

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the 2009 Atlantic hurricane season comes to a close, we are reminded that the North Carolina southeastern coast was fortunate again by not experiencing any major storms. After all of the hard work that NCAR and our own Legislative/RPAC Committee accomplished on the restructuring of the homeowner's insurance policies and rates, I am so thankful for all of our volunteers on all 14 of the association's committees. Volunteers on our committees made several important bylaw and policy recommendations this year in an effort to strengthen the association and ensure fiscal integrity for the association. Without members serving on our committees, the association cannot function. Our members voted in a solid and experienced leadership team for 2010 and I am excited that they can continue to lead the association beyond this transitional year and into the future. Please support them by becoming a part of the process. Sign up for one of our committees by the end of the day November 6.

Some events that I want to mention for December includes the General Membership meeting scheduled for Tuesday the 8th from 11:30AM until 1:30PM. The entire meeting is devoted to the new setback rules for coastal properties. This is a must if you represent a seller or buyer of coastal property. We scheduled Steve Coggins, who helped formulate portions of the legislation as well as a couple municipal CAMA officers who are charged with interpreting and applying the new legislation. Immediately prior to the GMM, is a BIC seminar from 10:30AM until 11:30 AM. If you are an experienced BIC or a new BIC, this seminar is a must to attend. Changes in MLS billing for 2010, new policies on dues and fees are among the several items being discussed. This seminar, hosted by Chris Bryan and Brad Vanderburg, will make your start to the 2010 year smooth and successful.

We were hoping to have final information to you concerning the extension of the Home Tax Credit. To date it has passed in the Senate and is on to the House of Representatives. By the time you get this we hope to be celebrating the tax credit extension and extension of a life line in our business segment to help continue to strengthen the economy. Be on the lookout for more information and the details of the final version. (see Steve's article under legislative report).

The Holidays are just around the corner. Though some of us have experienced a less than stellar year, please don't forget to count your blessings. Please be kind to those less fortunate and lend a hand where it is needed. A small gesture can make a huge difference in someone's life. Happy Holidays!