



Joining a real estate committee can be a transformative experience that not only benefits your career but also allows you to contribute to your community. There is no better way to feel personally fulfilled than collaborating with your colleagues to impact, influence and advocate for our community, home ownership and private property rights. Committees often offer leadership roles, allowing you to develop your leadership skills and take on responsibilities that can boost your career.

DRAR is entering our 102nd year. I am excited to see how you will choose to influence our industry! Contributing your time and expertise to a real estate committee can provide a strong sense of fulfillment and satisfaction, knowing that you're actively shaping the future of our industry. This is an opportunity to have a positive impact on your community while growing both personally and professionally. Embrace the chance to be a part of something greater than yourself.

Grace B. Jones, 2024 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: Leah Cole / Liz Schoeneberger**
Recognizes and promotes diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging among members and within our community. Provides opportunities for growth through education and action.
- Public Schools - Co-Chair: Roger Hudson / Kathleen Hypolite**
Creates opportunities for REALTORS® to enhance their knowledge of and involvement in the 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: Rachel Elliott / DJ Maniace**
Conducts preliminary evaluation of ethics complaints and arbitration requests. Determines whether a hearing is warranted. Two-year prior Real Estate experience needed. Three-year term. Annual training required.
- Independent Broker Council (IBC) - Chair: Justin Burluson**
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. Bi-monthly Meetings.
- Home Show / Housing Opportunities - Co-Chairs: Julie Russ**
Plans and coordinates annual Home Show. Identifies and promotes programs and resources that expand housing availability and homeownership opportunities.

- Legislative/Political Affairs - Co-Chair: Tim Alwran / Gian Hasbrock**
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. Prior three-year term on the Grievance Committee and Annual Training required.
- Property Management - Co-Chairs: Phyllis Portie-Ascott / Tschanna Crenshaw**
Provides a forum for addressing the unique challenges of managing rental property in today's ever-changing economic and legislative environment. Bi-monthly Meetings.
- RPAC-REALTOR® Political Action - Chair: Sondra Trice-Jones**
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 / Sherenia Branche**
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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