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The President's Insights



PERSONAL BRANDING

As I was preparing for a recent sales meeting, I came across a fantastic article about personal branding. Branding is important for a REALTOR® to consider. By defining your strengths and growing your own identity, you are enhancing your ability to showcase who you are within your company. The article challenges you to look at what you bring to your business, what you bring to the table in terms of experience, talents, & strengths, and how to translate those attributes into a personal brand. Branding is about perception, right? So, why not have your clients and potential customers view you in the best light possible?...

The article emphasizes that a brand isn't just one thing, but rather, a compilation of various factors that speak to who you are, including professional demeanor, business acumen, knowledge of your industry, how you present yourself, what your professional profiles and social media pages say about you, and much more. In the article from more.com, Dorie Clark says, "your personal brand is what you stand for and your reputation – what others say about you when you leave the room. That doesn't boil down to any one thing. But put them all together and these elements communicate to the outside world who you are and how you see yourself." Clark goes on to say that your brand must have four elements: a mission statement, an updated wardrobe, a chic office, and lively social media.

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This year at the Association, we're thinking about branding, too! We are taking steps to enhance the perception and identity of the Cape Cod & Islands Association of REALTORS®. We will be making our brand stronger and more clearly defined than ever and taking the actions necessary to stand by our image and promote our reputation... We want to not just look the part but to BE IT and ACT IT. We recently adopted a NEW Strategic Plan that articulates Clark's *must have*'s for a brand:

- A Mission Statement: As I mentioned, our Strategic Plan (which you can read more about in the CEO's column in this newsletter) defines our mission. It starts with making sure we're delivering the tools and resources necessary so that you can better serve the public. It continues by ensuring that CCIAOR serves as the Voice for Real Estate for the Cape and Islands. The plan then lays out initiatives to get us there, and it is supported by action steps and the staff's operational plan for achieving the mission.
- An Updated Wardrobe: In the view of an organization, I take this to mean our staff. We've updated our staff and recruited new talent, energy, and enthusiasm. Ryan comes with his own set of knowledge and sphere of influence, and his talents and abilities will help our members tremendously, as well as enable us to achieve our mission, while setting forth new goals and objectives as we grow.
- A Chic Office: We've updated the physical space of CCIAOR to reflect the mission of what and who we want to be. Our state-of-the-art board room is a phenomenal space for committees and small group meetings. The Conference Center at CCIAOR is continually updated, including everything from new carpeting to remote controls for our A/V system, as well as new technology and other cosmetic enhancements. We want you (REALTORS® and the public) to feel comfortable, motivated, and ready to learn, grow, network, and connect when visiting our meeting and events space.
- **Lively Social Media**: Yes, we now have a staff that is social media savvy... Just take a look at our updated social media sites, and you'll see a significant improvement to ensure we're posting relevant information, not just about the Association, but also local and industry news for you to share with your clients. Our social media pages now reflect the activity and momentum we have conjured up in the past few months, so stay tuned for more photos and news from networking events, charitable endeavors, and all of the happenings at CCIAOR. Furthermore, our lively social media pages will be connected to our new Digital Strategy, in which we will launch our new Association website in the second quarter, to act as a portal to all the information needed to help you and your clients.

In conclusion, the New Year presents a new opportunity for you to become an even better version of YOU! Take some time to reflect and think about yourself personally and professionally, who you are individually and as a REALTOR®, including what you do, how others perceive you, and how it all translates to your personal brand. We, here at CCIAOR, will help you along the way, by providing the best tools and resources so that you can be the best YOU in 2015!

Here's to much continued success and a wonderful and prosperous year!

Warmest Regards,

Aleta Azarian





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2015 STRAT PLAN

MISSION STATEMENT

As the *Voice for Real Estate* for Cape Cod and the Islands, the Cape Cod & Islands Association of REALTORS® (CCIAOR), in conjunction with MAR and NAR, provides its members with the resources required to serve the public in an ethical and professional manner.

Additionally, CCIAOR studies and keeps members and the public informed on the impact of issues dealing with real property ownership.

CONSUMER

Be the *Voice for Real Estate*. Promote market statistics and/or real estate trends & issues and their impact on consumers.

Enhance community involvement to promote the value proposition of using a REALTOR®, and/or engage in community activities that enhance the image of REALTORS®.

Heighten community investment through organizing human resources or fundraising for the benefit of local community organizations.

ADVOCACY

Support property rights, housing and real property ownership by being active in the political process.

Identify and impact local issues of importance to the REALTOR® organization and the public by utilizing local, state, and national resources.

Boost consumer advocacy efforts and engage the public in legislative/political issues that impact home ownership, real estate investment, and related issues.

Raise 100% of the established RPAC Fundraising goal.

Achieve participation rates on NAR and State calls for action that are better than the average participation rates.

COMMUNICATION



The CCIAOR website provides information for consumers regarding market data and "things to know" when buying and selling real estate.

Designated REALTORS®, office managers, and team leaders work in cooperation with the Association to keep agents aware of REALTOR® activities and resources available to them.

CCIAOR uses multi-media channels across all demographics to communicate with members.

The CCIAOR website serves as a user friendly portal to national, state, and local resources.

LEADERSHIP & CRITICAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Education is offered that is focused on the critical skills and knowledge that members will need to be successful as the marketplace evolves.

Leadership skills criteria is defined for volunteer leaders, and periodic leadership training is offered for current and future leaders.

Leadership is aware of, and focuses on, helping members overcome what the members believe are their primary challenges.

EXECUTION

Decisions made by staff and volunteer leaders are based on the strategic performance indicators defined in the strategic plan.

Conduct end of year BOD assessment, including a look back review and a look forward perspective.

A Move to Belonging to the Association

By Ryan Castle, CEO

The majority of you joined the Association in one way... Your broker told you to go to the Association and become a REALTOR®. We never sold you on a membership, or told you about the benefits, and you didn't make a conscious choice to be part of the Cape Cod & Islands Association of REALTORS®, but rather you just joined. As such, we've fostered a culture where you join the Association rather than belong to it.

We are now embarking on a path to change that. The aim is to provide tools and resources that matter to you and to get to a place where many of you will look towards the Association as a resource and support network that helps you grow your business, connect with your colleagues, foster better relationships with your clients, and in the end, effect a positive impact on the real estate industry on Cape Cod, Nantucket, and Martha's Vineyard.

On the adjacent (left hand) page, you'll see an overview of the Association's new Strategic Plan. The plan is focused on the Association, and you will notice that it does not mention or represent the MLS. That is because the Association and the MLS are separate organizations. Because they have different goals, missions, and resources, it is important to keep an independent focus on each, so that plans can be carried out for both separately, in regards to strategy and goal setting and achievement.

In the world of REALTOR® associations, the main discussion articulates and focuses the value proposition on being a member of a REALTOR® association. I'm not a fan of that discussion. I think this narrow focus misses a key point -- executing and delivering the value proposition to the members. Associations must improve, and when they do so, their members will see the benefits and choose to belong.

Through a collaborative process, with input from focus groups, email surveys, and a strategic planning work group, we've redefined our value proposition: To provide the tools and resources necessary to make you a better REALTOR® and help you serve your clients in an ethical manner, to provide information about the buying and selling process to the public, to be the source of real estate statistical information, and to promote the value of homeownership, as well as the benefits of using a REALTOR®. We want REALTORS® to become community leaders, and we will assist in these efforts by refreshing the core skills needed to complete real estate transaction and by engaging our brokers and managers in a more uniform and informative process. Now that the plan has been defined, CCIAOR will focus on action, execution, and delivery.

I hope, through following this achievable plan with measurable objectives, over the next three to five years, we can move the needle and create a membership base that not just joins, but that truly belongs.



CCIAOR NEWS

CCIAOR & CCI YPN Inspire Year-long HAC Initiative

Thank you to all offices and members who helped make our inaugural "Welcome Home" Gift Basket Drive, for those transitioning from Housing Assistance Corporation (HAC) shelters to permanent housing, so successful. HAC's Executive Director, Julie Wake, commented, "Please pass along our gratitude to all the members of CCIAOR — they really went all out!". In fact, the leaders at HAC were so impressed and inspired by our efforts that they have decided to extend this to a year-long initiative. The idea is that the CCIAOR office will remain a drop-off location throughout the year, while HAC teams up with other organizations in the first part of the year also. The 4th quarter holiday initiative will become an <u>annual</u> CCIAOR and CCI YPN REALTOR® event, which will continue to evolve and expand.

We are delighted to share this news with you, and will keep you updated as plans progress!

Thanks to all of you and cheers to community giving and supporting housing on Cape Cod.

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE _____

MONTH OF DECEMBER 2014

NEW APPLICATIONS:

BARNSTABLE:

Adam Burnett, Century 21 Shoreland Michael Rabideau, Kinlin Grover Real Estate Justine McLoughlin, Keller Williams Realty Paul B Faherty, EXIT Cape Realty

CHATHAM:

Katherine Meincke, John Ricotta & Associates, Inc.

FALMOUTH:

Megan Harden, Distinctive Property Serv. R E

HARWICH:

Kristie DeStefano, Greater Cape Cod Real Estate

MASHPEE:

Timothy Harry, New Seabury Real Estate Clayton Southworth, Southworth Willowbend R E, LLC

ORLEANS:

Julie Csenger, Kinlin Grover Real Estate Lorraine Normann, William Raveis Real Estate

SANDWICH:

Matthew Goodwin, Kalstar Realty Services

APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN

Kaitlyn Brown

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE LEFT THEIR LAST OFFICE AFFILIATION SINCE LAST MEETING BUT NOT NOTIFIED THE ASSOCIATION TO REQUEST A RELOCATION PERIOD OR TO ADVISE OF NEW OFFICE AFFILIATION:

Barbara Humphrey Carol Ann Montana Tracie Vincent
Dianne Splaine Mary Burak Wayne Mayo
Katherine Schiappa Maureen McCarthy Ralph Grassia

Richard Nugent

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

AFFILIATION CHANGES:

Margaret Fallon, (DR) Fallon Ryan Real Estate to (R-) Keller Williams Realty, Centerville

Michele Caudle, Peter McDowell Associates, Dennis to William Raveis Real Estate, Yarmouth Port

Linda L Hiller, William Raveis Real Estate, Osterville to Kalstar Realty Services, Plymouth

Kerri Wick, Robert Paul Properties, Osterville to Kinlin Grover Real Estate, Osterville

Mark S Ouimet, Popponessett Real Estate, Mashpee to New Seabury Real Estate, Mashpee

Laurie O'Shea, Keller Williams Realty, Centerville to Bayview Real Estate, Barnstable

Patricia Granger, Kinlin Grover Real Estate, Yarmouth Port to Cape Cod Oceanview Realty, West Yarmouth

Christine Petrillo, C21 Commonwealth, North Chatham to Keller Williams Realty, Centerville

Danielle Chaulk, Robert Paul Properties, Barnstable to Kinlin Grover Real Estate, Barnstable

Donna Maloney, Robert Paul Properties, Barnstable to Kinlin Grover Real Estate, Barnstable

Joseph Markiewicz, (R-) to (DR) Jack Conway & Co., Inc.

Cathy Ormon, Kinlin Grover Real Estate, South Yarmouth to McDevitt REALTORS®, South Dennis

Donald Myers, with Jack Conway & Co., Inc., Sandwich

David Puopolo, Davenport Realty Trust, South Yarmouth to Kinlin Grover Real Estate, Yarmouth Port

Denise Bracken-Salas, ERA Cape Real Estate, LLC, South Yarmouth to Robert Paul Properties, Barnstable

Susan L Moran, (DR) West Falmouth Property, Falmouth to Jack Conway & Co., Inc., Falmouth

MEMBER RESIGNATIONS:

Kristina Donnellon Peter Sivco Stephanie Mitchell Daniel Baczkowski Jeannine Malzone Lawrence Farias Andrew Lashley Larry Keyes Jan Bogardus Kenneth Medeiros Luis Lucas Sue J Smith Leo Berard Michelle Lima Jerome Wojcik Wendy Baumann Lynne Fox Amy Walker

Drummond Chapman Joan Kittredge

MEMBERS HAVE DROPPED FOR NON-RELOCATION SINCE LAST MEETING:

Sharon Bidwell Dorothy Blackler Marjorie Blackwell

Carole Carlson Kenneth Driscoll Peter Dubay

Diana Gravel Bradley Horner Deborah Huntley

Julie Keefe

DESIGNATED REALTOR® CHANGES:

Jack Conway & Co., Inc., Joseph Markiewicz (DR) (formerly Ralph Grassia)

128 Route 6A, Sandwich, MA 02563

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE ____

OFFICE NAME CHANGES:

Dunhill Group (formerly Weichart REALTORS®, Dunhill Grp), Frederick Komenda (DR) 776 Main Street, Osterville, MA 02655

OFFICE ADDRESS CHANGES:

Seashore Properties, LLC, Joseph M. Aucoin (DR) 63 Crowell Road, Chatham, MA 02633

NEW BRANCH OFFICE:

Kalstar Realty Services, James Kalweit (DR) 110 Hedges Pond Road, Plymouth, MA 02360

OFFICES CLOSED:

Fallon Ryan Real Estate, Margaret A Fallon (DR) 9 Bluebird Lane, Harwich, MA 02645

West Falmouth Property, Susan L Moran (DR) 929 West Falmouth Hwy, Falmouth, MA 02540

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DanB Realty, Daniel Baczkowski (DR)
One Watermill Place, #311, Arlington, MA 02476

Eagle Realty, Lawrence A Farias (DR)
12 Providence Street, East Falmouth, MA 02536

Cornerstone Properties Mgmt, Inc., Larry P Keyes (DR) 611 Queen Anne Road, Harwich, MA 02645

K&M Medeiros Real Estate, Kenneth Medeiros (DR) 120 Meredith Drive, East Falmouth, MA 02536

MLS ONLY OFFICES NO LONGER MEMBERS:

Appraisal Concepts, James A Thompson (DR) 32 Pemberton Ave., Jamestown, RI 02835

C21 American Properties, Thomas C Taylor (DR) 246 Main Street, Walpole, MA 02081

NEW AFFILIATE MEMBERS:

Prime Lending, Carmela Zezze (AF)
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Stage Right Cape Cod, Robin K Gunderson (AF) P O Box 160, Cotuit, MA 02635

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For questions, please contact the MLS Office via phone or email: 508.957.4300 or mlssupport@cciaor.com

EDUCATION __

The following classes are presented by The Real Estate Institute at CCIAOR

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JANUARY COMMERCIAL CE - West Yarmouth

Thursday, January 29, 2015

Instructor: Robert Nahigian

□ 8:30 AM-10:30 AM RE80C13: Commercial Lease Part III □ 10:45 AM-12:45 PM RE81C13: Commercial Leases Part IV

□ 2:00 PM-4:00 PM RE87C14: Commercial Tenant Brokerage

FEBRUARY CE - Martha's Vineyard Old Whaling Church 89 Main Street Edgartown, MA 02539

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

Instructor: Craig Foley

□ 8:30 AM-10:30 AM RE86R14: High Performance Green Homes

□ 10:45 AM-12:45 PM RE63RC10: Environmental Issues

☐ 2:00 PM-4:00 PM RE11RC07: Antitrust

Thursday, February 12, 2015

Instructor: Jody O'Brian

□ 8:30 AM-10:30 AM RE01R06: Seller Agency

□ 10:45 AM -12:45 PM RE47805: Residential Mortgage

☐ 1:30 PM-4:00 PM RE33RC11: Code of Ethics

FEBRUARY CE - West Yarmouth

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Instructor: Anita Hill

□ 8:30 AM-10:30 AM RE63RC10: Environmental Issues □ 10:45 AM-12:45 PM RE90R14: Designated Agency

□ 2:00 PM-4:00 PM RE91R14: Disclosure...Disclosure

Thursday, February 19, 2015

□ 8:30 AM-10:30 AM RE08RC12: Mass Rules and Regulations Instructor: John Anjos □ 10:45 AM -12:45 PM RE028RC12: Foreclosures Instructor: John Anjos

□ 1:30 PM-4:00 PM RE33RC11: Code of Ethics Instructor: Karen Jaworski



MARCH CE - West Yarmouth

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

8:30 AM-11:00 AM RE33RC11: Code of Ethics Instructor: Karen Jaworski
11:15 AM-1:15 PM RE26RC07: Appraisal Process Instructor: William Lento
2:00 PM-4:00 PM RE18RC07: Property Assessments Instructor: William Lento

Thursday, March 19, 2015

Instructor: Jody O'Brien

8:30 AM-10:30 AM RE14R07: Architecture

10:45 AM-2:45 PM RE15R07: Selling Historical Homes

2:00 PM-4:00 PM RE02R06: Buyer Agency

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