

Regional Vice President Update

August 2026 | Texas Updates

State and national news, member resources, and leadership opportunities. Blue underlined text opens the linked resource in the digital handout.

This monthly overview reflects the August update. Event dates, deadlines, and planned activities are retained as reported at that time.

Leadership Participation and TREPAC

2027 committee appointments: Confirmation emails were sent August 18. Members have until **September 30** to accept appointments. The member survey on the governance structure was open through **August 21**.

TREPAC: Participation reached **40%**. Dia de TREPAC was scheduled for August 28 at the [Shaping Texas Conference](#). September 30 deadlines covered Spirit and Heart award nominations, TREPAC and CAP investments, and TREPAC Commercial entries.

Practice Resources and Broker Support

TREC published [FAQs on the seller's disclosure of groundwater and surface water rights](#). Texas REALTORS® also provided an [option period extension FAQ](#) for buyers and sellers. Review these resources when questions arise in transactions.

The August update identified **November 2** as the mandatory date for appraisal changes. Watch the [appraisal webinar replay](#) for their effect on members and clients. A broker webinar on Uniform Appraisal Dataset 3.6 was being planned for early September to address training and brokerage policies.

Brokers and managers can find meeting content in the [AgentForward archives](#) and on the [Broker Advantage page](#). Education activity reached **2,587 classes and 37,792 students** year to date; the previous 30 days included 309 classes serving 3,533 students.

Global and Commercial Engagement

The Rio Grande Guardian highlighted [Pius Dawson's role](#) in Brownsville's new Global Committee and its agreement with AMPI Matamoros. It also featured [Jennifer Wauhob and AMPI President Jenny Rivas](#) as keynote speakers. The [Texas International Residential Transactions Report](#) generated 290 media pickups with a potential audience of 101.7 million.

Ronnie Kovar was invited to moderate a partnership and commercial membership panel at [NAR's Commercial Leadership Development Day](#) on August 23 in Chicago.

Association News

Texas REALTORS® again earned Top Workplace recognition. A redesigned website was planned for early September, and filming of Spanish-language consumer awareness ads was scheduled for late September. The Shaping Texas Conference [event app](#) was available for download.

National News and Resources

August 2026 | NAR Updates

Market Research for Member Conversations

NAR's [July existing-home sales report](#) showed sales falling **1.7%** while the median existing-home price rose **2% to \$434,100**. Use the national findings as context alongside local market information.

Associations can localize metro home-price and sales findings with NAR's [customizable news release template](#) and [local metro data file](#). The new [Commercial Real Estate Demand Index](#) measures economic drivers of commercial demand across more than 300 U.S. metro areas.

Advocacy and Association Priorities

NAR is [advocating for health coverage options](#) for real estate professionals through engagement with federal officials. Its [Strategic Plan progress update](#) describes work on seven priorities, including advocacy, MLS relationships, technology and data, governance, education, and broker engagement.

The [Value Proposition Messaging Suite](#) helps associations explain how member dues, engagement, and participation support member value. Local leaders can use the materials when discussing association benefits with members.

Business Skills and Commercial Innovation

On-demand [financial wellness webinars](#) help REALTORS® build their understanding of financial topics. The August 26 [Broker Power Hour](#) featured emerging real estate fraud trends with Tyler Adams, Co-Founder and CEO of CertifID.

NAR selected [eight companies for REACH Commercial](#), its program supporting commercial real estate technology businesses. RPR's [Stand Out with Market Trends webinars](#) offer opportunities to strengthen the use of market data in client conversations.

Fair Housing and Consumer Education

Nominations for the [REALTOR® Fair Housing Champion Award](#) were open through **August 29**. Winners receive **\$7,500** to direct to a housing-related nonprofit and recognition during Fair Housing Month and the REALTORS® Legislative Meetings.

NAR's consumer guide [Prepare Your Home for Hurricane Season](#) provides information to share with homeowners as peak hurricane season approaches. Consider using consumer education resources in newsletters and member discussions.

Leadership and Recognition

NAR's [Leadership Summit](#) was scheduled for August 24-25. Applications for [2026 YPN Networks of the Year](#) were due August 31. [NAR NXT](#) was listed in the August update for November 6-8 in New Orleans; consult the event website for the full current schedule.

Events and Member Actions

August 2026 | Dates to Keep Handy

Dates follow the August update; all times are Central. Use event links to confirm current details and availability.

Date	Time / Place	Event and Registration
Aug. 26-30	San Antonio	Shaping Texas Conference Grand Hyatt Riverwalk; download the event app
Sept. 8	9:30 a.m.	If Real Estate Is Your Profession Politics Is Your Business
Sept. 10	2-3 p.m.	Unlocking Brazil Global market trends webinar
Sept. 16	9 a.m.	Vulnerable to Vigilant Practical safety strategies webinar
Sept. 24	10-11 a.m.	Order in the Court The Squatter Showdown Webinar
Oct. 19	1-6 p.m.	Texas YPN Leadership Launchpad Five Points Board, Round Rock
Oct. 20-23	Round Rock	Texas REALTOR® Party and Leadership Summit Kalahari
Oct. 27	10-11 a.m.	Pet-Friendly Housing and Assistance Animals PetScreening webinar on fair housing compliance
Oct. 28	10-11:30 a.m.	Commercial Connection Member resources and property showcase
Dec. 16	9:30-10:30 a.m.	The Power of Mentorship YPN webinar

RPR Market Trends Training

[Stand Out with Market Trends](#): September 22 at 1 p.m.; October 13 at 11 a.m.; November 9 at 1 p.m.; and December 7 at 1 p.m.

Follow Up After the Presentation

Respond to committee appointments by September 30. Review a practice or market resource with your team, and share local concerns and member questions with your RVP.