants (Brokers) whose names are put forth for consideration may, at that time, appoint another Broker member of their firm to replace them on the ballot.

The election will take place in September and elected members will begin their service in January, 2010.

The MLS Committee is one of the most vital committees in the Association in that decisions affecting the MLS system, rules & regulations, penalties, etc. are determined. The MLS Committee meets once a month for approximately 1 hour dependent upon the agenda.

Note: Agents (6) serve a one-year term and are appointed by the incoming President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! 19th Annual Gumbo Cook-off October 21st



Fright Night at the Parc

**19th Annual Gumbo Cook-off
Wednesday, October 21st
Parc International 4:00 - 7:00 PM**

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"Right Tools, Right Now"



To help its members through today's difficult market, NAR is making all of its programs, resources, tools, and materials available for free, at cost, or at steeply discounted prices. Each month new resources are added. See what's available at the

"Right Tools, Right Now" [Web page](#).

New resources every month, check back often!

REALTOR® Commercial Alliance

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 Complete 8 hrs in One Day
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Board of Directors
 Friday, August 21st
 9:00 a.m.

MLS Committee
 Thursday, Sept. 10th
 9:00 a.m.

CE Certificates

Education Reminder: You are no longer required to send in your certificates of completion for continuing education to LREC. The commission has stated that they will be conducting random audits and it is your responsibility to keep all CE certificates on file.

Join Us for Lunch!

Membership Luncheon

With Special Guest Speaker:

Former Governor Buddy Roemer
 Friday, August 21, 2009
 11:30 - 1:00 PM
 Petroleum Club
 Members \$15
 Non-Membes \$18



REALTOR® Commercial Alliance
 Networking & Educational Opportunities Coming Soon for RCA Members. Interested in joining? Contact Mary Sliman at 233-0086 or [click here](#) for a membership application.

Earn up to 8 CE credits!! Register today!

Louisiana REALTORS® presents
2009 Commercial Development Conference
 August 20, 2009
 LITE Center -- Lafayette
 537 Cajundome Boulevard
 Sponsored by Real Title

Speakers include:
 Elliott Stonecipher, Events Management Services, Inc.
 Steven Oubre, Architects Southwest
 Brian Andrews, Andrews Commercial Mortgage
 Victor Leotta, LEO, LLC

The conference consists of 2 sessions:
Commercial Development Conference
 8:00am - 1:00pm 4 CE Credits
Commercial Purchase Agreements Course
 1:00pm - 5:00pm 4 CE Credits
*****8 Hours of CE Credit given only for attending the full day*****

Click [here](#) for more information & registration form or visit www.LAREALTORS.org/meeting/commercial

Continuing Education Complete 8 hrs in One Day

Complete 8 hours in One day
TUESDAY, October 13th

"Cultural Diversity" 4 CE hrs.
 8:30 - 12:30 RAA Office

"Residential Agreement to Buy or Sell" -Mandatory" 4 CE hrs
 1:00 - 5:00 RAA Office
 To Register: Email Kathy@RealtorAcadiana.com

Louisiana Realtors Offers Course on Short Sales and Foreclosures

Navigating the Waters of Short Sales and Foreclosures: Realtors Make a Difference!
 3 CE Hrs.
Wednesday, September 23, 2009
 1:00-4:00
 RAA Office
 To Register: info@larealtors.org
 or call 1-800-266-8538

(Limited seating - reserve your spot soon!)

RSVP to
Lisa@RealtorAcadiana.com

RAA Now on FACEBOOK!

RAA now has its own Fan Page on Facebook!!! Visit our **REALTOR® Association of Acadiana Fan Page** and become a fan to stay in touch with upcoming events, education opportunities and other real estate topics. Also, check out our RAA event pictures including those that may not be featured in the Homefinder. Go to www.Facebook.com Login and Search for Realtor Association of Acadiana. Click on Become a fan.

CRS Course Offered in Monroe - September 3rd



Marketing with Microsoft Office Approved one-unit

course toward the CRS designation
NE Louisiana Association of REALTORS®
September 3rd 8:30-4:30
1010 Stubbs Avenue
Monroe, Louisiana 71202
318-387-6800 Fax 318-387-6829

[Click here for course flyer](#)

ZipForm Online - iPhone Access

Access your ZipFormOnline transactions using your iPhone anytime, anywhere! Download the ZipForm app

This course is **FREE** to members on a first come, first serve basis. You will be asked to leave a credit card to reserve your spot, however will only be charged if you do not show.

CRS Course in Lafayette October 5 & 6th



Don't miss this Opportunity - Course held in Lafayette and *** RAA Reimburses 50% Tuition for NAR approved Designation Courses (New designees only)

CRS 210

Optimize Referral Opportunities in Any Market

October 5 & 6, 2009 (2-Day Course) 2 - CRS Units

RAA Office 7:30 - 5:00

Instructor: Ed Hatch

Registration Fee: \$300 before September 18th \$325 After September 18th

(CRS designees get 50% off the current registration fee)

[Click here](#) for Flyer and Registration Form

Attention Commercial Agents

ATTENTION ALL agents who engage in COMMERCIAL real estate

Effective September 1, 2009, commercial listings will no longer be required to be put in the MLS as long as the following regulations are followed:

1. Listing Agent MUST be a full access member of LACDB and submit proof of LACDB membership to RAA
2. Listing MUST be put into either LACDB, RAA MLS or both
3. The same regulations that are required for RAA MLS will govern local LACDB members. (Example: LACDB requires listings to be input within 72 hours. If the listing is not submitted within that time frame and it is reported, there will be a \$100 fine.)

If you plan to input your listings in LACDB instead of the MLS, RAA MUST have a signed Commercial Listing Exclusion Form on file. [Click here](#) to open and print the form. Forms must be received at the RAA office by mail or fax before August 31, 2009.

For more information about this change and how it may affect you, [click here](#).

For those agents interested in Commercial only access for MLS, please contact Mary at 233-0086 or MaryS@RealtorAcadiana.com. This limited access will include only the following categories: Commercial, Land, & Multi-Family. Also, if you are a commercial agent who is exempt from CSS, ask Mary about the new fee structure for MLS.

Other important commercial forms:

by going to the App Store and searching "ZipForm". The app costs \$9.99 and gives you access to all of your transactions with the ability to add new transactions, fill out forms, email them and much more. Download it today!!!

[RCA Membership Application](#)

[LACDB Membership Application](#)

Suggested Caravan Schedule

Check front page of MLS for weekly caravan schedule. www.lbrmls.com

Quick Links

[RAA Website](#)

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2009 Continuing Education -

*****LREC will no longer offer continuing education.**

*****In 2009 TWELVE (12) hours of continuing Education are required for license renewal.**

RAA EDUCATION POLICY: MOST education courses are free of charge but there will be a \$25 cancellation fee for no shows if you do not cancel 24 hours prior to the class.

Cancellations must be writing. (May be emailed). If cancellation fee is not paid within 30 days after notification, MLS privileges will be suspended until the fee is paid.

*****Real Estate license numbers are required.**

(HAVE YOUR LICENSE NUMBER AVAILABLE AT ALL EDUCATION CLASSES. IT IS REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATES.)

***To Register: Kathy@RealtorAcadiana.com unless otherwise indicated.

August 20th Commercial 2009 Mandatory
12:30 - 5:00 Lite Center
Louisiana Realtors Instructor: Randy Roussel
To Register call 1-800-266-8538

September 14th Advanced MLS 4 CE hrs. 9:00 - 1:00
September 22th "Professional Standards/Code of Ethics" 4 CE hrs
8:30 - 12:30 RAA Office
September 23rd Navigating the Waters of Short Sales and Foreclosures: Realtors Make a Difference! 1:00 - 4:00 RAA Office (3 CE hrs)
To Register go to www.larealtors.org

September 24th "Residential Agreement" -LREC Mandatory" 4 CE hrs
1:00 - 5:00 RAA Office

October 13th Cultural Diversity 4 CE hrs. 8:30 - 12:30
October 13th "Residential Agreement" -LREC Mandatory" 4 CE hrs
1:00 - 5:00 RAA Office
October 22nd "Business Ethics & Legal Liabiities" 4 CE hrs.
9:00 - 1:00 RAA Office
October 27th "Professional Standards/Code of Ethics" 4 CE hrs
8:30 - 12:30 RAA Office

November 10th "Residential Agreement" -LREC Mandatory" 4 CE hrs
9:00 - 1:00 RAA Office

November 19th Warranty 101 11:00 - 1:00 2 CE hrs. Lunch will be served

December 1st "Professional Standards/Code of Ethics" 4 CE hrs
8:30 - 12:30 RAA Office
December 8th "Residential Agreement" -LREC Mandatory" 4 CE hrs
8:00 - 12:00 RAA Office
December 8th "Residential Agreement" -LREC Mandatory" 4 CE hrs
1:00 - 5:00 RAA Office

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