

FROM THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE --

Proposed changes to Bylaws: We have a request from the Real Estate Council of British Columbia to join District 4, the Nova Scotia Real Estate Commission to join District 2, and Namibia and Saudi Arabia to join District 5. The goal is to have these vetted for the General Assembly's consideration at the Mid-year meeting.

Rationale: The Association at its last meeting disbanded District 5 (which then included Canadian Districts) to allow those jurisdictions to affiliate with other Districts or choose not to participate at the District level at all and instead remain unaffiliated. Inasmuch as the Districts are set out in the Bylaws, the addition of any member to a District requires a bylaws change, i.e., the addition of the jurisdiction's name to the appropriate district as set out in Article VII, Section 1.

Proposal:

ARTICLE VII Districts

Section 1. The JURISDICTIONS shall be divided into Districts as follows:

District 1: Bermuda, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont;

District 2: Alabama, Arkansas, Bahamas, Florida, Georgia, Jamaica, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, **Nova Scotia**, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virgin Islands, Virginia, and West Virginia;

District 3: Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wisconsin;

District 4: Alaska, Arizona, **British Columbia**, California, Guam, Hawai'i, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming;

District 5: Ajman, Armenia, Australian Capital Territory, Dubai, New South Wales, New Zealand, **Namibia**, Victoria, Northern Territory, Philippines, **Saudi Arabia**, South Africa, South Australia, Tasmania, United Kingdom, Western Australia, and Zimbabwe.

(a) The MEMBER JURISDICTIONS from the United States of America shall be divided into District 1, District 2, District 3, and District 4.

(b) A MEMBER JURISDICTION from other than the United States of America may choose to join the International District (District 5) or District 1, 2, 3, or 4, OR remain unassigned to any District as an "at large" member.

Section 2. A new MEMBER JURISDICTION shall choose a District assignment at the time of submitting its membership application. If no choice of District is designated in the application, the MEMBER JURISDICTION shall remain unassigned to any District. Changes in the composition of Districts shall be considered and approved by the General Assembly in the same manner as other changes to the ARELLO Bylaws.