



When you serve on a committee, you don't just join DRAR, you become a voice in the room that helps move our association forward.

Whether your passion is education, advocacy, community outreach, or innovation, there's a place for you. You'll meet incredible people, sharpen your skills, and make a real impact in the process.

So don't overthink it! Jump in!
We're stronger when you show up.

Fill out the 2026 Committee Sign-Up Form today and help us build the future of DRAR! Together.

Sondra Trice-Jones
2026 DRAR President

Let's Make 2026 the Year of Showing Up!

If you're reading this... that means you care, and we need that kind of energy at DRAR!

Getting involved isn't just about filling a seat. It's about building connections, growing your influence, and shaping what's next for real estate in Durham.

- 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.
- Public Schools – Co-Chairs: Kathleen Carswell / Don Fowler**
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: Christine Menear/ 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 Burselon**
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, DMLS, 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.

- Governmental Affairs / Legislative – Co-Chairs: David Smith / Monique Edwards**
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 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 TWO YEARS PRIOR REAL ESTATE EXPERIENCE. ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIRED.**
- Property Management - Chair: Chris Hawkes**
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: Steed Rollins**
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.
- New Agent Network/YPN – Co-Chairs: Sherenia Branche / Ashley Williams**
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.

Email this form to: services@durhamrealtors.org

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