



**GREATER PROVIDENCE  
BOARD OF REALTORS®**  
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***The Bylaw changes below were approved by our Board of Directors. Members of the Greater Providence Board of REALTORS® will be asked to vote on the following proposed Bylaw changes at our 9/15/2021 Annual Meeting.***

ARTICLE V – QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION

Section 4. New Member Code of Ethics Orientation.

Applicants for REALTOR® membership and provisional REALTOR® members (where applicable) shall complete an orientation program on the Code of Ethics of not less than two (2) hours and thirty (30) minutes of instructional time. This requirement does not apply to applicants for REALTOR® membership or provisional members who have completed comparable orientation in another association, provided that REALTOR® membership has been continuous, or that any break in membership is for one (1) year or less.

Failure to satisfy this requirement within ~~180~~ 120 days of the date of application (or, alternatively, the date that provisional membership was granted), will result in denial of the membership application or termination of provisional membership.

Note: Orientation programs must meet the learning objectives and minimum criteria established from time to time by the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® (Adopted 1/2001).

ARTICLE XI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 2. Duties of Officers. ...The duties of the officers ~~shall be assigned to them by the Board of Directors and are outlined in the Board's Policies and Procedures Manual.~~ shall be such as their titles, by general usage, would indicate and such as may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors. ~~It shall be the particular duty of the Secretary to keep the records of the Board and to carry on all necessary correspondence with the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® and the Rhode Island Association of REALTORS®.~~

Section 5. Election of Officers and Directors.

The election of Officers and Directors shall be held at the annual membership meeting of the Association.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors not less than two (2) months before the Annual Membership Meeting, the Board of Directors, shall approve a Nominating Committee, composed of two Board Members. The current Board President and President-Elect and Director Emeritus shall be deemed voting members of the Nominating Committee. The two most recent Past Presidents of the Board, available to serve, shall be members of the Nominating Committee

- a. The Nominating Committee shall interview the potential officer candidates at the Nominating Committee meeting. A candidate shall be interviewed individually for each office for which ~~he/she~~ they/them applied.
- b. The Nominating Committee shall name at least one candidate for each office. For each vacancy on the Board of Directors and for elective offices, the Nominating Committee shall present the candidate as submitted.

- c. The report of the Nominating Committee, listing candidates for Officers and Directors to be elected from among the REALTOR® Membership of the Boards, shall be included in the notice of the Annual Meeting that is sent to each member at least 21 days in advance of the meeting.
- d. Additional candidates for the offices to be filled may be placed in nomination by petition signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the REALTOR® Members eligible to vote. The petition shall be filed with the Secretary at least two (2) weeks before the election. The secretary shall send notice of such additional nominations to all Members eligible to vote before the election
- e. A candidate for a GPBOR Corporate Secretary, Treasurer or President-Elect ~~Officer~~ or Director shall not be a member of the Nominating Committee.
- f. All Nominating Committee members shall sign a confidentiality agreement.

~~Candidates Serving on the Committee: Candidates for the General Officers or Directors of the Board shall not be allowed to serve on the Nominating Committee.~~

~~Committee Meetings: The Nominating Committee shall meet in the second quarter and compose a slate of Officers to be presented to the General Membership with 21 days' notice prior to the Annual Meeting.~~

Nominating Committee Recommendation Form:

- 1. Applications for Office: Any member in good standing with the Greater Providence Board of REALTORS® can make application to the Nominating Committee for consideration as a candidate for any Officer position for which ~~he/she~~ they/them ~~is~~ are is-qualified and willing to serve. Applications shall be submitted to the Greater Providence Board of REALTORS® no later than 5 days prior to the Nominating Committee Meeting each year.

### ARTICLE XIII — COMMITTEES

~~Section 1. Standing Committees. The President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the following Standing and Ad Hoc Committees, and shall appoint from among the REALTOR® Members and Affiliate Members which shall serve for one year, or until the successors are appointed and qualified, except when the description of the committee's authority and duties provide otherwise. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the President, President Elect, Treasurer, Corporate Secretary, Immediate Past President and Director Emeritus. (9/2016) The committee shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors, shall transact business between meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall report, in full, to the Board of Directors at its next meeting. A Shared Services Committee shall be comprised of the current Board President, President Elect and the Past President serving on the Personnel Committee. It shall be responsible for monitoring any Shared Services Agreement the Board is engaged in and reporting any recommendations to the Executive Committee followed by the Board of Directors. It shall work cooperatively for the benefit of the Board's membership with both the Shared Services Committee Members of the Northern Rhode Island Board of REALTORS® and Rhode Island Commercial and Appraisal Board of REALTORS® and the Association Executive.~~

~~Standing Committees:~~

- ~~a. Executive Committee\*~~
- ~~b. Professional Development~~
- ~~c. Housing Opportunity~~
- ~~d. Grievance\*~~
- ~~e. Government Affairs~~
- ~~f. RPAC~~
- ~~g. Professional Standards\*~~

~~Appointments to the Professional Standards Committee and the Grievance Committee shall be consistent with the cooperative professional standards enforcement agreement of the Board.~~

~~Two (2) absences from committee meetings per year shall be accepted as a resignation by the member on their committee assignment. (4/2012)~~

~~Ad Hoc Committees:~~

- ~~a. CARE~~
- ~~b. Finance\*~~

- ~~e. Nominating\*~~
- ~~d. REALTOR® of the Year\*~~
- ~~e. Golf~~

~~\* Denotes Committees on which only REALTOR® members may serve.~~

~~Section 2. Special Task Force. The President shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors, special task forces as deemed necessary. (9/2016)~~

~~Section 3. Organization. All committees shall be of such size and shall have duties, functions, and powers as assigned by the President or the Board of Directors except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.~~

~~Section 4. President. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of Grievance, Professional Standards and REALTOR® of the Year Committees.~~

*Rationale: These sections are transferred to the Board's Policies and Procedures Manual. This necessitates renumbering of remaining Articles of the Bylaws.*

ARTICLE ~~XIV~~ XIII – FISCAL AND ELECTIVE YEAR

ARTICLE ~~XV~~ XIV – RULES OR ORDER

ARTICLE ~~XVI~~ XV– AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE ~~XVII~~ XVI– DISSOLUTION