

YCAR Member Services

Yes-MLS

Yes-MLS is a separate multiple listing organization comprised of nine shareholder boards or associations of REALTORS®. These shareholders are the Youngstown Columbiana Association of REALTORS®, the Warren Area Board of REALTORS®, The Akron-Cleveland Association of REALTORS®, the Stark County Association of REALTORS®, the Lake Geauga Area Association of REALTORS®, the Medina County Board of REALTORS®, the Loraine County Association of REALTORS®, the Coshocton County Board of REALTORS® and the East Central Association of REALTORS®. The purpose of Yes-MLS is to provide a facility for the orderly correlation and dissemination of listing information among the participants so that they may better serve their clients and the public, and, further, to provide a means by which authorized participants make blanket unilateral offers of cooperation and compensation to others participants acting either as subagents, buyer agents, or both. Yes-MLS also provided its members with information on sold properties, financial data, mapping information and statistical data.

Electronic Lockbox Service (Supra)

All REALTORS® and/or a licensed or a certified Appraiser who is associated with an authorized Affiliate Member (authorized members shall be defined to be appraisers and inspectors, all inclusive) of the Youngstown Columbiana Association are eligible to participate in the SUPRA Electronic Lockbox System and to hold a SUPRA key subject to the execution of a lease agreement through the association. Members participating in this service are provided with an efficient way to access property after an appointment has been made with the listing agent.

Professional Development

YCAR provides a full range of educational offerings for your professional development. The association along with the support from our Affiliate Members offers members the opportunity to achieve a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education credit every year.

Grievance Committee

The association Grievance Committee is often described as the REALTOR® organization's grand jury in that, like grand jury, the committee does not receive a statement from the respondent. The Grievance Committee receives and reviews ethics complaints and arbitration requests monthly and determines whether to forward the matter based on whether the charges in the complaint have enough substance to be forwarded to a hearing panel, or the request for arbitration indicates the dispute is arbitrable. The Grievance Committee does not determine guilt or innocence or entitlement to a disputed commission; it can only determine whether a full hearing of all the facts is warranted. The committee makes only such preliminary evaluation as is necessary to make these decisions.

Professional Standards Committee

The association's Professional Standards Committee is similar to a court. The committee is charged with holding appropriate hearings for the Youngstown Columbiana Association of REALTORS® in accordance with procedures as set forth in the association's Bylaws in matter concerning alleged unethical conduct of an association members or in the arbitration of business despite arising out of the real estate business.

Mediation Service

The association has 5 Mediation Officers appointed by the President and requires the service of mediation to be attempted prior to arbitration. Mediation is offered for ethics complaints but is voluntary. Mediation cannot and is not intended to be a substitute for the arbitration procedure, but mediation can be a useful tool in resolving the conflicts that arise involving association members and/or their clients or customers.

Professional Designations

By obtaining an OR and NAR recognized designation you can improve your personal and professional growth, gain information that will help you increase your sales and make more money, increase your knowledge of the real estate industry and stand out from our peers. A complete list of available designations appears elsewhere in the directory.

Legislative Issues

The association's Legislative Committee is active in real estate issues at the local, state and federal levels. Committee members keep apprised of proposed or pending legislation that will impact the real estate industry. Recommendations are then made to the Board of Directors to support or oppose particular legislation.

RPAC (My REALTOR® Party)

RPAC funds raised by YCAR members' contributions are used to ensure that the REALTOR® voice is heard in the legislative process. Donations are given to political candidates who have been supportive of legislation that favors the real estate industry. RPAC accomplishments include: the extension of the Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act through January 2014, the passage of the five-year extension of the National Flood Insurance Program, and the continued preservation of the Mortgage Interest Deduction for American homeowners.

Fair Housing Partnership

The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® and HUD have entered into a Fair Housing Partnership to jointly identify fair housing issues, concerns, and solutions and promote fair housing. The Youngstown Columbiana Association of REALTORS® firmly supports the principle of fair housing for all and affirms that access to housing must not be denied or restricted on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status sexual orientation, gender identification, and national origin. This policy is embodied in NAR Code of Ethics.