From The Director

I can’t believe how fast summer has flown by!

It’s never too early to begin working on your continuing education requirements. Those of you renewing this year might want to go to the “Licensee Only” section of the Commission’s website to check on your continuing education.

The Commission is now under the leadership of Mark Wahlstrom who has taken the gavel from Ken Cotton. Ryan Wordeman is serving as vice-chair. It’s been a pleasure working with Commissioner Cotton as chair and Commissioner Wahlstrom as vice-chair and I look forward to working with the new leadership.

I would like to congratulate our new Commissioner Carol Lawhun who was recently appointed by Governor Daugaard. Lawhun replaces Matthew Krogman. I wish to thank Matt for all his work during his years of service on the Commission. Greatly appreciated! We’ve included some information about our newest Commissioner in this newsletter. I look forward to working with Carol.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brian Jackson for his duties as a Compliance Officer with the Real Estate Commission. His last day with the Commission was May 31. While I will miss Brian, I wish him well. He will truly be missed.

On that note, I would like to welcome Tim Bond as our new Compliance Officer and Cindy Nickels as our new Licensing Administrator. You can read more information about Tim and Cindy this newsletter. Welcome Tim and Cindy!

New Faces

The Real Estate Commission would like to introduce our new Commissioner Carol Lawhun:

I grew up in Rapid City and graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell. I became an agent in 2002 and an instructor in 2004. I have participated on Board of REALTORS committees at the local and state level. Currently, I serve as state director to SDAR for the Black Hills Board of REALTORS. I was president of Dakotas Chapter CRS 2010 and 2014 and CRS of the year in 2010.
New Faces (Cont.)

Introducing our new Compliance Officer Tim Bond:

I have been with the state for 5 years. I have experience as a small business owner, licensed financial advisor, and a B.A. in Business Management. Originally, I am from the Rochester, MN area. I have called South Dakota home for more than 20 years. I enjoy spending time with my busy family and an occasional round of golf.

We would also like to introduce our new Licensing Administrator Cindy Nickels:

I began my duties as the Licensing Administrator with the Real Estate Commission May 9, 2018. I have worked for the state of South Dakota for nearly 16 years and most recently with the Office of Emergency Management. I grew up in Ft. Pierre, SD with 10 siblings, I have one son named Trevor, one grandson Jayden, and soon to be daughter-in-law Amber. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with family, friends, reading, learning to crochet, volunteering, and working part-time as CNA/CMA at Edgewood Assisted Living.

Commission Calendar

Monday, September 3– Office closed in observance of Labor Day
Thursday, September 6– Commission meeting in Pierre, SD
Monday, October 1- 2018 Online Renewal available

*REMINDER: Licensees due to renew this year can go online between October 1st and November 30th to submit their application for renewal. A letter of notice to renew will be sent out in late September. We no longer offer paper applications. A step-by-step renewal tutorial is available on our website under Online Licensee Services. You can also log into your Online Personal License Services page to review your renewal year, education summary, and E&O insurance expiration date.
According to a recent report issued by the National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA), there were 28,843 complaints of housing discrimination in 2017, up slightly from 2016, the majority of which were based on disability.

Now in its 50th year, the Fair Housing Act (FHA), Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of dwellings based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The FHA was amended in 1989 by the Fair Housing Amendments Act (FHAA) which expanded FHA coverage to prohibit discrimination based on disability or familial status, established new administrative enforcement mechanisms for actions brought by HUD attorneys on behalf of housing discrimination victims, and expanded the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to bring federal court suits on behalf of victims.

The NFHA is a consortium of more than 220 private, nonprofit fair housing organizations, state and local civil rights agencies, and individuals throughout the U.S. that work to eliminate housing discrimination and ensure equal housing opportunities. The NFHA recently issued its 2018 Fair Housing Report: Making Every Neighborhood a Place of Opportunity; the latest in an ongoing annual series that provides insights into “current fair housing needs that require more attention from housing advocates, housing providers, industry, and the federal government.” According to NFHA’s recently released report highlights:

- There were 28,843 complaints of housing discrimination in 2017.
- The three most common types of complaints were based on disability (57 percent), race (19 percent), and family status (9 percent).
- Since 1991, more than 70,000 units of multi-family housing have been made accessible to persons with disabilities through litigation brought primarily by DOJ and private, nonprofit fair housing organizations.
- More than half a million housing discrimination complaints have been processed since 1996, when NFHA first began collecting complaint data.

According to the NFHA report, 71.3 percent of the complaints were handled by private, nonprofit fair housing organizations; most of which are NFHA members. NFHA also says that “in comparison, HUD, which Congress has tasked with ensuring effective enforcement of the Fair Housing Act, processed 1,311 complaints, less than five percent of the total. State and local governmental Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP) agencies processed 6,896 complaints and DOJ brought 41 cases.”

The report also details NFHA’s view of recent obstacles to fair housing, such as “the federal government’s failure to enforce the law vigorously”, “Facebook’s enabling of discriminatory ads by housing providers” and “HUD’s suspension of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rules.”
**New Licensees**

**Broker**
- Bass, Jeffrey  
  Hills  
  Sioux Falls
- Brendtro, Daniel  
  Custer  
  Sioux Falls
- James, Dena  
  Sioux Falls
- Kelly, Randal  
  Sioux Falls
- Koopman, Ashlyn  
  Sioux Falls

**Broker Associate**
- Abdallah, Brooke  
  Spearfish  
  Sioux Falls
- Abouelkhein, Mohamed  
  O'Neil  
  Sioux Falls
- Alden, Stacie  
  Crooks  
  Sioux Falls
- Bartels, Mark  
  Sioux Falls
- Bartholomau, Anthony  
  Wentworth  
  Sioux Falls
- Bleeker, Rachel  
  Sioux Falls
- Chambers, Carly  
  Rapid City  
  Sioux Falls
- Chester, Estela  
  Rapid City  
  Sioux Falls
- Clemmons, Kadie  
  Rapid City  
  Sioux Falls
- Coyle, Travis E  
  Rapid City  
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- Crawford, Taija  
  Rapid City  
  Sioux Falls
- Daly, Brady  
  Port St Joe  
  Sioux Falls
- Daniel, Simones  
  Sioux Falls
- Donaway, Cedrick  
  Sioux Falls
- Doohan, Gregory  
  Sioux Falls
- Ebel, Alicia  
  Sioux Falls
- Fisher, Matthew  
  Sioux Falls
- Fontenille, Alexandra  
  Sioux Falls
- Fore, Rebecca  
  Sioux Falls
- Geary, Cody  
  Rapid City  
  Sioux Falls
- Goette, Jason  
  Watertown  
  Sioux Falls
- Hadsell, Amy  
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- Halstenson, Corey  
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  Sioux Falls
- Hatten, Keighton  
  Watertown  
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- Heiberger, Jerald  
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  Sioux Falls
- Heidrich, Eric  
  Aberdeen  
  Sioux Falls
- Henrikson, Scott M  
  Aberdeen  
  Sioux Falls
- Hill, Melissa  
  Huron  
  Sioux Falls
- Hinricher, Elliot  
  Harrisburg  
  Sioux Falls
- Hofer, Misty  
  Watertown  
  Sioux Falls
- Holland, Jordan  
  Tea  
  Sioux Falls
- Holmlund, Thomas  
  Mobridge  
  Sioux Falls
- Huether, Collin A  
  Rapid City  
  Sioux Falls
- Jensen, Rylae  
  Rapid City  
  Sioux Falls
- Johnson, Christian  
  Rapid City  
  Sioux Falls
- Kats, James  
  Rapid City  
  Sioux Falls
- King, Jordan W  
  Rapid City  
  Sioux Falls
- Koedam, Samuel  
  New Underwood  
  Sioux Falls
- Kolbo, Tyrel  
  Sioux Falls

**Other Licensees**
- Koopal, Mandy  
  Harrisburg  
  Sioux Falls
- Kramer, Merlin F  
  Sioux Falls
- Kruse, Manda  
  Beresford  
  Sioux Falls
- Lauer, Benjamin  
  Sioux Falls
- Lehmann, Rachel  
  Sioux Falls
- Maag, Aaron  
  Deadwood  
  Sioux Falls
- Manes, Spencer  
  Sioux Falls
- Marquardt, Megan  
  Sioux Falls
- Musuka, Thomas  
  Sioux Falls
- Moes, Kimberly  
  Watertown  
  Sioux Falls
- Moffitt, Kelli  
  Pierre  
  Sioux Falls
- Monroe, Gregory  
  Sioux Falls
- Mullay, Erica  
  Aberdeen  
  Sioux Falls
- Nilson, Jessica  
  Brookings  
  Sioux Falls
- Odegaard, Kelly  
  Eureka  
  Sioux Falls
- Odenbach, Eric  
  Brandon  
  Sioux Falls
- Patel, Vikash A  
  Yankton  
  Sioux Falls
- Peterson, Nicolas  
  Cheyenne  
  Sioux Falls
- Pravecek, Nicole C  
  Valley Springs  
  Rapid City
- Reichardt-Gunhammer, Dustin  
  Brookings  
  Rapid City
- Richards, Thomas R  
  Rapid City  
  Sioux Falls
- Schinzel, Rosa M  
  Brookings  
  Sioux Falls
- Schmidt, Kasey  
  Sioux Falls
- Schweigert, Rachel  
  Sioux Falls
- Sichmeller, Brett  
  Sioux Falls
- Skinner, Jessica  
  Aurora  
  Sioux Falls
- Smith, Benjamin  
  Sioux Falls
- Smith, Michelle  
  Sioux Falls
- Smith, Rochelle  
  Sioux Falls
- Sorenson, Tam L  
  Hermosa  
  Sioux Falls
- Tucker, Jennifer L  
  Spearfish  
  Sioux Falls
- VanderBeek, Steven  
  Brandon  
  Sioux Falls
- Wallman, Angela  
  Harrisburg  
  Sioux Falls
- Weifenbach, Ronald L  
  Rapid City  
  Sioux Falls
- Welch, Amy  
  Pierre  
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- Wells, Charlene  
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- Williamson, Joyce  
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**Registered Home Inspector**

- Gappa, Grant: Frederick
- Joramo, Justin: Sioux Falls
- Mitchell, Benjamin: Sioux Falls
- Nordstrom, Philip E: Rapid City
- Ebel, Alicia: Rapid City
- Eisma, Lindsey: Sioux Falls
- Fillaus, Angela J: Mount Vernon
- Hale, Danae: Eagle Butte
- Hanson, Kathleen: Colton
- Hultengren, Melissa: Sioux Falls
- Jergenson, Elizabeth: Harrisburg
- Gappa, Grant: Frederick
- Joramo, Justin: Sioux Falls
- Mitchell, Benjamin: Sioux Falls
- Nordstrom, Philip E: Rapid City

**Salesperson**

- Brekkestran, Lisa: West Fargo
- Curran, Adam J: Chariton
- Davis, Suzanne L: Sioux City
- DeRocher, Carissa: Akron
- Hickman, Brian: Sioux City
- Gardiner, Garrett: Piedmont

**Timeshare Agent**

- Gardiner, Garrett: Piedmont

**Disciplinary Action**

The following actions by the Commission have become effective since the last report in the newsletter. A **Consent Agreement** is an admission of violation and voluntary acceptance of the terms determined by the Commission in lieu of a formal hearing.

Disciplinary Action (Cont.)


Halli Holden, Pierre, Broker Associate. Violation of SDCL 36-21A-136 (2), (3)(d) and 36-21A-147. Administrative fine $500.00, six hours of buyer agency, and six hours of license law.