

## **NEREN BOD Meeting Talking Points**

July 15, 2020

- The Board observed a demonstration from staff of a new software feature created by Paragon called Affiliate Connect. The Board has authorized staff to test and integrate this new product into our system. This feature will provide the ability for agents to connect with persons and companies that provide real estate and home related services, such as loan officers, home inspectors, contractors, title companies, etc. These service providers will then be visible to the agent's customers and clients via the Paragon Collaboration Center. This feature is completely optional for agents to participate in and is offered at no additional cost to the agent. Affiliates who wish to take advantage of this program can do so by joining NEREN as a limited member and would pay normal quarterly subscriber fees. They would then have access to a separate Affiliate dashboard where they can participate in the Affiliate Connect features.
- The Board passed an investment policy to provide guidance to the NEREN Finance Committee pertaining to its duties to safeguard NEREN's financial reserves, which are mandated by the company bylaws.
- The Board made a procedural change to a NAR policy that was adopted by NEREN in 2018. Called MLS of Choice, this NAR policy allows MLS members to waive out of MLS services if they are also members in good standing with another MLS or CIE. Today the Board changed the administrative verification process from quarterly to annually.
- The Board approved utilizing zipLogix as a vendor to produce updated listing input forms. These newer and more practical forms will replace the current listing input forms that can be accessed via the "MLS Documents" icon in Paragon.