

REALTOR® OF THE YEAR GUIDELINES

The Committee recommends the following REALTOR® of the Year guidelines to be used by each Local Board in selection of REALTOR® OF THE YEAR.

INTRODUCTION

REALTOR® of the Year is the highest recognition that a Local Board or State Association can give to an active REALTOR® member. The ROTY is selected based on the achievements and contributions deemed to represent those qualities all REALTORS® should ascribe to in their civic and professional life.

I. ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

- a. REALTOR® SPIRIT**—Faithfulness to principles of organized real estate, law and regulations of his/her Board and the NAR Code of Ethics; efforts to encourage good real estate practice among other real estate brokers; time spent with press and general public explaining the real estate profession. (25 %)
- b. ACTIVITY IN CIVIC AFFAIRS**—Local, State and National participation in civic and service clubs, charitable activities, political action, fraternal or religious groups. (20 %)
- c. ACTIVITY IN LOCAL BOARD**—Board office and committee work; special assignments; seminar activity and education work; membership and offices held in local chapter of Institutes, Societies. (25 %)
- d. ACTIVITY IN STATE ASSOCIATION**—Same as (c.) on State level, including attendance at State and Regional Conventions. (15 %)
- e. ACTIVITY IN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**—Same as (c.) on National level. (10 %)
- f. BUSINESS ACCOMPLISHMENTS**—Public recognition of business conduct; service to clients; imaginative and creative advertising programs; rehabilitation work; land utilization, etc. (5 %)

II. INDIVIDUALS TO BE NOMINATED

All REALTOR® members of a Local Board are eligible to be selected as Local Board REALTOR® of the Year. The Local Board ROTY will be eligible for selection as State ROTY with the following exceptions:

- a.** At the time the REALTOR® of the Year Committee meets, the following current sitting State Officers of RIAR will be ineligible: President, President-Elect and Immediate Past President of the Association.

- b. Previous State ROTY (a previous State ROTY is eligible for Local Board selection and will be honored as the Board ROTY, but will be ineligible to repeat as State ROTY).

III. JUDGES – REALTOR® of the Year Committee

The REALTOR® of the Year Committee shall include the Current State ROTY as Chairperson and the current Local Board ROTYs from each Board. An alternate to the Committee from each Board will be selected from past Board ROTYs; the alternate will serve when the Board's member is absent.

All REALTOR® of the Year Committee members shall sign a Confidentiality Agreement.

IV. STANDARDIZATION OF FORMS

- a. Board must submit REALTOR® of the Year nomination form as provided by Rhode Island Association of REALTORS®.
- b. ROTY forms, as provided, are 8 ½ x 14. If additional space is needed, an addendum may be added referencing sections being expanded. Completed forms should not exceed five typewritten pages.
- c. Form should be typed, and it is the responsibility of the Board to prepare the form and submit it to RIAR by the appointed date.

V. EXCLUSIVITY OF REALTOR® OF THE YEAR TITLE

Recommendation that Local Board limit title of ROTY to the individual selected for contribution in REALTOR® spirit, activity in civic affairs, Local Board, State Association, NAR and business accomplishments as listed. If a Local Board desires to honor a member for his/her Local Board achievements, it is recommended that the Local Board award a Board Service Award or other title award so as not to dilute the honor and importance of REALTOR® of the Year.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Recommendation that State ROTY be awarded hotel and super saver airfare (dates not to exceed Convention dates) for expenses to attend the National Convention, unless State ROTY is a paid representative of the State Association on the Local Board.
- b. The ordering of the REALTOR® of the Year recognition plaque is handled by the Association staff.