

2021 Committees/Forums/Councils Chairs & Vice Chairs

Administration & Operations

Purpose: The Administration and Operations Committee shall oversee the employees and the physical assets of the Georgia Association of REALTORS® and review recommendations regarding any other business brought before the body.

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Advisory Council

Purpose: The Advisory Council shall act in an advisory capacity for the Georgia Association of REALTORS®.

Chair

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Associations Collaborating Together (ACT) Council

Purpose: The ACT Council shall act in an advisory capacity for the Georgia REALTORS® and provide an opportunity to share ideas, discuss challenges, and identify areas of collaboration and partnership.

Chair

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Vice Chair

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Association Executives

Purpose: The Association Executives Committee shall serve as a communications and education link between the Georgia Association of REALTORS® and its Member Boards on those items of information and policy which are pertinent to Association Executives and their Member Boards.

Chair

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Audit

Purpose: The Audit Committee shall assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities by reviewing the audited financial reports as well as all audit procedures and processes, including the established system of internal controls.

Chair

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Broker's Council

Purpose: To provide Broker education, provide broker to broker resource network, and encourage participation of members and recruitment of non-members

Chair

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Commercial Connection

Purpose: The Commercial Connection is the commercial component of the Georgia REALTORS®. The Commercial Connection represents the collective commercial real estate constituencies of GAR, including affiliated commercial organizations. The Commercial Connection shall work to identify and serve the unified needs of commercial practitioner members throughout the state of Georgia.

Chair

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Communications

Purpose: The Communications Committee shall be charged with serving as GAR's 'communication ambassadors' by disseminating GAR's message – both internal and external – via a variety of communication mediums. Committee will work with staff to recommend communication initiatives, deliver feedback on programs and campaigns, and analyze results of completed campaigns.

Chair

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Conference

Purpose: The Conference Committee shall assist the Georgia REALTOR® staff with the planning, development and execution of the Inaugural Conference & and the Annual Conference and Expo which fulfill Georgia REALTORS® guiding principles by elevating professionalism through education, developing future leaders, and providing meaningful opportunities for connections.

Chair

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Economic Development Advisory Council

Purpose: The Economic Development Advisory Council advises the GAR CEO and Staff Liaison regarding economic development projections and engagements activities within the state.

Chair

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Executive

Purpose: The Executive Committee shall serve as the policy review and steering committee and shall be responsible to the Board of Directors for the effective conduct of the affairs of the Georgia Association of REALTORS®. Additionally the Executive Committee shall recommend the formulation of Association mission, goals, objectives and related policies and, within that framework, plan, organize, coordinate, control and direct the staff, programs, and activities of the Georgia Association of REALTORS®.

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Finance

Purpose: The Finance Committee shall monitor income and expenditures of the Georgia Association of REALTORS®, prepare and monitor all budgets and recommend necessary adjustments.

Chair

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Forms

Purpose: The Forms Committee shall work with Georgia Association of REALTORS® legal counsel in the development and revision of real estate related forms deemed appropriate for use by REALTOR® Board Members, Member Boards, and board owned/operated multiple listing services.

Chair

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Global Alliance

Purpose: The Global Alliance Forum shall develop relationships and promote unity between international Practicing Real Estate groups in Georgia as well as Georgia Government agencies' that promote the influx of capital, tourism dollars, and usage of real estate and real estate acquisitions

Chair

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GRI Board of Governors

Purpose: The GRI Board of Governors shall provide the management and administration of the Graduate, REALTOR® Institute Program.

Dean

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Associate Dean

TBD

Hall of Fame Advisory Council

Purpose: The Hall of Fame Advisory Council shall meet annually to select new inductees into the GAR Hall of Fame

Chair

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Housing Opportunity & Diversity Committee

Purpose: The Housing Opportunity & Diversity Committee shall develop and recommend policy promoting equal opportunity in housing and diversity within the real estate industry. To identify the concerns and needs of our diverse membership and to assist in the development of actions to address those concerns and needs.

Chair

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Insurance Trustees

Purpose: Shall contract with insurance companies for the issuance of insurance policies. The Insurance Trustees derive their authority from and are governed by a Trust Agreement with GAR.

Chair

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Leadership Academy Advisory Council

Purpose: Shall partner with GAR staff to provide input into the GAR Leadership Academy application process, content and programming of sessions, and shall recruit and recommend applicants for participation in the Academy program.

Chair

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Legal Action

Purpose: The Legal Action Committee shall monitor legal actions instituted in the state of Georgia that could or would have an impact on the real estate profession or those engaged in it. Additionally, the Legal Action Committee shall administer the Legal Defense Fund.

Chair

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MLS Forum

Purpose: The MLS Forum shall provide a format for members, association executives and staff specialists who operate a multiple listing service or a commercial listing exchange (either board-owned or private) to share ideas and stay abreast of the latest multiple listing service technology and industry trends.

Chair

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NAR Directors

Purpose: The National Association of REALTORS® Directors serve as a liaison between the Georgia Association of REALTORS® and the National Association of REALTORS®.

Chair

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Nominating

Purpose: The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for annually nominating a slate of Officers of the Georgia Association of REALTORS® as prescribed in the Georgia Association of REALTORS® Constitution and Bylaws.

Chair

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Professional Development

Purpose: The Professional Development Committee implements and maintains educational programs relevant to the industry and current trends to provide members with knowledge and growth in professionalism and success.

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Professional Standards

Purpose: The Professional Standards Committee oversee the Statewide Professional Standards Program. (Note: The Georgia Association of REALTORS® Professional Standards Committee is established by the National Association of REALTORS® Code of Ethics and Arbitration Manual and all of its functions are governed therein.)

Chair

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REALTORS® Issues Action (RIAC)

Purpose: The REALTORS® Issues Action Committee shall be organized and operated primarily for the purpose of collecting contributions to support or oppose state and local issues that impact real property in the state of Georgia. (Note: The management and administration of REALTORS® Issues Action Committee and the conduct of its affairs shall be vested in a Board of Trustees.)

Chair

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REALTOR® Party Action Committee Fundraising Council

Purpose: To cultivate an active connection between the state association and the local associations centered upon RPAC Fundraising efforts to meet annual goals.

Chair

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REALTORS® Political Action (RPAC)

Purpose: The REALTORS® Political Action Committee shall be organized and operated primarily for the purpose of collecting contributions to support candidates for state and local political office in the State of Georgia. (Note: The management and administration of REALTORS® Political Action Committee and the conduct of its affairs shall be vested in a Board of Trustees.)

Chair

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REALTORS Party Advisory Group (RPAG)

Purpose: To foster on-going engagement and communication between the various committees and individuals charged with duties relating to the REALTOR® Party and REALTOR® advocacy issues.

Chair

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REALTORS® Political Involvement (RPIC)

Purpose: The REALTORS® Political Involvement Committee shall effectively present to the political arena the views, aims, and positions of the Georgia Association of REALTORS® and to arrange for personal liaison with elected and bureaucratic officials to quickly assure the greatest possible impact upon those political figures who have a voice and/or vote to influence or determine political actions affecting the real estate industry.

Chair

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Scholarship Foundation Trustees

Purpose: To support the efforts of individuals in the real estate community who seek education to better serve the public.

Chair

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Special Recognition

Purpose: The Special Recognition Committee shall select the recipient(s) of the Georgia Association's of REALTORS® REALTOR® of The Year Award, YPN Young Achievers Award, GAR Hall of Fame Award, GAR Good Neighbor Award; and shall review nominations for the National Association of REALTORS® Distinguished Service Award recipient, and shall prepare official resolutions and proclamations as directed by the President, the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.

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State & Local Government Affairs

Purpose: The State and Local Government Affairs Committee shall review public policy issues affecting the real estate industry.

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Strategic Planning

Purpose: The Strategic Planning Committee shall assist the Georgia Association of REALTORS® in taking strategic long-term perspective about its larger environment, how it serves its members, and the role it should play within the real estate industry.

Chair

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Technology

Purpose: The Technology Forum shall provide REALTOR® Members, Member Boards and Multiple Listing Services with information on emerging trends in technology that will impact their business and business operations and to provide opportunities to share information with respect to new technologies and new business applications.

Chair

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Young Professionals Network Advisory Committee

Purpose: The Advisory Committee of YPN Georgia seeks to be the voice of a fast-growing group of young REALTOR® professionals who are focused on personal growth, networking, and association involvement and to facilitate events and gatherings that provide a fun and welcoming networking environment for our younger and “rookie” members (those licensed less than two years) of GAR, while providing value and merit to the membership of GAR as a whole. The Advisory Committee should be a diverse group culturally and geographically with a primary focus on helping young professionals become engaged and involved in both their Local and State Associations, while also being a resource to Local Networks wishing to serve their members at the local level.

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