

I attended the Association Management committee meeting. This was my first time attending, as well as my first time with a seat at the table. Much of the discussions were regarding items discussed at past meetings, in which I did not have any information on, so I sat and listened and learned to be able to be more proactive at future committee meetings.

I sat in on a few other committee meetings, one being government affairs, but just in the gallery, again to take it all in and see where I could learn or what other committees may interest me in the future. I felt this was a good use of my time since I am on NMAR's government affairs committee. There was talk about water and exempt well legislative bills, and the state's new tax reform, amongst other topics. Similar to discussions we are having in our local meetings.

I also attended the "first timer" meeting. It was good to hear why others felt it was time to get involved and/or why they decided to attend their first MAR meeting. Everyone was welcoming and it was good to see how many others came for the first time and to know I wasn't the only newbie.

My favorite event was the MAR round tables. I sat at 2 and we discussed how brokerages could get the word out or spark interest with others in their companies to attend the MAR meetings and participate in future committees. The second table was on the topic of things agents can do to show our value to our clients. I really enjoyed getting to meet and know other agents and brokers in the state.

I enjoyed the RPAC meet and greet and cocktail hour event. There are many passionate agents in Montana who are spending so much of own their time being involved and fighting for property rights.

I ended the conference at the Board of Director's meeting. It was really neat to see all the boards from all over the state participate.

If you want to have a voice in our town or our state, it's worth your time to check out the next meetings or join a local committee.