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RE: Non Member Licensed Salesperson

## **NOTICE: Minnesota Real Estate License/Licensed Office Staff**

Please note: If anyone has a real estate license and they are employed by a REALTOR Member/Broker they must join an Association as a paying member. (NAR regulation clearly states this below)

- **Section 2. Dues.** The annual dues of members shall be as follows:
  - a. REALTOR® Members. The annual dues of each designated REALTOR® member shall be in such amount as established annually by the Board of Directors, plus an additional amount to be established annually by the Board of Directors times the number of real estate salespersons and licensed or certified appraisers who (1) are employed by or affiliated as independent contractors, or who are otherwise directly or indirectly licensed with such REALTOR® member, and (2) are not REALTOR® members of any association in the state or a state contiguous thereto or Institute Affiliate members of the association. In calculating the dues payable to the association by a designated REALTOR® member, non-member licensees as defined in (1) and (2) of this paragraph shall not be included in the computation of dues if the designated REALTOR® has paid dues based on said non-member licensees in another association in the state or a state contiguous thereto, provided the designated REALTOR® notifies the association in writing of the identity of the association to which dues have been remitted. In the case of a designated REALTOR® member in a firm, partnership, or corporation whose business activity is substantially all commercial, any assessments for non-member licensees shall be limited to licensees affiliated with the designated REALTOR® (as defined in (1) and (2) of this paragraph) in the office where the designated REALTOR® holds membership, and any other offices of the firm located within the jurisdiction of this association.

Some offices are LFRO (Limited Function Referral Office). Those offices do not belong to an association therefore are not counted as members. If they are not LFRO Offices and they do belong to an association, then that could be considered stealing from the MLS by not paying dues.

When Associations deviate from this then they are taking a risk with the NAR ruling that may cost them. RMLS membership follows the NAR policies and therefore if you have a license then you are a paying member.

Regards,

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Executive Director