

Q & A

2012 Dues

Q: When are annual REALTOR® dues billed and when are they due?

A: This year, dues will be emailed to each member by August 1st. Invoices will not be mailed to the Broker or the agents. Dues are due by October 1st and must be paid in full by October 31st to avoid a \$75.00 late fee. A \$150.00 reinstatement fee will added to any unpaid invoices paid between January 25th and December 31st.

Q: How much are the 2012 dues?

A: The total dues for 2012 are \$517.00. ECBOR dues are \$182.00, IAR dues \$180.00, and NAR dues are \$155.00.

Q: Can Members make Installment Payments?

A: Yes, this year members can elect to pay their dues in 3 monthly installments; 1 payment in August, 1 in September and 1 in October. Payment coupons will be available in MLS Docs – 2012 Annual Realtor Dues folder. Members who wish to make monthly payments will submit their payment with the appropriate coupon. A \$5.00 monthly service fee will apply.

Q: Can Members Pay On-Line?

A: Yes, this year we have a new billing system that allows for on-line payments. Internet Member Services (IMS) is available through the Board website.

www.ecbor.com

Members Area

Internet Member Services (IMS) link

Login: MLS Agent ID

Password: ecbor

Q: What type of payment is accepted?

A: ECBOR accepts cash, money order, checks or Visa/Master Card. Members who pay in installments will need to mail in their check or credit card payment. Members who pay in full can use Internet Member Services.

Q: Are the dues refundable? What if I decide to retire this year?

A: Dues are non-refundable. Members who plan on leaving the business before January 1st of 2012 should notify the Board in writing of their intention. Members will be instructed not to pay their dues and the late fee can be waived if they decide to remain active. Please note, the late fee can only be waived if the Board was notified of the member's intent to retire **prior** to the dues deadline.

Q: When will new Members that join after July 31st have to pay the 2012 dues?

A: New members who join after July 31st and before October 1st can pay their 2012 dues upon application or receive an invoice due by October 1st. New members who join after October 31st will pay the 2011 pro-rated dues and the 2012 dues at the time of application.

Q: What happens if I don't receive my invoice?

A: The dues are sent out at the same time every year. The Board sends out several announcements through many avenues including the MLS Home page, the list serve, membership meeting and so on. If a member doesn't receive an email with their invoice attached by the first week of August, please contact the Board Office and we will email another copy. Ultimately, it's each member's responsibility to pay the dues by the deadline to avoid a late fee.

Q: Why are RPAC contributions's included on the Dues Invoice? Do I have to pay this?

A: ECBOR includes RPAC on the annual dues invoice to make it easy for members to make the contribution. Members do not have to pay the RPAC contribution because RPAC is voluntary. RPAC - REALTORS[®] Political Action Committee is a PAC supported entirely by REALTOR[®] members. RPAC is an insurance policy that covers those in the real estate industry as well as all homeowners. RPAC gives REALTORS[®] across the nation a voice in local, state and national politics. RPAC is this industry's watchdog. Not all members have time to monitor all the rules, regulations and laws that our governments develop so RPAC serves as the eyes and ears of our association. Although RPAC is voluntary, agents are encouraged to give as much as possible to ensure the REALTOR[®] voice is heard.

Q: Who determines how much goes to RPAC? What should I do if I want to pay more?

A: Each year the Board sets an overall goal for RPAC. This year each member will see a \$25.00 contribution amount on their invoice except for members who gave more than \$25.00 in 2010. Those members will be billed the amount of their 2010 contribution. Don't forget you can choose to donate more than \$25.00 or not at all. Please accept our "thanks" in advance for your contribution.