

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF REALTORS - BENEFITS OF JOINING THE REALTOR® FAMILY

When a licensee joins a local Board of REALTORS® they also join the State and National Association of REALTORS®. Becoming a REALTOR® gives you access to real estate and industry information on the local, state and national level. Information is immediately available by accessing the websites of the local, state and national associations www.ecbor.com, the local board website– www.indianarealtors.com, the state website – and www.realtor.org the national website. In addition, the state and national association send members magazines on a regular basis. The local board also has a newsletter that is available on the web at www.ecbor.com under the Newsletter tab.

Local membership provides networking opportunities by attending a monthly membership meeting hosted by the Board where complimentary lunch and programs are offered. Other networking events are available through out the year such as the golf outing, canoe trip, bus trip, holiday auction etc.

Joining the local Board allows members to use the term REALTOR®. REALTOR® is a trademark that indicates to the public the member agrees to abide by the REALTORS® Code of Ethics. The Code of Ethics sets a higher standard for members to follow when conducting business. The local Board enforces the Code of Ethics and provides mediation and arbitration for members to use when a commission is in question.

Membership provides access to education opportunities on a local, state and national level including Continuing education required by law.

Membership provides access to real estate forms needed to complete a transaction at a local level and through software.

Membership provides access to free legal advice.

Membership provides access to a local staff to help answer questions and provide guidance.

Membership provides access to local, state and national governmental affairs advocacy put in place to work with government at all levels to monitor laws that may be restrictive to the real estate industry and private property rights.

Membership provides access to local and national marketing campaigns to promote the REALTOR® Image.

Membership provides access to member benefits on a local, state and national level. REALTORS® have the opportunity to join Teachers Credit Union and Bayer Federal Credit Union.

Board Membership does provide access to the Multiple Listing Service. The Multiple Listing Service is a vehicle that compiles all the listings of its membership and is also a contract for payment of commissions.

The monthly MLS fee includes the use of lock boxes at no additional charge.

The monthly MLS fee includes a voicemail through the Realtor network.

The monthly MLS fee also includes access to the South Bend MLS at no additional charge.

The monthly MLS fee includes listing access to Realtor.com

MLS membership includes access to Northeastern and Kosciusko MLS for a reduced fee.

MLS membership allows for running MLS information on your personal website with the permission of the Participant and payment of a nominal fee.

This information is not meant to be inclusive but rather an overview of what membership offers.