

# OMAHA AREA BOARD OF REALTORS®

## COMMITTEE, COUNCIL, FORUM, OR TASK FORCE ENROLLMENT FORM



### **AFFILIATE COUNCIL**

The Affiliate Council promotes the business relationship and services of OABR Affiliates to OABR REALTOR® members, actively solicits OABR Affiliate membership, and promotes ethical business practices of OABR Affiliate members. The Council does many things including items such as the "Affiliate Advocate" column in FOCUS and sponsoring some of the OABR orientation coffee breaks.

The Affiliate Council handles OABR special events such as the Fall Bowling, Toys for Tots and the OABR golf outing. They also assist the Member Services Forum in other membership events, as requested by the Forum.

### **BYLAWS TASK FORCE**

The Bylaws Task Force reviews the OABR Bylaws for any changes necessary to stay in compliance with the National Association of REALTORS®. (Members are appointed by the OABR President).

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM**

The Economic Development Forum keeps the OABR Board of Directors abreast of Omaha and Nebraska Economic issues, monitors various issues as directed by the OABR Board of Directors, and is the advocate on those issues for any OABR Board of Directors position taken.

### **EDUCATION FORUM**

The Education Forum provides education programs to serve the needs of the members of the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS®. It offers educational programs to the members and is responsible for the OABR New Member Orientation Course.

### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY-CULTURAL DIVERSITY TASK FORCE**

To promote equal opportunity in housing and diversity within the real estate industry; to examine the growing cultural diversity within the United States; to promote the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS®'s activities to heighten awareness of increased diversity within the real estate profession and the membership; to identify the concerns and needs of culturally diverse and minority members of the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS® and to assist in the development of plans to address those concerns and needs.

### **FORMS TASK FORCE**

The Forms Task Force creates new and reviews all existing OABR and MLS forms that are either sold by OABR or MLS or given as part of member services, to make sure the forms have value to the membership and are in compliance with Nebraska law.

### **GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

The Governmental Affairs Committee monitors state and national legislation relating to the real estate industry, interviews political candidates and makes recommendations to the Nebraska REALTORS® Association for RPAC contributions. The Committee also participates in grassroots lobbying efforts and organizes RPAC fundraising campaigns. Subcommittees which report to the Governmental Affairs Committee are RPAC, Legislative Review and Candidate Interview.

### **ISSUES MOBILIZATION FUND TASK FORCE (IMF)**

The Issues Mobilization Fund Task Force is organized and operated primarily for the purpose of supporting or opposing state and local issues which impact real property in the Omaha Area and accepting contributions to aid in the support or opposition. It also supports grassroots lobbying and educational efforts related thereto. IMF funds shall not be used for support of candidates or for any purpose prohibited by federal or state laws that govern issue advocacy committees. IMF decisions shall be consistent with the current strategic plan and policies of the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS.

### **MLS USERS GROUP**

The MLS Users Group monitors and makes recommendations to the Great Plains REALTORS® Multiple Listing Service Board of Directors regarding the use and functionality of the Paragon MLS System.

### **NOMINATING TASK FORCE**

At least four (4) months before the annual Omaha Area Board of REALTORS® (OABR) election, a OABR Nominating Task Force of seven (7) REALTOR® Members shall be appointed by the OABR President Elect which appointees shall be approved by of the OABR Board of Directors. The appointees shall consist of the OABR President Elect as Chairman, the OABR President, one OABR Director, 2 OABR Past Presidents and 2 Active OABR Members at Large. The OABR Nominating Task Force shall select one or more candidates for each OABR office, except that of OABR President, and one or more candidates for each place to be filled on the OABR Board of Directors.

### **OMAHA AREA BOARD OF REALTORS® FOUNDATION**

The Foundation is organized for educational purposes, including distribution of funds to organizations qualifying as exempt organizations under § 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax code.

The Foundation is managed by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors shall be not less than three (3) or not more than six (6) elected annually by the Board of Directors of the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS®. Historically the names are chosen in September of each year by the OABR President and submitted to the September OABR Board of Directors for election.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS TASK FORCE**

The Public Relations Task Force promotes activities and events of the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS® (OABR) which bring positive attention and recognition to OABR. They also promote activities that enhance the REALTOR® image within the community and the OABR organization. The Task Force is responsible for the establishment of a Speakers Bureau if requested by the OABR Board of Directors.

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### RPAC FUND RAISING TASK FORCE

The RPAC Fund Raising Task Force coordinates the RPAC fund raising efforts for the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS®.

### REGIONAL GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE (Delegated to Nebraska REALTORS® Association)

The Grievance Committee is responsible for preliminary investigation of written complaints alleging violations of the Code of Ethics and/or requests for arbitration. They forward them to the Professional Standards Committee as they deem necessary. Grievance Committee members are appointed by the President of the OABR.

### REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS (Delegated to Nebraska REALTORS® Association)

The Professional Standards Committee conducts hearings on investigation of complaints referred to it by the Regional Grievance Committee on matters of alleged ethical misconduct or to provide arbitration. Professional Standards Committee members are appointed by the President of the OABR.

### SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Safety Committee monitors the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS® office and surrounding premises for the maintenance and protection of the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS® facility, members and staff.

### SOCIAL EVENTS FORUM

The Member Services Forum reviews the eligibility of OABR membership applicants and makes recommendations regarding applicant's eligibility to the OABR Board of Directors. It reviews member needs and potential services to members and forms suggestions to achieve those goals. The Forum creates activities such as the Annual Chili Cook-Off and the Annual Cook Out and Carnival for OABR members. The Forum also plans and implements community projects approved by the OABR Board of Directors that enhance the image of REALTORS® in this community.

## COMMITTEE, COUNCIL, FORUM, OR TASK FORCE APPLICATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to serve on the following committee, council, forum, or task force(s)

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