

MAR winter Meetings January 28- 30, 2026

The first meetings of a new year are always exciting with many new attendees and committee members.

We started out **Wednesday** early with a **class Putting A.I. to work for You – The Extended Cut**. It was a very informative and well attended class. A great benefit of attending the business meetings is that they often provide a free continuing education class.

This was followed by a **Luncheon with speakers on the very important topic of Montana Water Matters: Managing Quality, Septic Systems and Water Rights**. I don't know about you, but I always love talking septic systems while I eat lunch... said no one ever... except Realtors®, they are a unique breed.

The rest of the day was spent with various committee meetings.

I am repeating as chair of the **Risk Management Committee** as my vice chair from last year, Rochelle Houghton, was asked to step in as Treasurer. This left a vacancy and President Angela requested I stay on.

In the Risk Management meeting, we started committee orientation, as there were many new members this year. We heard a NAR Risk committee report from Robyn Ehrlenbush, and had a discussion on referral disclosures and cloud based brokerages We also discussed topics for future broker power hours. **If you have a topic you would like to see covered, please let me know**. We also had updates from Jaymie Bowditch on Forms, FinCen and the legal hotline.

The evening would not be complete without an **RPAC event**. Have you made your investment? If not, let's have a cup of coffee and discuss RPAC. You can ask all of your questions!

Thursday started early with a **First Time Attendee Orientation**. I am so proud of how many first time attendees we had from NMAR! Way to go and way to participate in the orientation. I had the privilege of launching them out on a scavenger hunt to hunt down leadership and get their signatures. I believe it makes leadership less scary when you get to hunt them down.

The rest of the day was more committee meetings including the **Executive Committee** which I am on as Chair of Risk Management. During this time there was a **Round Table Session** available for discussions and networking.

Friday was the **Board of Directors Meeting**.

I suggest everyone try the MAR business meetings at least once to see if it would be a good fit for you. Great Networking and great work getting done on behalf of our members!

Respectfully Submitted,

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