



Process for the Election of GRAR Officers and Directors

The GRAR Governance Committee is tasked with managing the election process for GRAR Officers and Directors. This is to provide separation of duty between the Board of Directors and the administration of the annual election. The Governance Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors, and has a Charter that outlines its makeup, roles and responsibilities. You may read the [Governance Committee Charter](#) here.

Relevant Article from the GRAR Bylaws dated 5/20/2020 Article XI – Officers and Directors

Section 5. Election of Officers and Directors The Governance Committee shall select from among the REALTOR® and Secondary Members in good standing, who meet the qualifications as set forth in Article XI, Section 4, at least one (1) candidate, but no more than two (2) for each vacancy to be filled on the Board of Directors for the coming year. The Governance Committee shall also recommend a slate of Officers for the coming year. The Governance Committee shall consist of two (2) past-presidents and four (4) REALTOR® or Secondary Members, no more than one (1) of which is serving as a current Director of the Association. The Chair of the Governance Committee shall be the Past-President who has served in that capacity most recently. If the most recent Past-President is unable or unwilling to serve as the Chair of the Governance Committee, the Board shall select another Past-President to serve as Chair.

The Governance Committee shall make its report to the President or, if the President is included in the slate of Directors/Officers, the Executive Committee no later than October 1st of each year. In soliciting candidates from the REALTOR® membership, the Governance Committee will ask that an interested candidate be prepared to meet and be interviewed by the Governance Committee. All interested persons not receiving the Committee's recommendation will be offered the opportunity to appear on the Ballot submitted to the Membership. Interested persons shall affirm their desire to appear on said Ballot in writing and must meet the requirements under Article XI, Section 4 of these Bylaws.

Not fewer than twenty-one (21) days before the Election Meeting, the Directors shall cause each REALTOR® Member eligible to vote in such election, to receive a notice with a list of the candidates selected by the Governance Committee, and a list of those other interested persons, each slate listed separately on the Ballot and so identified. The Board of Directors shall designate the voting method, which may include any method permissible by applicable law. Each voting member who intends to vote must do so within ten (10) days from date the ballot is sent.

Ballots sent back to the Association must be received within ten (10) days from the date the Association first sent the Ballot, or the Ballot will be declared void.

At the Election Meeting, those members who are in attendance and who have not submitted a valid ballot may vote by ballot in person. Staff or Tellers, appointed by the President or, if the President is included on the ballot, the Executive Committee, shall count all Ballots and announce the results to the Membership and declare those elected to a three (3) year term as Director(s).

In the event of a tie, the candidate(s) with the least number of votes will be automatically eliminated and there shall be a run-off election for the remaining candidates. The names of candidates participating in the run-off election shall be placed on a second ballot that will be sent to the Members eligible to vote. The candidate receiving the most votes in the run-off election will be deemed elected.

The immediate Past-President shall automatically become a Director of the Association for the ensuing period of one (1) year, or two (2) years depending on the term of office of the President but will not be eligible for re-election to the Board of Directors for at least one (1) year thereafter. Any REALTOR® Member elected to the Board of Directors or appointed to the Board to fill a vacancy for a term of less than three (3) years shall be eligible to be re-nominated in the following year's election.

After the Election Meeting, and prior to December 31st the Directors for the ensuing year shall hold a meeting and shall elect from among its Members or from the REALTOR® Members of the Association, a President- Elect and Secretary-Treasurer. Any Officer elected by the Directors from outside its own membership and who has met the qualifications as set forth in Article XI, Section 4, shall become a member of the Board of Directors for the ensuing year. All Officers shall have full voting rights upon all matters coming before the Directors. The President may be elected to a second term but shall not be eligible for any elective office until one (1) year has elapsed after the expiration of the hold-over term on the Board of Directors as provided in this Section 5.