



Speak up, speak out, and share your voice!

DRAR is a member-driven Association. We need your involvement and your ideas on how to lead DRAR into our second century of service.

This is OUR Association, OUR Profession, and OUR Commitment to providing quality representation to our community, clients, and each other. Being a REALTOR® is not just a job, it's the heart of our country. A home represents

many things, but ultimately, it's *where the heart beats* for us all. It's family, community, life, and we have the honor of assisting clients in their journey.

DRAR is our professional home, and our home needs your heart, your involvement, and your guidance to succeed. As we begin the next 100 years, I invite you to join fellow REALTORS® in supporting our home by becoming a committee member. I'm not a big fan of the word committee, so just think of these groups as opportunities to "speak up, speak out, and share your voice!"

Cindie Burns, 2023 DRAR President

- Community Service - Co-Chairs: Julie Russ / Shane Kirk**
Identifies opportunities for members to engage in community activities that enhance the image of REALTORS®. Reviews viability and timing of community and charitable activities such as the annual benefit auction and blood drive. Encourages participation in all outreach opportunities.
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) - Co-Chairs: Sharon Sunkel / Liz Schoeneberger**
Recognizes and promotes diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging among members and within our community. Provides opportunities for growth through education and action.
- Durham Public Schools - Chair: Colleen Ellis**
Creates opportunities for REALTORS® to enhance their knowledge of and involvement in Durham public schools. Informs members of public education's resources and needs. Coordinates the annual "Fill the Bus" campaign, and Book Harvest drive to provide supplies and books to local students.
- Grievance Committee - Co-Chairs: Bert Woodall / DJ Maniace / Jenny Barrier**
Conducts preliminary evaluation of ethics complaints and arbitration requests. Determines whether a hearing is warranted. Three-year term. Annual training required.
- Independent Broker Council (IBC) - Chair: Justin Burleson**
Provides support, networking, and opportunities to exchange business savvy ideas with owners, BICs, and Principal Brokers of other small, non-franchise firms. Discuss current rules and industry changes, and technology offerings from DRAR, TMLS, and our other partners. Members should be licensed and active real estate professionals of independent (non-national franchise) firms dedicated to the real estate industry, and passionate about exploring new ways to learn and grow for their firm.
- Home Show / Housing Opportunities - Co-Chairs: Julie Russ / Carey Ewing**
Plans and coordinates annual Home Show. Identifies and promotes programs and resources that expand housing availability and homeownership opportunities.

- Legislative/Political Affairs - Co-Chair: David Smith / Matt Demson**
Monitors legislation and agency regulatory issues that affect the real estate industry. Expands advocacy efforts to ensure DRAR will be seen as the leading advocate for private property rights and real property ownership among members, the public, media, and elected / appointed officials. Educates members on the critical nature of grassroots activism and responsiveness to Calls for Action.
- New Neighborhood Expo - Contact: Shelia Willis**
Plans, coordinates, and facilitates the annual New Neighborhood Expo. Comprised of HBA members and REALTOR® members.
- New Member Orientation / Membership - Chair: Jon Fletcher**
Welcomes and provides guidance for new members, including Membership Benefits and Activities. Encourages new member participation on committees and at events.
- Professional Standards Committee - Co-Chairs: Janet Breedlove / Sally Clark**
Conducts hearings in matters involving alleged ethical misconduct by members and requests for arbitration. Three-year term. Annual training required.
- Property Management - Co-Chairs: Heather Arrington / Phyllis Portie-Ascott**
Provides a forum for addressing the unique challenges of managing rental property in today's ever-changing economic and legislative environment.
- RPAC-REALTOR® Political Action - Chair: Bert Woodall**
Responsible for the development and organization of DRAR's RPAC Fundraising Plan to collect voluntary political contributions. Communicates and educates on the value of member's investing in RPAC. Meets or exceeds NAR's annually established RPAC fundraising goal.
- Social - Chair: Lisa Borer**
Plans social functions, such as the Annual Awards Luncheon and golf tournaments. Recruits sponsors and encourages member participation.
- Young Professionals Network (YPN) - Co-Chairs: Lori Venable**
Fun group that encourages new real estate practitioners to connect at networking events, and to become more business savvy by sharing tips and tricks.

Involvement in any advisory group / committee offers you the opportunity to share your voice and knowledge.

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