

I hope that the first days of February are finding everyone well and prepared to tackle the challenges and opportunities of 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to update you, briefly, on several matters impacting the North Central Washington Association of Realtors (NCWAR).

Before I dive into the issues, allow me to once again express deep appreciation for our membership, both Realtors and Affiliates. It is you that allow this Association to serve our membership and our communities. It is my hope that when you think of NCWAR your thoughts include ethical standards, professionalism, education, private property rights, and service to others. This is **your** Association and the board, and I, are fortunate to serve.

The search for an Association Executive (AE) is progressing with a long list of interested candidates. The search committee will soon begin scheduling interviews and we are hopeful that a new AE will be hired by the end of February. Special thanks to Rachel Goetz, Laura Mounter, Paul Mares and Camiekae Lynch!

Core Standards for the Association (a set of goals and standards established by the National Association of Realtors) were successfully completed in 2018. Our efforts have now turned to 2019. I encourage all members to review the Core Standards to better understand the decisions we make and the value of the local Association. Visit the National Association of Realtors website and simply search Core Standards.

I attended the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) meeting in January and was very encouraged to hear the group discussing, even debating, ways to **enhance** our MLS. The board, the MLS Committee and the Association staff are united in operating a user-friendly, effective MLS!

Finally, with support from NAR and the Washington Realtors, I believe there is no group better qualified than NCWAR to speak to housing issues in North Central Washington. Our communications committee embraces this role and is working diligently to assure that you, through the Association, have a voice whenever there is a dialogue on housing or other real property matters.

Thank you for your membership and continued support of **your** Association!

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2019 NCWAR President