

Associated Professionals Membership Program North San Diego County Association of REALTORS

Purpose of Associated Professional Category of Membership

This new category of membership in the North San Diego County Association of Realtors (NSDCAR) was created to: (1) recognize the close and vital working relationship of various fields of professionals and their respective industries in effecting the real estate transaction, (2) enhance the working relationship among Associated Professional Members and between Associated Professionals and the REALTOR members of NSDCAR, and (3) formalize our respect for co-professionals in the real estate industry.

Qualifications of Membership

Affiliates qualified to hold the Associated Professional (AP) Member status shall be those individuals who are directly involved in the real estate transaction process (i.e.: title, lender, escrow, appraiser) other than through residential and/or commercial brokerage, and who are not REALTOR members of the Association of REALTORS. Any such individual, if otherwise eligible, is not qualified for AP membership, but may elect to hold REALTOR membership, subject to payment of applicable dues and completion of any condition(s) of membership.

Membership as an Associated Professional is an individual option. AP membership is not transferable to another individual.

2005 Dues Structure

One-time Processing fee	\$95
Annual dues	\$120*

*dues are prorated on a quarterly basis

*dues must be paid by February 15 of each year to avoid a reinstatement fee of \$30

Seat on Board of Directors

The NSDCAR Bylaws provide for the appointment of an Associated Professional to a voting seat on the Board of Directors. The Associated Professionals will be asked as a group to provide the Board with the names of three (3) AP members to be considered for appointment for a term of one year. The Associated Professional so named by the Board is eligible to be reappointed, at the total discretion of the Board, to an additional one-year term.

Eligibility to Vote

By becoming and remaining an Associated Professional member in good standing, Associated Professionals are eligible to vote in the Annual NSDCAR election and to vote on other Association issues.

Benefits of Associated Professional Membership

A number of special benefits have been designed and reserved exclusively for the use of Associated Professional members. These include but are not limited to the following:

- The right to vote on the Annual Election and other Association issues.
- The right to hold a voting seat on the NSDCAR Board of Directors.
- The right to use the Associated Professional logo on printed material. A camera ready logo will be provided to you at no cost.
- First chance to participate in a wide variety of advertising and sponsorship opportunities.
- Special discounts on various programs, products and services of the Association.

Grievance & Mediation

A Code of Conduct for Associated Professional members has been written, and Associated Professional members will be expected to adhere to the Code. The Code may be amended from time to time by the Associated Professional members, subject to approval of revisions by NSDCAR Professional Services Committee, which committee shall have one AP member.

Complaints filed by REALTORS against Associated Professional members, or by one Associated Professional member against another Associated Professional, will be handled by the NSDCAR Professional Standards Committee in the same manner as complaints against REALTOR members, except that any Hearing Tribunal shall include an appropriate AP member.

Orientation

To be an Associated Professional member in good standing, the AP must attend an Associated Professional New Member Orientation. Said Orientation will be designed jointly by the Charter Members and NSDCAR staff, and will be offered at least once a year. Failure to attend orientation will result in suspension of Associated Professional Membership benefits and privileges.

Membership Meetings

Associated Professionals Membership meetings will be held at a minimum of twice yearly. These meetings may be conducted to decide what names to forward to the Board for consideration for the appointed seat on the Board of Directors, to provide a program of educational of topical interest, to discuss possible means of enhancing or making the category of membership more effective or beneficial, or other suitable purpose. Staff support will be provided for these meetings.