COMMISSION WINS NATIONAL EDUCATION AWARD

At the 1997 Real Estate Educators Association's (REEA) Annual Conference, held in Scottsdale, Arizona, the Hawaii Real Estate Commission was presented the Regulatory Agency of the Year award for their submission of a report on their efforts to repeal the "drop dead" provision for mandatory continuing education for real estate licensees. The report emphasized the purpose of the continuing education program and its consumer protection role. The report also refutes the Legislative Auditors report on continuing education by the Commission.

Also honored at the REEA conference was John Reilly, a certified instructor. He was recognized as the Most Unpretentious REEA member/lawyer. Congratulations!

LEGISLATIVE NEWS - UPDATE!

The following Acts have been passed into law:

Act 289 > National courses taught by nationally certified instructors certified by, including but not limited to the Building Owners and Managers Association, the Community Associations Institute, or other national organizations approved by the commission will be allowed for continuing education credit.

> CE courses no longer require a student to pass an examination for CE credit. (You may still offer an exam, however, the student is not required to pass the exam in order to receive CE credit. But the student is still required to attend the 3-1/3 class hours in order to receive credit.)

Act 40 > Deletes the provision that applications be sworn before an officer authorized to administer oaths (notary public).

Act 45 > Now allows a real estate licensee who is no longer associated with or employed with the real estate broker due to incapacitating disability or death and where written authorization is obtained from the real estate licensee or legal representative of the licensee permitting use of the name.

NEW BROKER CURRICULUM IN THE WORKS!

Dr. Nicholas Ordway is working on his new proposal for the broker curriculum. Dr. Ordway proposed the new broker curriculum to consist of 46 hours consisting of 30 hours of the salesperson curriculum and 16 hours of specialized topics for brokers. The Commission anticipates the new curriculum to be ready for January 1998. A course briefing for the prelicense course will be held before the end of the year - we will keep you posted!

WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONERS!

The Real Estate Commissioners and staffers would like to bid a fond farewell to Commissioners Barbara Dew and Stanley Kuriyama. We will miss their leadership as the Commission's Chair and Vice-Chair as well as their contribution as industry members. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors!

We would also like to welcome the two new Commissioners: Mitchell Imanaka and John Ohama. Both Commissioners were sworn in at the State Capitol on July 21, 1997. Staff looks forward to working with the new Commissioners!

Instructor Development Workshop tentatively scheduled for the Fall 1997!
APPROVED CE PROVIDERS, INSTRUCTORS & COURSES

Continuing Education Providers:
> Lynn W. Carlson*
> Hawaii Association of REALTORS*

Continuing Education Instructors:
> Lynn W. Carlson for elective courses: "Fair Housing" and "Basic Real Estate Investment Analysis"*
> A. Bernard Bays for course categories: Real Estate Law and Dispute Resolution*
> Kenneth D. H. Chong for elective course: "Fair Housing"

Continuing Education Courses:
> GRI 201*
> GRI 301*
> GRI 401*
> RS 204

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APPROVED PRELICENSE EDUCATION SCHOOLS AND INSTRUCTORS

Prelicense Schools:
> Century 21 Real Estate School*

(*indicates recertification or reregistration)

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CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, SEMINARS

The Real Estate Commission has rescheduled its September and October Committee meetings to Monday, September 15, 1997 and Wednesday, October 8, 1997. The October 8 meeting will be held in Wailea, Maui.

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Also, effective July 1997, the Education Review Committee will now be holding their meetings at 10:30 a.m.

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Starting in July 1997, the Commission will begin their "Specialist of the Day" for both the Real Estate and Condominium Specialist at the following times and locations:

Lihue, Kauai
Friday, July 25, 1997
3060 Eiwa Street
Conference Room

Hilo, Hawaii
Thursday, August 21, 1997
Regulated Industries Complaints Office
345 Kekuanaoa St., Room 31

Kona, Hawaii
Friday, August 22, 1997
Regulated Industries Complaints Office
Keahou Shopping Center
Room 134A

Wailuku, Maui
Friday, November 7, 1997
Regulated Industries Complaints Office
1063 Lower Main St., Ste. C-216

You may contact this office to make an appointment to speak to a real estate (586-2643) or condominium specialist (586-2644).

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The Hawaii Real Estate Commission will be hosting the 1997 ARELLO Annual Conference, September 6 - 10, 1997, at the Aston Wailea Resort, Maui. Real estate regulators, commissioners, and educators from the United States, Canada, Australia, South Africa, and other countries will be participating. ARELLO’s mission is to foster better administration and enforcement of real estate regulatory laws to protect the public interest in real estate.

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The Hawaii Association of REALTORS State Convention will be held October 8 - 10, 1997 at the Aston Wailea Resort, Maui.

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COMMISSION & STAFF

The Real Estate Commission Staff just got bigger with an addition: we would like to congratulate Tammy Norton and her husband Freddie on the birth of their son Keola born July 20, 1997. This is their second child. Both mother and son are doing fine. Tammy is the secretary for the condominium section of the Real Estate Branch.

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WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE. . .

If there is an issue or something you would like to see in School Files, please write us and let us know.

Don't forget to check out the Commission's web page on the internet!

Until next time, have a safe summer!