

South Dakota Real EstateCommission

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## Summer 2018 Edition

**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.

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## Report: Most Fair Housing Complaints Are Disability-Based (Used with Permission by ARELLO)

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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	Sanderson, Bradley	Spirit Lake
Brendtro, Daniel	Sioux Falls	Spillman, Jeremy D	Ankeny
James, Dena	Custer	Thielke, Trevor	Harrisburg
Kelly, Randal	Sioux Falls	Thomas, Paul	Brookings
Koopman, Ashlyn	Sioux Falls		

### Broker Associate

Abdallah, Brooke	Spearfish	Koopal, Mandy	Harrisburg
Abouelkhein, Mohamed	Sioux Falls	Kramer, Merlin F	Sioux Falls
Alden, Stacie	O'Neill	Kruse, Mandra	Beresford
Bartels, Mark	Crooks	Lauer, Benjamin	Sioux Falls
Bartholomaus, Anthony	Sioux Falls	Lehmann, Rachel	Sioux Falls
Bleeker, Rachel	Sioux Falls	Maag, Aaron	Deadwood
Chambers, Carly	Wentworth	Mannes, Spencer	Sioux Falls
Chester, Estela	Sioux Falls	Marquardt, Megan	Sioux Falls
Clemmons, Kadie	Rapid City	Maruska, Thomas	Aberdeen
Coyle, Travis E	Rapid City	McLaughlin, Brianna	Sioux Falls
Crawford, Taija	Sioux Falls	Moes, Kimberly	Watertown
Daly, Brady	Sioux Falls	Moffitt, Kelli	Sioux Falls
Daniel, Simones	Port St Joe	Monroe, Gregory	Pierre
Donaway, Cedrick	Sioux Falls	Mullaly, Erica	Sioux Falls
Doohen, Gregory	Sioux Falls	Nilson, Jessica	Aberdeen
Ebel, Alicia	Rapid City	Odegaard, Kelly	Brookings
Fisher, Matthew	Sioux Falls	Odenbach, Eric	Eureka
Fontenille, Alexandra	Sioux Falls	Patel, Vikash A	Sioux Falls
Fore, Rebecca	Sioux Falls	Peterson, Nicolas	Brandon
Geary, Cody	Sioux Falls	Pravecek, Nicole C	Yankton
Goette, Jason	Watertown	Reichardt-Gunhammer, Dustin	Cheyenne
Hadsell, Amy	Brookings	Richards, Thomas R	Valley Springs
Halstenson, Corey	Sioux Falls	Schinzel, Rosa M	Rapid City
Hatten, Keighton	Spearfish	Schmidt, Kasey	Brookings
Heiberger, Jerald	Watertown	Schweigert, Rachel	Sioux Falls
Heidrich, Eric	Rapid City	Sichmeller, Brett	Sioux Falls
Henrikson, Scott M	Rapid City	Skinner, Jessica	Aurora
Hill, Melissa	Aberdeen	Smith, Benjamin	Sioux Falls
Hinricher, Elliot	Huron	Smith, Michelle	Sioux Falls
Hofer, Misty	Harrisburg	Smith, Rochelle	Sioux Falls
Holland, Jordan	Watertown	Sorenson, Tarri L	Hermosa
Holmlund, Thomas	Tea	Tucker, Jennifer L	Spearfish
Huether, Collin A	Sioux Falls	VanderBeek, Steven	Brandon
Jensen, Rylae	Mobridge	Wallman, Angela	Harrisburg
Johnson, Christian	Rapid City	Weifenbach, Ronald L	Rapid City
Kats, James	Sioux Falls	Welch, Amy	Pierre
King, Jordan W	Rapid City	Wells, Charlene	Sioux Falls
Koedam, Samuel	New Underwood	Williamson, Joyce	Rapid City
Kolbo, Tyrel	Sioux Falls		

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### Property Manager

Day, Joshua	Sioux Falls	Huether, Heidi J	Rapid City
Donarski, Ashley	Spearfish	Johnson, Karina	Rapid City
Eide, Mary	Sioux Falls	McKeown, Elena	Arlington
Hardt, Jessica	Brookings	Minor, Mallory L	Volga

### Registered Home Inspector

Gappa, Grant	Frederick	Palecek, Nicholas	Pierre
Joramo, Justin	Sioux Falls	Stricherz, Jordan	Huron
Mitchell, Benjamin	Sioux Falls	Thompson, Raymond	Rapid City
Nordstrom, Philip E	Rapid City	Torbert, Barton	Rapid City

### Residential Rental Agent

Ebel, Alicia	Rapid City	Jones, Mya	Rapid City
Eisma, Lindsey	Sioux Falls	Kaiser, Stephanie	Sioux Falls
Fillaus, Angela J	Mount Vernon	Koepp, Lindsey	Sioux Falls
Hale, Danae	Eagle Butte	Murray, Shawna	Sioux Falls
Hanson, Kathleen	Colton	Robinson, Jolene	Scottsbluff
Hultengren, Melissa	Sioux Falls	Romanowski, Julie	Sioux Falls
Jergenson, Elizabeth	Harrisburg	Vander Weide, Lindsey	Sioux Falls

### Salesperson

Brekkestran, Lisa	West Fargo	Imming, Alex S	Sergeant Bluff
Curran, Adam J	Chariton	Moser, Jodi	Detroit Lakes
Davis, Suzanne L	Sioux City	Preston, Mary	Box Elder
DeRocher, Carissa	Akron	Shafer, Ella	Rapid City
Hickman, Brian	Sioux City	Zachmeier, Michael	Rapid City

### Timeshare Agent

Gardiner, Garrett	Piedmont
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## 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.

Michael Alley, Rapid City, Broker. Violation of 36-21A-71(1), 36-21A-80. Administrative fine of \$500.00.

Gary Ward, Viborg, Broker. Violation of 36-21A-28, 36-21A-61, and 36-21A-71 (1). Administrative fine of \$100.00.

Bo Hauer, Rapid City, Broker. Violation of 36-21A-71(1), 36-21A-80, 36-21A-82. Administrative fine of \$500.00, three hours of trust accounting.

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Keith Carlyle, Rapid City, Broker. Violation of SDCL 36-21A-71 (1) & 36-21A-80. Administrative fine of \$500.00.

Bo Hauer, Rapid City, Broker. Violation of SDCL 36-21A-71 (1), 36-21A-80, and 36-21A-82. Administrative fine of \$1000.00.

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.

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