

# NAR

## S.M.A.R.T.

### INITIATIVES



NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION *of*  
REALTORS®



**“ We cannot afford – we have no right  
– to look back. We must look forward. ”**

*– Winston Churchill*

**W**ith the same determination of Churchill, the 2018 NAR Leadership Team is not flinching from our responsibility to move the National Association of REALTORS® into the future. This past week at NAR's Budget Review meeting, we passed a budget with **\$35 million** in new programming, which we are calling the **S.M.A.R.T. Initiatives**— Strategic Measures Advancing REALTORS® to Tomorrow. In an effort of complete transparency, we are excited to share all of the thinking that went into developing this budget, and why we believe the accompanying proposed dues increase is the best option to continue to serve NAR's **1.3 million** members.

The budget includes dollars to:

- Define measurable increases in professionalism
- Increase influence in an uncertain legislative, regulatory and political environment
- Take the management of real estate data to the next level
- Ensure the role of the REALTOR® is essential to the consumer

When we took office last November in Chicago, each of us was clear-eyed about the tough decisions that lay ahead. After all, we didn't accept the mantle of leadership to kick the can down the road. The 2019 NAR budget is perhaps the most shining example of your NAR leadership team living up to our collective "Own It" moment.

The budget will be presented at the NAR Board of Directors meeting on **May 19<sup>th</sup>**. Over the next seven weeks, we look forward to discussing with every member, and state and local AE about why this budget and these **S.M.A.R.T. Initiatives** are essential to position REALTORS® for success in an era of change and disruption.

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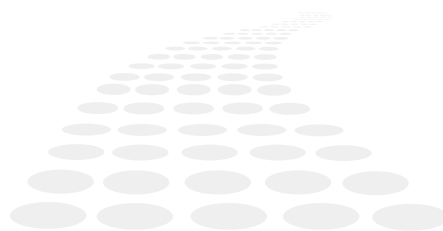
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**Bob Goldberg** • *Chief Executive Officer*



## 1 THE BUDGET PROCESS

- Each group leader and their teams reviewed/assessed each of their programs, cutting costs for efficiency wherever possible
- They focused on maximum efficiency to deploy/redeploy assets to where most needed to serve our members
- This budget cycle has been a herculean effort on the part of staff to try to budget what was essentially a moving target, moving concurrently with a complete organizational design review and overhaul

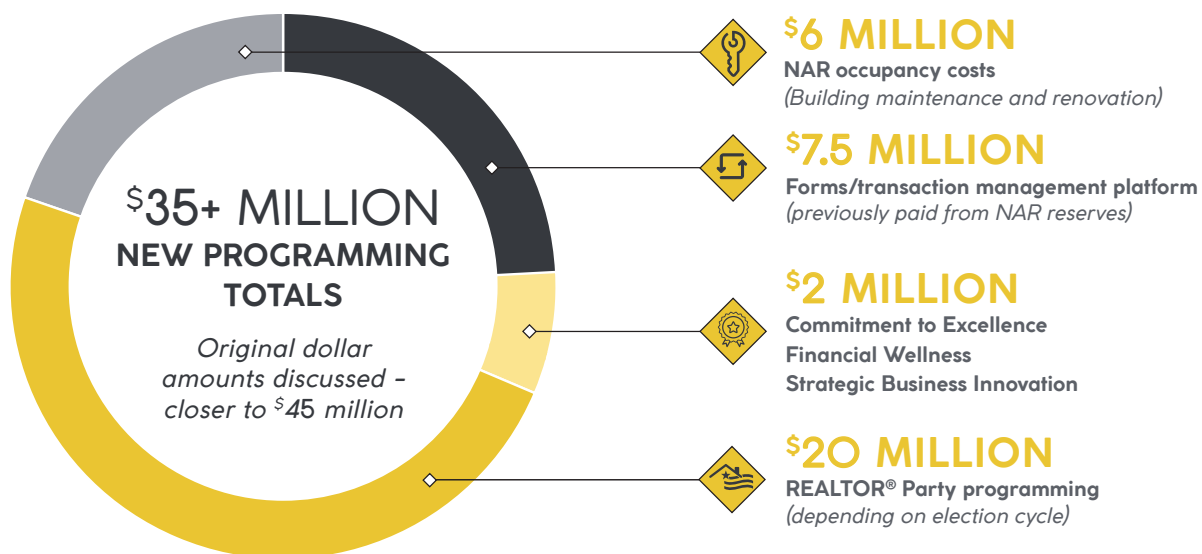
## 2 TRANSPARENCY

- New five year look, reflecting forward thinking approach
- Focus of the 2018 budget meetings was on fiscal year 2019
  - ◆ Only 2019 going forward to Board for approval



## 3 THE S.M.A.R.T. INITIATIVES

**Strategic Measures Advancing REALTORS® to Tomorrow**  
*We **ARE** ready to tackle the future needs and challenges of the industry*



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### REALTORS PROPERTY RESOURCE®

- AMP program eliminated in 2018
  - ◆ Immediate impact on 2018 budget: \$1.7 million (7.25% savings)
  - ◆ 2019 impact: savings to NAR \$5.25 million (22% savings)

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### FORMS/TRANSACTION MANAGEMENT PLATFORM

- NAR forms available for every member were funded by reserves from 2016 – 2018
  - ◆ Cost of this funding – More than \$38 million over a 3 year period
- Beginning in 2019, any provision of these services to our members **must be funded** from dues
  - ◆ \$7.5 million reflected in 2019 budget and beyond as a place marker for the provision of this service to our members

## S.M.A.R.T. INITIATIVES CAN'T BE FUNDED FROM RESERVES.

Since 2015, NAR's reserves have been drawn

▼ 45%

- ◆ \$38 million for Forms/Transaction Management Platform
- ◆ \$12 million for AMP & Upstream

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### EXPENSE REDUCTION



NAR headcount decreased from 2017 actual to 2018 budgeted levels by net amount of 12 staff

Decreases of 18 offset by additional needs of 6



ESTIMATED SAVINGS

= MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION

2019 budget reflects net increase of 2.5 staff



Concentrated in new areas of programs beginning in 2018; expanding in future years



\$100K cut in Global Travel



EXPENSES AND HEADCOUNT HAVE BEEN REDUCED WHEREVER POSSIBLE



TOTAL CUTS IN EXCESS OF

= \$2.0 MILLION FROM 2017-19

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## PROPOSED DUES INCREASE

### ● \$30 increase in 2019:

- ◆ \$17 dedicated to REALTOR® Party programming
  - New dues level - \$57
- ◆ \$13 for operating programming
  - New dues level - \$93
- ◆ **Total per member - \$150**
- ◆ The 2019 budget is based on an estimate of 1.3 million members, per the projection of NAR Chief Economist Dr. Lawrence Yun and the recommendation of the Finance Committee

**This forward-looking budget includes an annual 2.5% increase to dues for each year beginning in 2020. This does not include the \$35 special assessment for the consumer advertising campaign.**

### ● Key components of increase:

- ◆ REALTOR® Party increase centered on
  - Federal Issues Advocacy and IE's
  - State and Local Issues Mobilization and IE's
- ◆ Operating increase focused on
  - Forms
  - Occupancy costs
  - Strategic Business & Innovation
  - Commitment to Excellence
  - Financial Wellness Program for Members



**W**ith the transition to an information economy and the digital landscape populated with smart phones, smart TVs, and smart homes, the new day at NAR demands a smart NAR.

- **Bob Goldberg,**  
CEO, National Association of REALTORS®



## **\$20 Million** **REALTOR® Party Programming**

NEW/ENHANCED ACTIVITIES
ISSUES MOBILIZATION
STATE/LOCAL INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES
CAMPAIGN SERVICES
RPAC DIRECT FUNDRAISING
CONSUMER ADVOCACY OUTREACH
FEDERAL PUBLIC ISSUES ADVOCACY
FEDERAL INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES
<b>TOTALS → \$17/MEMBER \$20 MILLION</b>

\*BASED ON A MEMBERSHIP LEVEL OF **1.3** MILLION MEMBERS

- **75%** of the proposed dues increase is allocated to state and local services. The remaining **25%** is allocated to federal advocacy



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## DUES INCREASE DOES NOT AFFECT MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- We have not seen a definitive effect on membership levels following recent dues increases
- In 1995 after membership dues were increased, membership also increased that year
- In 2008 and 2012, both of those years fell during the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. As a result, membership was already falling
- It's therefore difficult to correlate the impact of a dues increase on membership, since dues are one of many factors that influence whether membership increases or decreases

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## COMMUNICATIONS TIMELINE

- NAR will be communicating at every opportunity through the Board of Directors meeting in May
- To request an officer to speak at your association, please visit: [nar.realtor/requestofficer](http://nar.realtor/requestofficer)
- We are committed to leadership in the sunshine, and therefore want every member to have access to this budget summary, whether in hard copy or online at [nar.realtor/smartbudget](http://nar.realtor/smartbudget). It is imperative that every member has the ability to review and discuss these **S.M.A.R.T.** Initiatives before they are voted on at the May meetings in Washington, D.C.



## THE FOLLOWING TIMELINE INCLUDES EVENTS WHERE THE BUDGET WILL BE DISCUSSED



## PARTICIPANTS OF THE JOINT BUDGET REVIEW TEAM AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**MARCH** 20-21, 2018

### LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Anne Gardner	John Sebree
Greg Hrabcak	Cynthia Shelton
Heidi Kasama	Linda St. Peter
Nancy Lane	Joe Stewart
Bradley Lois	Jack Torza
Andy Mahowald	

*\*Also present were the Regional Vice Presidents and select guests*

