



**GREATER PROVIDENCE
BOARD OF REALTORS®**
ETHICS • PROFESSIONALISM • INTEGRITY

Are you interested in:

- Growing your professional network?
- Learning more about the REALTOR® Association?
- Giving back to your profession?
- Involving yourself in activities that are meaningful and important?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then consider volunteering. The Greater Providence Board of REALTORS® is always looking for great people like you to serve on our committees. Most meetings are held at our office in Providence, while others may be conducted electronically. Please review the **2012** opportunities below. Then note your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice on the line next to the committee name and complete and fax or email the bottom half of this form to us by **October 1, 2011**. If you require additional information as you consider these opportunities, feel free to contact us at (401) 274-8383 or email ssilva@gpbor.com. If you are currently serving on a committee and would like to be reappointed, please return this also.

Awards/STAR Gala

Reviews applications and organizes certification of Circle of Sales Excellence awards. Recommends guidelines and enhancements to Awards programming to Directors. Recognizes outstanding members of the Board and honors their contributions to the profession and the community and plans a Spring Gala Event to celebrate nominees.

Golf

Over the past 15 years, our Golf Committee has raised and distributed over \$270,000 to deserving Rhode Island charities. Committee volunteers should be committed to planning and organizing the Board's 16th Tournament scheduled for July 16, 2012, including fundraising, enhancing participation, growing the Tournament's accomplishments and support to local charities and professional grassroots work both on and off the course.

Grievance*

Conducts preliminary review and screening of Ethics complaints and Arbitration requests by acting as a "Grand Jury". Mandatory attendance required at annual training sessions. Serves as member development for future volunteer opportunities on our Professional Standards Committee. Members of this Committee must be REALTORS® in good standing, must have a minimum of 3 years' experience and must be knowledgeable regarding the REALTOR® Code of Ethics. Limited spots available.

Housing Opportunities/Equal Opportunity

This committee will work to develop new programs, coalitions and partnerships that will position REALTORS® as leaders in expanding housing availability. It will also disseminate information on housing opportunity programs and encourage our members' participation and collaboration through state and local initiatives. It will also encourage the adoption of Fair Housing principles and promote the NAR Diversity Program.

Legislative/Governmental Affairs

Reviews proposed legislation affecting real estate, makes recommendations, monitor local town meetings (zoning, planning, City Council) which impact on real estate issues. Serve as liaison between the RIAR Government Affairs Committee, Directors and membership. Educates and encourages members to support all REALTOR® Call to Actions.

Professional Development & Technology

These committees work cooperatively to develop educational seminars, including those for license re-certification, plan and coordinate general membership meetings and special events, recommend new Technology for the Association and act as a resource in educating our members regarding current tools and trends.

Professional Standards*

Conducts Ethics Hearings on alleged violations of the Code of Ethics and discipline members who violate the Code. Arbitrate business disputes among REALTOR® members concerning commission and fees. Grievance Committee experience is **required**. Mandatory attendance required at annual training sessions. Members of this Committee must be REALTORS® in good standing, must have a minimum of 3 years' experience, must be knowledgeable regarding the REALTOR® Code of Ethics and must have previously served on the Grievance Committee. Limited spots available.

RPAC

Plan, coordinate and mobilize fundraising efforts to raise RPAC contributions. Mobilize support for critical issues affecting the real estate industry and private property rights.

** Denotes committees on which only REALTOR® members may serve.*

Name: _____ Office: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ # of years in the business: _____ Signature: _____

I certify that I am a member in good standing and if appointed, am committed to attending meetings as the Board's committees and the work they do on behalf of all members can only be successful with effective members contributing their time and expertise. I understand that notices regarding meetings will be emailed to me and I will keep my email address up-to-date with the Board.

Please return this form to us by October 1, 2011. 2012 committee appointments will be completed by November 1, 2011 and all volunteers will be notified via email. Volunteer terms run from November 1 – October 31. Volunteers will then be asked to participate in an orientation meeting for all committee members mid to late November.