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MLS COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be accepted until July 31st.

Nominations for 2009 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 July 31st. 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 between August and September and elected members will begin their service in January, 2009.

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

OPEN HOUSE SAFETY TIPS

· **Once inside, turn on the lights and open the curtains. These are not only sound safety procedures, but also great marketing tactics.**

RAA Membership Luncheon

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

August 15th
Petroleum Club
Registration 11.30 a.m.
Member Cost: \$15
Non-Member Cost: \$18

The next RAA Membership Luncheon is scheduled for August 15th at the Petroleum Club. Nominees for Board of Directors will be introduced.

TO Register email Lisa@RealtorAcadiana.com.

EPro Workshop offered in Lafayette July 29th



TWO Sessions Offered
at RAA Office
Tuesday, JULY 29th
10-12 and 1-2

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Committee Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday, July 29th
2 p.m.
Public Relations
Committee Meeting

to Register [Click Here](#)

Each session will offer the following:

1. e-PRO, the only Technology Certification Program approved by the National Association of REALTORS and offered entirely online
2. insights into blogging and social networks and how both can help agents increase business and better market listings

You are invited to attend the upcoming **complimentary** InternetCrusade® Technology Workshop featuring an exclusive preview of the e-PRO Certification course, the only technology course offered and endorsed by the National Association of REALTORS®. Attendees will walk away with valuable technology tips that can be put to use immediately.

- Discover the four essential elements of a successful web site strategy.
- Learn easy ways to differentiate yourself from the competition.
- Find out how to leverage the power of a permanent e-mail address

[Click here](#) to learn more about why you and your colleagues should attend a live e-PRO Workshop.

Enroll at this FREE workshop and receive a \$25 discount from the normal \$359 fee and an 8-month enrollment (instead of 6 months) for this online course. We encourage our existing e-PROs to recommend this workshop to a friend. Don't wait, [SIGN UP NOW!](#) Or, to view ALL upcoming events, go to <http://Calendar.InternetCrusade.com> or call the Events Team toll free at 1-866-377-0627.

RAA Offers REVISED CRS 206 Course 50% Tuition Reimbursement



CRS 206

August 21 & 22, 2008
Technologies to Advance Your Business

RAA Office
 7:30 - 5:00 p.m.

\$300 before August 8th

Be one of the first to take advantage of the revisions made to the course in order to make it as current and dynamic as possible!

The revised Technology Course continues to reinforce best practices for using technologies such as e-mail and wireless communication, digital imaging techniques, personal web sites, marketing tools and contact manager tools by incorporating evolving technologies such as:

Tablet PCs & Smartphones
Wireless technologies for the "Mobile Office"
Transaction Management Tools
Podcasting & Blogs
Video marketing with YouTube and other

Suggested Caravan Schedule

This Week:
Wednesday, July 30th

Areas:
 N, O, P, H, St. Mary & Iberia

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

Upcoming Lunch & Learn Seminars



Lunch & Learn Seminars will be held at the RAA Office 12-1

Seminars 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 in writing/email. If cancellation fee is not paid within 30 days after notification, MLS privileges will be suspended until the fee is paid.

August 14th
"Lending Secrets Revealed"

Sponsor: PSB Loan

August 19th "Redhibition"

To Register: Email
Kathy@RealtorAcadiana.com

MLS 2008 Fines and Fees & Rules and Regs



applications Virtual Tours and other web marketing tools Multimedia presentation tools

The Technology Course (CRS 206) earns you two units of credit toward the Certified Residential Specialist Designation, the premier Designation for residential real estate agents.

[For Registration form click here.](#)

Attention Commerical REALTORS®

LA REALTORS Convention New Orleans Monteleone Commercial classes

will be available at the LA Realtors Convention on September 4 in New Orleans. Go to:

<http://www.larealtors.org/meetings/fall/commercial.asp>
to see the schedule. If you are interested, now is the time to register with LR and book your room at the Monteleone or nearby. 2008 "Commercial Agency & Purchase Agreements" course (Commercial Alternative for Mandatory Topic 2008)

MANDATORY COURSE OFFERED IN LAFAYETTE REGISTER NOW! Space will be limited - register online today for "Commercial Agency & Purchase Agreements" (Commercial Alternative for Mandatory Topic 2008)
amy@larealtors.org

OCTOBER 28, 2008
REALTOR® Association of Acadiana
Registration: 8:30 am
Course: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Lunch sponsored by Olson & O'Neill/Prime Title

\$30 REALTOR® Members (\$40 at the door)
\$45 non-REALTOR® member licensees (\$55 at the door)

ATTENTION APPRAISERS

Appraisal Course - in partnership with the Appraisal Institute

LA REALTORS Convention
TUESDAY, September 2nd
New Orleans Monteleone Hotel

APPRAISAL COURSE will be available at the LA Realtors Convention on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm - New Orleans - Monteleone. For More Information contact:
amy@larealtors.org
[Click here for registration](#)

The Board of Directors approved the 2008 MLS Rules & Regs along with the Fines & Fees Schedule.

Fines on this new schedule have been raised considerably - even as much as \$1000 for some violations. These fines go into effect **IMMEDIATELY.**

Please click on the following links to review.

MLS [Fines &](#)

[Fees](#)

MLS [Rules & Regs](#)

MLS TIPS

- Check the date on your MetroKey Mapbook - if the Copyright date on the inside cover is earlier than 2007, it's time to purchase a new book. The copyright date for the latest version is 2007.
- Changed your email address recently? Please keep your email address up to date with RAA as Citation Manager sends notices regarding your listings via email.

Attention Young Professionals

Join REALTOR® magazine's award-winning Young Professionals Network, a network of young and new real estate professionals. YPN offers career resources and opportunities to exchange business ideas. Membership is free. [Sign up at REALTOR.org/ypn](#) (click on "Get in the Network"). Also, visit the [YPN Lounge](#), a blog for young real estate professionals written by young real estate professionals, and follow YPN's [twitter feeds](#).

Quick Links

RAA Website
MLS Website

YPN will be sponsoring a networking reception during the 2008 REALTORS® Conference & Expo in Orlando on Sunday, Nov. 9, among other activities for young professionals during the convention. To get on the invitation list and stay in the loop, your members will need to sign up to become YPN members. Questions? E-mail ypn@realtors.org

2008 Continuing Education Schedule

Legislation Passes

HB 192 by Representative Jeff Arnold has been signed into law by Governor Jindal (Act 254) and will take effect on January 1, 2009. This legislation increases the educational and professional requirements for real estate licensees by raising continuing education (CE) hours from 8 to 12 hours per year, postlicensing education hours from 30 to 45 hours, and requiring individuals seeking a broker's license to serve as a salesperson for four years before sitting for the broker's examination, and deletes the requirement that the Louisiana Real Estate Commission conduct education courses on a yearly basis.

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 in writing. If cancellation fee is not paid within 30 days after notification, MLS privileges will be suspended until the fee is paid.**

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

***All classes held at the RAA office unless otherwise indicated.

***Real Estate license numbers are required for all continuing education credit.

To register for Louisiana REALTORS® classes go to www.larealtors.org or call 1-800-266-8538. For LR's Education Schedule [click here](#).

Course Added: Sept 30th Purchase Agreement

Aug. 5th	2008 LREC Mandatory Agency Relations	4 CE hrs. 10 - 2
Aug. 12th	Code of Ethics	4 CE hrs. 8:30 - 12:30
Aug. 21st	CRS 206 Technologies (2 days)	8 - 5
Sept. 9th	Code of Ethics	4 CR hrs. 8:30 - 12:30
Sept. 16th	2008 LREC Mandatory Agency Relations	4 CR hrs. 10 - 2
Sept. 25th	Procuring Cause	4 CR hrs. 10 - 2
Sept 30th	Purchase Agreement	4 CR hrs. 10-2
Oct. 2nd	Foundations for Success Part 1	2 days RAA Office Louisiana REALTORS®
		To Register call 1-800-266-8538
Oct. 14th	Code of Ethics	4 CE hrs. 8:30 - 12:30
Oct. 23rd	Foundations for Success Part 2	2 days RAA Office Louisiana REALTORS®
		To Register call 1-800-266-8538
Oct. 28th	Commercial Agency & Purchase Agreement (Commercial Alternative for Mandatory Topic 2008)	RAA Office Louisiana REALTORS®
		To Register call 1-800-266-8538
Nov. 11th	Code of Ethics	4 CE hrs. 8:30 - 12:30

Nov. 18th 2008 LREC Mandatory Agency Relations 4 CE hrs. 10 - 2
Nov. 19th GRI "Goal Setting & Time Management -RAA Office LA REALTORS®
Lynn Madison
Dec. 2nd 2008 LREC Mandatory Agency Relations 4 CE hrs. 10 - 2
Dec. 9th Code of Ethics 4 CE hrs. 8:30 - 12:30

Any questions please feel free to contact the RAA staff at 337-233-0086
or Kathy@RealtorAcadiana.com

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