

# 2023 Committee Descriptions

# Attendance Committee

The Attendance Committee is responsible for increasing attendance and participation at Association Membership Events, Meetings and Classes. The Attendance Committee will create and implement plans to increase Membership Involvement through outreach to members and will work alongside other Committees with similar directives or in need of support services.

## **Bylaws Committee**

The Bylaws Committee reviews all Bylaws & Policies for Longleaf Pine REALTOR<sup>®</sup> Association and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors based on their findings. The committee is responsible for general membership votes and ensures compliance with the National Association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup> Bylaws and Policies.

## **Education Committee**

The Education Committee's objective is to provide LPR members with educational opportunities to achieve a high level of knowledge and skill required to effectively serve the public with professionalism and expertise. They will work with staff to plan and conduct educational events. The committee will work with affiliate members to determine educational opportunities through collaborative classes and events.

# **Economic Development Committee**

The Economic Development Committee's purpose is to focus the efforts of the Association on bringing new industry to our area and increasing the employment of current businesses. The development of industry in our area is a direct benefit to our members because for every 2 jobs created, we need 1 new living unit.

# **Diversity Committee**

The Diversity Committee's objective is to actively advance equal opportunity in housing as well as diversity within the real estate industry. This committee will offer educational programs to familiarize REALTORS<sup>®</sup> with Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiatives. The committee will educate the public in equal housing opportunity and will promote involvement in local community projects that support and foster Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Fair Housing.

## **Finance & Budget Committee**

The Finance and Budget Committee provides financial oversight for the Association. They prepare, revise and audit the Annual Budget. They will ensure the organization operates with the resources needed to provide high-quality services to the members and will make recommendations for maintaining a financially sound association.

## **Grievance Committee**

The Grievance Committee will conduct a preliminary review of ethics complaints and arbitration requests to determine if a complaint or request merits further consideration and review by a Professional Standards Committee Hearing Panel. All Grievance Committee Members need to complete an annual training in Professional Standards and have been a REALTOR<sup>®</sup> member for at least three years.

# Legislative & Political Affairs Committee

The Legislative & Political Affairs Committee is directed to monitor and advocate on local, state and national political activity that affects and influences the real estate industry. If necessary, the committee can advise the Longleaf Pine Government Affairs Director to take further action on a municipal/county, state or national issue that have the potential to impact the protection of private property rights and REALTORS<sup>®</sup>.

## **Membership Committee**

The Membership Committee is responsible for promoting the value of being a REALTOR<sup>®</sup> member. This committee is responsible for the development and implementation of Member Events and Initiatives that recognize and show appreciation to our valued members, provides outreach to new members to bring awareness of the benefits available and encourages involvement within the Association, reviews membership policies and procedures on an annual basis.

# **MLS Committee**

The MLS Committee will oversee Operations of the MLS and implement the MLS Rules and Regulations under the guidance and direction of the Board of Directors. The MLS committee will enforce Longleaf Pine MLS Rules and Regulations and will review the services, technology, and features offered through the MLS annually and make recommendations. The MLS Committee will work with the Education Committee to bring awareness to the members about the features and benefits of the MLS service.

# **Professional Standards Committee**

The Professional Standards Committee is responsible for hearings on matters of alleged unethical conduct by Association members or to provide arbitration hearings as requested. The committee shall conduct its activities according to the provisions of the "Code of Ethics and Arbitration Manual" of the National Association of REALTORS® and the Bylaws of the Association. You have to have served on the Grievance Committee prior to being appointed to the Professional Standards Committee and attend an annual Professional Standards class.

## **Property Management Committee**

The Property Management Committee's purpose is to provide education and resources to property managers to keep them apprised of issues pertaining to property management. The committee will keep the members informed of local, state, and national issues which may affect the property management sector of the real estate industry.

## **Public Relations Committee**

The Public Relations Committee's objective is to gain public confidence and support of our profession. The Public Relations Committee will plan and implement projects to advance our image within the communities we serve. This committee will support our community through volunteer opportunities. The committee will do an annual review of our public marketing and make improvements.

## **REALTOR®** Political Action Committee

The REALTOR<sup>®</sup> Political Action Committee (RPAC) works to plan and implement fundraising events to meet annual monetary goals set by the National Association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup>. The RPAC committee meets before every primary and general election to discuss the promotion of candidates through the distribution of funds for REALTOR<sup>®</sup> friendly candidates across local, state, and national seats.