

Local Board Director Position

In May a position on the board of directors will become available. Roger Miller will be stepping down from his current term that ends in mid-January.

Per LPCAR Bylaws:

Article XI – Officers and Directors

Section 5. Vacancies. *In the event of a vacancy among the officers or directors of the board, the membership shall be notified immediately and nominations to fill the vacancy will be accepted at the Board Office until a pre-determined date recommended by the board of directors, prior to the next general membership meeting, at which time a vote will be held and the elected candidate will assume the position effective immediately.*

To allow time to notify the entire membership, we ask that any interested candidates submit their name to the board office no later than April 14, 2017. This will provide enough time to introduce the potential candidates prior to our May 9th General Membership Meeting. The candidate receiving the majority of votes shall assume the position effective immediately and serve through January 2018. Due to the nature of the special election, there will be no absentee voting prior to the May membership meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact the board office at your convenience.



Letter from the Board President

Spring is finally here and we look forward to a hopefully long and warm summer.

The Deserving Children's Auction Committee had their 1st fund Raiser on March 25th and it was a great success. \$4800.00 was raised. I want thank all of them for all the hard work and time they all put into these events. Each year we take hundreds of kids Christmas shopping and it takes a lot of Money to make that happen. Great job everyone. A special thanks to all

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who donated towards this event. I believe the next event will be the bowling night in June.

Our General meeting in May will be an evening meeting and we will have a speaker going over the promise scholarship for Michigan city. We will also have the special election that evening to fill the vacancy on the board for local director. The person elected to this position will be fulfilling the current term through January of 2018. If you are interested in filling that position you need to submit your name by April

14th 2017 to the board office.

With spring upon us and we all start getting busier, **DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR SAFTY.** I know we can get caught up in the prospect of a sale. Remember know your surroundings, if meeting someone you don't know. Let someone know where you're going, who your meeting, etc. if you are unsure of what steps to take you can always talk to your Manager to find out what your office safety procedures are.

Bernie Connors
LPCAR President 2017

mobile text alerts

Stay up to date with information and events with our LPCAR text alert system. This system will allow any member to opt-in by signing up via this link: <https://mobile-text-alerts.com/lpcar> (members must opt-in/sign up...we will not add members with out their consent). If any member would like the association to add you, please send your name and number to the office.

Any member that has opted in may at any time opt-out by texting the word "Stop". Click on the image above to sign up - **Full name and phone number are required fields!** Data & Message rates may apply depending on your carrier.

Sunshine Committee

Sunshine Committee for this association are **Robin Umphrey/REMAX 1st for La Porte** and **Diana Hirsch/Merrion & Associates for Michigan City.**

Please contact them with any news that is relevant to this association.



Upcoming CE Opportunities

June 13, 2017: CE night immediately following our general membership meeting. Instructor Tim Reed, course to be determined.

Registration for both the membership meeting and CE will be available at the end of April at:

www.laportecountyrealtors.com

LPCAR Scholarships Available to Area Seniors/College Undergrads

LPCAR is pleased to offer Scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to area seniors who plan on pursuing further education after graduation or are currently attending a college or trade school and who are related to a REALTOR or Affiliate member of LPCAR.

This award will be given to a person demonstrating outstanding community involvement who is planning to pursue further education through an accredited college, university, or trade school or are currently attending college or a trade school.

Applications will soon be available at all area public schools as well as the board office and will also be posted on our website to download.

Our scholarship committee will be meeting to make any updates or changes needed on the application. Once they have updated the form, we will release the application.

The application requires an essay of 200 words or less explaining why the scholarship should be awarded.



Any application received without the essay will not be considered during the selection process. It is important for the student to complete all parts of the application

The deadline for this year is **April 24, 2017**.

Please have your student contact their local high school for this application or download the form from our website.

Students of family members of LPCAR (**REALTOR and Affiliate Members**) are eligible for this scholarship so we encourage them to apply as soon as possible.

Did You Know.....

Your State Association provides state and local market reports on a regular basis. These reports provide an insight into market conditions in our county and across the state. LPCAR shares this information, as well as the reports for La Porte County on our website. More information and reports can be viewed by visiting:

<https://www.laportecountyrealtors.com/local-market-reports>

Membership Update

The following have applied for membership in our Association:

Ian Price—Keller Williams Realty

Please contact the board office if you have any questions or comments.

A reminder to all new members of LPCAR, the association invites you to attend your first

membership meeting courtesy of the association for you installation. Watch your email inbox for details.

New Member Orientation will take place on **Saturday, May 20, 2017**. Mark Your Calendars! New members, please make sure to keep May 20th open for your session.

Charity Auction Event Pictures from March 25th!



Legislative Updates provided by Randy Novak and AIM.org

There are three weeks to go after another fast paced, eventful week comes to an end at the General Assembly. Monday will be the last day for bills to be heard in committee and Thursday will be a busy day as the third reading deadline will pressure legislators to finalize several complex bills. The last two weeks will be fully committed to conference committees where we anticipate most of the focus will remain on the budget, road funding, Airbnb, small cell structures, prekindergarten funding and alcohol related issues. There are several complex pieces of legislation remaining and a lot of negotiations to take place.

HB 1002, the road funding bill, was drastically modified by the Senate Tax & Fiscal committee and the difference of opinion on local need between the Senate and House is clear as night and day. It is important for you to read the information below to understand how the bill has changed and the Governor's recent comments about his road funding priorities.

Local Road Funding Drastically Reduced

[HB 1002](#) Transportation Infrastructure Funding (Soliday, R-Valparaiso; T. Brown, R-Crawfordsville; Steurewald, R-Avon; Sullivan, R-Evansville)

As expected, the Tax & Fiscal committee made very impactful changes to the original version of HB 1002, the long term road funding plan. Committee members accepted an amendment on Wednesday which made several modifications to the distribution of MVH funds, which are critical to accomplish local maintenance and preservation projects.

The amendment also delayed the adoption of several revenue raising mechanisms which in turn prevent local units from accessing that new revenue past 2017. We now wait for a new fiscal statement to be released by Legislative Services Agency but the initial impact to locals appears to be a decrease of several hundred million dollars from the introduced version. The amendment also reverts the INDOT Community Crossings local match from the current 80/20 match in the bill to the existing 50/50 match. This was a disappointing reversal to the plan as many smaller rural communities are incapable of committing enough funds to submit a grant application for a large scale infrastructure investment. During his regularly scheduled Thursday press event, Speaker Brian Bosma said, "We will stay here until we have a long term plan and I live local." When Senate President David Long was asked about the Senate proposals ability to meet the states \$1.2 billion need he said, "...our plan gets us about \$650MM."

Additional comments were made by Governor Eric Holcomb on Friday afternoon that he is supportive of local funding somewhere between the House and Senate plan and that \$200MM will get us to a point where the state and locals are splitting the cost 50/50. What seems to be off the

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table moving forward is the cigarette tax increase, shifting the sales tax and doing nothing. There is still a lot of room for compromise but the question of how we meet a \$1.2 billion state need and a \$775MM local need is looking less clear.

We are optimistic that a compromise will be found during conference committee, however, next week will be an imperative time as the bill progresses through the Senate. Local officials will play an important role over the next two weeks remaining engaged with legislators and supporting additional local funding

For more information on all bills go to

https://aimindiana.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/17LS_BillTrackingList_Week13.pdf

Information provided by, Accelerate Indiana Municipalities <https://aimindiana.org>

Congratulations to Pam Morgan, 2016 Affiliate of the Year for LPCAR



The Affiliate of the Year Award is bestowed each year on an Affiliate member who has been actively involved in the La Porte County Association of REALTORS® contributing their time and energy in supporting the Association's community service projects and association events.

Affiliate members sponsor events, education and charity functions of the Association working side-by-side with the REALTOR® members to assist the consumer in fulfilling the American Dream of homeownership.

Pam has worked for the last few years on the charity auction committee helping to secure sponsors for the event. She is always ready to help where ever needed.

Pam truly exemplifies the "team spirit" of our Affiliate members, and we are very proud to have her as a member of our LPCAR family.

We are grateful for all of the support we receive from all of our affiliate members!!

★ CONGRATULATIONS PAM!!! ★



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April 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3	4 Board of Director Meeting at noon at Board Office	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Deadline: Director Position candidate submission	15
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23	24 Scholarship Deadline	25	26	27	28	29
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