

## 2026 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 Associations Collaborating Together (ACT) Council shall act in an advisory capacity for the Georgia Association of REALTORS® and provide an opportunity to share ideas, discuss challenges, and identify areas of collaboration and partnership.

#### 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 Committee

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

#### **Chair**

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### **Bylaws, Policies & Procedures Review**

Purpose: The Bylaws, Policies & Procedures Review Committee is hereby entrusted with the duty of reviewing recommendations for submission from Committees, PAGs, Task Forces or the Board of Directors. Recommendations for these proposed changes shall be referred back to the submitting Committee, PAG or Task Force. Said recommendations will be attached to all motions for change to the Bylaws and/or Policies & Procedures presented to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Said recommendations shall pertain to operational policies (excluding the GAR Financial Policies & Procedures Manual), inclusive of consequential amendments to the Association's Bylaws and Policies & Procedures.

#### **Chair**

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### **Commercial Committee**

Purpose: The Commercial Committee shall work to identify and serve the unified needs of commercial practitioner members throughout the state of Georgia. To focus on commercial real estate industry issues and trends, professional development, industry awareness and leadership support to help members achieve their business goals.

#### **Chair**

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### **Community Service Committee**

Purpose: The Community Service Committee shall serve as the facilitator for "enhancing the quality of life in our communities," by organizing service activities that benefit communities by partnering with non-profit organizations across Georgia, and by providing local boards and associations with ideas and action plans for community service projects and initiatives.

#### **Chair**

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### **Conference Committee**

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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### **Credentials, Campaign and Rules Committee**

Purpose: The purpose of the Credentials, Campaign and Rules Committee shall be to evaluate candidate applications for all elective offices of the Georgia Association of REALTORS® ("Georgia REALTORS®" or "GAR") and to establish, monitor, enforce and manage campaign policies and procedures approved by the Board of Directors.

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### **Economic Policy Advisory Council**

Purpose: The Economic Policy Advisory Council is appointed to advise the Chief Executive Officer and Staff Liaison regarding economic outlook and development projections, strategies, policies, and activities within the state.

#### **Chair**

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### **Executive Committee**

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®.

#### **Chair**

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### **Finance Committee**

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 Committee**

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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### **Georgia Association of REALTORS® Disaster Relief**

Specific Objectives. The specific objective of the Fund shall be to raise funds for the relief of victims whose residence or place of real estate business located in the state of Georgia has been damaged or destroyed by natural disaster.

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### **Georgia Association of REALTORS® NAR Strategy Advisory Group**

Purpose: The Georgia Association of REALTORS® NAR Strategy Advisory Group shall promote National Association of REALTORS® Leadership throughout recognizing individuals to serve as National Association of REALTORS® Regional Vice President, Directors At-Large, Committee Chairs, Committee Vice Chairs, and Committee Members.

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### **Georgia Accredited Commercial Specialist (GACS) Board of Governors**

Purpose: The GACS Board of Governors shall provide the management, promotion and administration of the Georgia Accredited Commercial Specialist (GACS) Program.

#### **Dean**

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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.

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### **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 Committee**

Purpose: The Housing Committee shall provide strategic direction for the Georgia Association of REALTORS® on housing opportunity initiatives and policies.

#### **Chair**

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### **Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Action (IDEA) Committee**

Purpose: The IDEA Committee shall research and recommend DEI initiatives to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion within the real estate profession, Georgia Association of REALTORS®, and its leadership.

#### **Chair**

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### **Insurance Trustees Committee**

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 Committee**

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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### **Member Communications Committee**

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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#### **Vice 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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### **President and President Elect Forum**

Purpose: The President and Presidents-Elect Forums shall provide an arena for communication, sharing of ideas, discussion of concerns, and interaction between leadership of the local boards/associations and the Georgia REALTORS®.

#### **Chair**

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### **Professional Development Committee**

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.

#### **Chair**

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### **Professional Standards Committee**

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.) \*This Committee does not review Complaints or hold Hearings.

#### **Chair**

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### **Property Management Council**

Purpose: The Property Management Council shall work to identify and serve the unified needs of property management practitioner members throughout the state of Georgia. To focus on property management real estate industry issues and trends, professional development, industry awareness and leadership support to help members achieve their business goals.

#### **Chair**

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### **REALTORS® Issues Action Committee (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.

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### **Special Recognition Committee**

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 Good Neighbor Award; review nominations for the National Association of REALTORS®' Distinguished Service Award and when appropriate, select a Georgia 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 Committee**

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

#### **Chair**

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### **Strategic Planning Committee**

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 Forum**

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 REALTORS® 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.

#### **Chair**

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