

Western Maine Board Newsletter

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A Message from President Kris Triglione:

Hello everyone and welcome to 2009!

Wow! It's 2009 already and we are busy planning the Western Maine Board of REALTORS® meetings, speakers and events. This promises to be a great year. I am proud and humbled to be serving as President for 2009. I am so very fortunate to have such a dedicated, talented and enthusiastic board of professionals who are ready to get started with a new year. They are anxious to share with our membership the many advantages of being part of our local board.

2008 was a challenging year for real estate with the subprime mortgage crisis and subsequent financial and economic downturn. We are hoping that our industry has bottomed and that 2009 will be the transition year where the real estate market turns around and starts trending upward!

In 2009 my goals for the Western Maine Board are to continue its good work and to focus outwardly on its members. If you are not involved with the association, then become active. Start with attending association meetings and classes or join one of our board committees. I would like to encourage you to attend the monthly membership meetings and special events. It is a great opportunity to learn something from an education course and to network with your fellow members. Knowledge is strength in this challenging market.

Thank you for your support of the Western Maine Board and I look forward to an exiting year as your President and a great 2009.

If you would like to contact me, with ideas or comments, please do so at kris@4results.us or call me at Anne Plummer & Associates at 693-5200. I hope many of you will attend the upcoming March Membership Meeting taking place on Wednesday, March 4 at the Olde Mill Tavern in Harrison.

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Upcoming Membership Meeting & Education Course: The next meeting of the Western Maine Membership is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4. Registration: 8:15 a.m.; Breakfast & Membership Meeting: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.; “Business Planning” (Approved for 3 hours c.e. credit): 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. A registration form is enclosed.

New Members: In order to become a member, an individual must complete the membership application and pay an application fee. Because we have provisional membership, new REALTOR® applicants become members as soon as they pay dues. They must, however, take new member orientation which includes an ethics class, within 180 days of application in order to keep their membership privileges active.

Membership Rosters: Members may request a current membership roster mailed or e-mailed in Adobe Acrobat format, please e-mail tanya@mainerealtors.com.

Meeting Schedule: The schedule for the year is printed below.

March 4	Breakfast	Olde Mill Tavern	“Business Planning”
April 8	Lunch	Location TBD	“What Am I – And Why Is It Important? Core Course”
May 13	Breakfast	Olde Mill Tavern	Course TBD
June 3	Dinner	Migis Lodge	REALTOR® of the Year
June 24	TBA	Location TBD	REALTOR® Appreciation Event & Affordable Housing Auction
September 16	Breakfast	Location TBD	Course TBD
November 4	Breakfast	Location TBD	MAR Update & “Legal Update – 2009”
December 9	Dinner	Olde Mill Tavern	Holiday Party & Officer Installation

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☞ **Plan to Attend the Membership Meeting & Course on Wednesday, March 4!** ☞