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NEW MEMBERS: Timothy Craig-RE/MAX Advantage, Staunton; Christina Maupin-James River Realty

Membership Update: While some Associations in Virginia are seeing a down turn in new members, we are still processing new members at a steady rate.

We had 20 non-renewing members at the end of 2019 and we have taken in 23 new members since January. We have only dropped 3 members in 2020. Our current Primary Members are 369 and 11 Secondary Members. We have 409 in the MLS.

EDUCATION: We are currently working with Virginia REALTORS to bring CE sessions to you virtually to replace the April and June seminars that were scheduled. We have no details at this time, but hope to soon. They are trying to work out a schedule to bring at least 4 hours to every local Association that had previously scheduled seminars with them. This will probably be 2 sessions of 2 hours each through Zoom. Will keep you posted on this. We have been in touch with Mark Given and he will also be bringing his Ethics session virtually. The original date for this was September 14. We will confirm the date closer to September.

TRADE SHOW: We are still hoping to have a Trade Show later this year. We cannot confirm this until we see what the situation is with Covid19 restrictions as the year progresses.

GRI: The GRI 505 (Michael Guthrie) with HRAR and MAR has been rescheduled for June 25. Call the HRAR office at 540 433 8855 to register.

MLS: GAAR Paragon Connect Virtual Information Session is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10 at 10:00 a.m.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwof-iupzwiGtSD1HBR0Gfpnto0qDKoGFQC>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

REMINDERS: Virtual Tours and Media Links in the MLS cannot contain branding of Agents, Teams, Logos, links, etc. Also, please be sure that the Virtual Tour or Media Link placed in the listing actually works. Check to be sure it is clickable and complete.

We are still receiving complaints that listing properties are not secured and left as found. Doors are left unlocked, lights on, blinds moved and toilets being used. Especially during this time of uncertainty, we need to be sure that extra care is being taken to keep properties safe, not only for your Sellers but for the next Agent that may enter the property. Pay attention to showing instructions for using proper care and caution when showing a property.

COVID 19 Reminder: VAR www.virginiarealtors.com site is updated regularly with news and information.

GAAR office will be closed on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day holiday.

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