

# AGENDA



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®  
2017 REALTORS® CONFERENCE AND EXPO  
DIVERSITY COMMITTEE  
Friday, November 3, 2017  
1:30PM – 4:00PM  
King Arthur Court 3rd Floor  
Hotel InterContinental Chicago**

**CHAIR:** Genie Birch (IL)  
**VICE CHAIR:** Tim Hur (GA)  
**COMMITTEE LIAISON:** Wendell Bullard (NC)  
**STAFF EXECUTIVE:** Fred Underwood (DC)

**PURPOSE:** To develop policy promoting equal opportunity in housing and diversity within the real estate industry. To identify the concerns and needs of minority members and to assist in the development of actions to address those concerns and needs. To develop and oversee national fair housing and diversity partnership agreements with HUD. To coordinate the Association's activities to increase diversity within the real estate profession and the NAR membership. To serve as ambassadors to minority real estate organizations in the United States. To identify diversity and fair housing education needs and goals. To promote changes in real estate business practices to reflect the growing cultural diversity within the United States. To share diversity knowledge, expertise, analysis and information with other NAR committees as appropriate. To support state and local associations through education, technical assistance and/or consider financial support to enable them to organize and manage effective activities to promote REALTOR® diversity strategic objectives.

**I. Call to Order and Introductions:** Genie Birch, Chair – (see additional background information)

Ownership Disclosure and Conflict of Interest Policy

**II. Future of the REALTOR® Party PAG Report**

**III. Approval of the Previous Meetings Minutes:** Genie Birch, Chair  
Minutes from May 17, 2017 (see additional background information)

**IV. Report of the Diversity Grants Review Group:** Bikel Frenell

**V. Fair Housing Anniversary Update:** Zeke Morris

**VI. Source of Income and Section 8 as protected classes:** Genie Birch, Chair

Roundtable discussions to outline new policy development (page 6 of additional background information)

C.A.R. has always opposed adding section 8 vouchers as a protected source of income under Fair Housing laws. C.A.R. has successfully beaten back efforts at the state level to classify section 8 vouchers as a protected class. NAR should take policy that mirror's C.A.R.'s on this issue. Landlords should have the option to rent to section 8 tenants if they want, but should not be forced to.

**VII. Screening of new Fair Housing Video:** Genie Birch, Chair

**VIII. Fair Housing Handbook:** Tim Hur, Vice Chair

Roundtable Discussions to identify needed changes

**IX. NAR Statement of Policy on Fair Housing:** Tim Hur, Vice Chair

Recommend changes

**X. Service Animals Update:** Fred Underwood, Staff Executive

C.A.R. has been asking at the state and federal level for better clarification of companion animals and to clarify the difference between a companion animal and a service animal. Currently, companion animals are covered under HUD "guidelines." These are not formal rules; however, California regulators have treated these guidelines as rules because HUD has not issued any. The guidelines on companion animals allow for almost any third-party to vouch for the need of ANY companion animal for an individual. HUD must issue clarifying rules that can limit what animals are allowed, what qualifies a party to prescribe the companion animal, and a way for landlords to verify the authenticity of the prescription.

**XI. Multicultural Meetings update:** Tim Hur, Vice Chair

**XII. Adjournment**