

Florida Realtors® Board of Directors Actions*

January 15, 2012

**full meeting minutes with discussions and special presentations will be posted to Florida Realtors website by the end of January*

Governance

The association's Bylaws were amended to state that:

- Officers shall be elected by a majority vote at the annual meeting of the board of directors by ballot (paper or electronic). If there is only one candidate for an office, a voice vote shall be taken.
- The qualification of each voting director shall be established by written certification of membership on the board of directors no later than 24 hours prior to the next board of directors meeting.
- In accordance with the requirements of the statutes under which Florida Realtors is incorporated, adoption of a main motion and any election shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board of directors present and voting.
- The Investment and Treasury Management Committee shall be composed of :
 - a. a chair, from the general board membership
 - b. a vice chair, from the general board membership
 - c. the immediate past chair
 - d. the Florida Realtors Treasurer
 - e. three members who along with the chair and vice chair shall possess expertise in market stocks, mutual funds, etc., and shall oversee the investment initiatives and institutions responsible for handling capital investments and reserves to invest.
- Outdated language regarding committee meeting attendance by telephone was replaced to state that the Executive Committee, the Leadership Team, and all committees and subcommittees shall be authorized to meet by telephone conference or through other electronic communications media so long as all the members can simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting. Unless members indicate otherwise to Florida Realtors headquarters, all communications required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent electronically.
- The directors did not approve the following proposed amendment: “To the fullest extent permitted by law, the board of directors may conduct business by electronic means.”

The association's General Policies were amended to state that:

- The minimum qualifications of and the availability to apply for the office of President-elect were eliminated, as the elected Vice President now automatically ascends to the office of President-elect.
- Election Rules shall be adopted by the board of directors immediately prior to the election of Florida Realtors officers and national directors at the annual meeting. The Election Rules shall require a majority vote for approval.

- To the fullest extent permitted by law committees may conduct business by electronic means. Such participation shall be at the discretion of the committee chairman and shall constitute presence at the meeting.
- All members of the Nominating Committee are, through their collective knowledge and experience, highly qualified for the serious job of recommending a slate of candidates and are equipped to make intelligent and objective recommendations of the candidates most suited for the job.
- The directors referred the following proposed amendment to the Nominating Committee for study: “The results of the local board/association Candidate Reporting Form preferences for Officer Candidates (Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and DVP) shall be reported to the Nominating Committee and be posted to the Florida Realtors website for candidate and member viewing as they are received.”
- A “Candidates Forum” shall be held on the day prior to the board of directors meeting during the Florida Realtors Annual Convention and open to all members in attendance, if Florida Realtors has been informed that one or more candidates intend to run from the floor.
- Report and recommendations (if any) by the Nominating Committee when there are two or more candidates for one office shall include the use of a ballot (paper or electronic).

Professional Development

- The Instructor Code of Conduct was adopted with the following amended language:
 E: Instructor Right of Reconsideration: In any instance of disciplinary action, an instructor may request reconsideration of the Instructor Disciplinary Panel’s decision. In such instances, a written request must be received by the Director of Education no later than 14 days from the original disciplinary notification. At that time, the Instructor Disciplinary Reconsideration Panel (comprised of the Vice Chair of Professional Development Committee, the Vice Chair of Faculty Development Subcommittee, and the Vice Chair of the Curriculum Development and Instructors Subcommittee) will schedule a meeting to discuss the performance issues with the instructor.

Executive

- Florida Realtors re-confirms that National Disaster Insurance is a major goal of the association and further that the association reiterate the importance of educating and engaging our state elected officials regarding their need to be proactive in helping obtain that goal.

Public Policy

- Florida Realtors supports legislation that reduces Citizen’s Property Insurance Corporation’s regular assessments.