



MAINE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

Your Real Estate Experts

MAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ACTIONS:

The following are among actions at the December 13 MAR Board of Directors meeting:



- Authorized the inclusion of four MAR legal forms in the MCAR forms library
- Approved the MAR Legislative Committee recommended priority positions for legislative bills
- Approved a 2024 budget amendment for Strategic Planning
- Approved appointments for MARCPAC Trustees, Maine Listings Directors, MAR Foundation Directors, MAR Grievance and Professional Standards Committee members
- Approved MAR Life Membership status for Jeff Davis (Greater Portland Board) and Kim Gleason (Kennebec Valley Board)



LUNCH AND LEARN: JANUARY 9

Join us on **Tuesday, January 9th** from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. as we host Kurt Clason, the 2024 President of the Homebuilders and Remodelers Association of Maine. Grab some lunch and join us via Zoom to learn more about Maine's home building industry. Bring Questions!

**Register
Now!**



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MAR Leadership

SAVE THESE 2024 EVENT DATES!

January 23: Legislator Meet & Greet: Senator Inn, Augusta
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

February 13th: An Inside Look at Modular Homes; Lunch &
Learn with KBS Builders of Maine

April 2: REALTOR® Rally at the Maine State House
9:00 – 1:30 p.m.

October 8-10: MAR Convention at the Samoset Resort

MAR FOUNDATION:

The Maine Association of REALTORS®
Foundation has kicked-off its 2023
Local Board Matching Grant Program.
On behalf of the Directors of the Maine
Association of REALTORS®



Foundation, thank you for your efforts to raise funds for
affordable housing organizations in your communities. Keep Up
the GOOD WORK! [Enroll or find more information about the
MAR Foundation](#)



MAR LEGAL HELPLINE SCHEDULE:

Note that the MAR Legal Helpline will not be
available from December 21 – 29 due to vacation
and holiday schedule. During this time, please
consult with your Designated Broker or private legal counsel.

ZIPFORM RENEWAL FOR 2024:

The annual Lone Wolf zipForms renewal process
has begun. Upon logging into zipForms, when
prompted, review and agree to the License
Agreement and click Continue. After completing
this process once, your account will be ready for 2024 if your
membership dues are paid. The 2024 MAR Forms will
automatically load into your library in mid-January. Watch MAR
E-NEWS in January for the exact date for the 2024 forms.



REAL ESTATE FORECAST SUMMIT:

On December 12 NAR held its annual economic and real estate
summit that provided a year-end review of 2023 and outlook on
the real estate market and the economy for the year ahead.

[View the one-hour recording](#)

Spoiler: NAR predicts that Portland, ME is one of the nation's top
10 pent-up demand markets across the U.S.

2024 REALTOR® DUES – ALL ARE DUE IN DECEMBER:

Your 2024 REALTOR® dues are due
in December – **some Boards are
past due, many Boards are due
today, December 15.** Local board
late fees may be assessed beginning

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Some content may be
commercial in nature.



in early-December. You pay your dues through your local REALTOR® boards' Member Portal (links in right margin or below if viewing on a cellphone).

Designated Brokers: Remember...dues must be paid for anyone licensed in a

REALTOR® office as of January 1, 2024. If an agent plans to make their license status inactive or his/her license expires any time on/after January 1 and they do not plan to renew, you must inform the Maine Real Estate Commission in writing that the agent's license is no longer affiliated with your company by December 31, 2023 or you, as DB, will be responsible for that agent's payment.

THANK YOU for your membership!

[Learn more about your MAR membership benefits](#)

REMINDER – NOTIFY YOUR LOCAL ASSOCIATION:

Please contact your local REALTOR® Association when you have any changes to your real estate license number, if you change company affiliation, or change any contact information including your email address. The Maine Real Estate Commission does not notify REALTOR® Associations about your license changes and our databases are not connected. [Find contact information for your local REALTOR® Association here](#)

THANK YOU!



HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT AT COVERME.GOV:

The Made for Maine Health Coverage Act, passed by the

Maine Legislature in 2020, authorized the creation of a State-run health care insurance marketplace where individuals and families can shop for health insurance. Maine's Marketplace, called CoverME.gov is now open. All plans sold through CoverME.gov provide comprehensive coverage and Essential Health Benefits.

The Open Enrollment Period is November 1, 2023 through January 16, 2024, **but the deadline is December 15, 2023 if you need coverage to begin January 1.** You can use <https://CoverME.gov> to:

- Shop for and compare health insurance plans that provide quality comprehensive coverage.
- Apply for financial assistance to lower health insurance costs.
- Find a certified expert to guide you through the shopping and enrollment process and answer your questions at no cost to you.

To learn more: <https://www.coverme.gov/>

NAR INSURANCE PLACE

You can also check out the health insurance options at NAR's REALTORS® Insurance Place. [Find out more about health insurance and other insurance here.](#)

2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

Defined in paragraph 23 of the Purchase and Sale Agreement (and Addenda): "days in this Agreement, including all addenda made a part hereof, shall mean business days defined as excluding Saturdays, Sundays and any observed Maine State/Federal holidays". The Maine State Holiday list is inclusive of all federal holidays. As always, the best approach to any confusing holiday is to communicate both with your client and the agent for the other side to be sure you have all counted the same way and have the same expectations.



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