



Illinois REALTORS® Committees and Working Groups

Advisory Council*

The Advisory Council is made up of the association's past presidents and provides guidance for long-term association planning. The council explores ways to further the association's relationship with the National Association of REALTORS® and serves as a source of advice to association executives and leadership.

Meetings: The council meets annually during fall business meetings and at the discretion of the chair. Advisory Council meetings are limited to members and staff liaisons.

Association Executives Committee*

The Association Executives Committee provides support and professional development for REALTOR® association executives. The committee provides programming input for the annual AE Workshop and the Leadership Summit. It advises on implementation of association policies and programs.

Meetings: The committee typically meets during the association's business meetings. Attendance is limited to AEs and staff liaisons.

Audit Committee*

The Audit Committee is responsible for ensuring the integrity of the association's financial statements and reviewing and selecting an independent auditor to review the association's financial information.

Membership: The committee's nine members are selected by the association's Board of Directors.

Meeting schedule: The committee meets twice annually. Meetings are typically held by conference call or online. The meetings are limited to the committee's members and staff liaisons.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is made up of 28 association members, which includes the association's officers and 24 at-large directors elected by the Board of Directors. The board has oversight of the association's management and affairs, budget and development and implementation of a strategic plan.

Meetings: The board meets at every regular association business meeting, or at the discretion of the president. Additional conference calls or electronic meetings may be held as needed.

Business Issues and License Law Forum

The Business Issues and License Law Forum meets to discuss real estate business practices and the application of these practices to the laws and regulations governing the real estate industry in Illinois. The forum will identify issues and practices that require further interpretation or clarification of the existing laws and regulations.

Meetings: The forum holds meetings during each regular association business meeting.

Commercial/Industrial/Investment Committee

This committee reviews and proposes policies for the association's non-residential members. The committee provides educational opportunities as needed and reviews advocacy efforts which have a bearing on the commercial practitioner.

Meetings: The Commercial/Industrial/Investment Committee meets during the association's business meetings.

Conference and Expo Working Group

Working group helps plan the annual Conference & Expo held each spring.

Meetings: In person and by teleconference as needed.

Ethics Citation Panel

The committee reviews complaints from REALTORS® and the public filed through the association's Ethics Citation Program. Members specialize in ethical standards and recommend action based on the filed complaints.

Meetings: As needed.

Executive Committee*

The Executive Committee is comprised of the president, president-elect, treasurer and immediate past president. Between meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee may transact association business on behalf of the Board. In addition, the Executive Committee oversees the efforts of the association staff in the management of the affairs of the association and the implementation of the association's strategic plan.

Meetings: The committee holds an in-person meeting during each regular business meeting of the association and at any other time at the call of the President. Additional conference call or electronic meetings may be held as needed. Meetings are limited to committee members and staff liaisons.

Finance Committee*

The Finance Committee approves the organization's annual budget and any budget adjustments. It also makes recommendations on adjustments to dues and assessments.

Membership: The committee is appointed by the association's executive committee.

Meetings: At least twice annually during the association's business meetings; more if needed. Meetings are limited to committee members and staff liaisons.

Grievance Committee*

The Grievance Committee is responsible for all matters referred to it as provided in the National Association of REALTORS® *Code of Ethics and Arbitration Manual* and all statewide professional standards agreements. Members are appointed by the Executive Committee and the chair and vice chair are appointed by the president.

Meetings: This committee meets via conference call on an as-needed basis. Attendance is limited to members and staff liaisons.

Housing Opportunity Working Group

The Housing Opportunity Working Group identifies housing trends and looks for opportunities at the local, state and federal levels to enhance the ability of Illinois residents to realize property ownership. The group works to ensure that Fair Housing standards are upheld and housing accessibility is maintained for the state's residents.

Meetings: The working group meets at the January Public Policy meetings and via video conference in the fall.

IAR Plaza Inc.*

IAR Plaza Inc. is responsible for the operation and budgeting for the association's Springfield headquarters.

Membership: This committee is comprised of seven board members, five of whom are appointed by the association's Board of Directors. The board also includes the association's treasurer and CEO.

Meetings: IAR Plaza Inc. meets once a year. The meetings are limited only to board members and staff liaisons.

Illinois General Assembly & Statewide Independent Expenditures Committee*

The committee shall have the express authority to initiate and receive recommendations to conduct an independent expenditures campaign on behalf of any member of the Illinois House or Senate or any statewide constitutional officer. The committee will have the single authority to recommend funding whether the funding source is Illinois REALTORS®, the National Association of REALTORS® or both.

Meetings: The committee may meet at a time and place as necessary to carry out its function and purpose.

Illinois Local Government Independent Expenditures Committee*

The committee shall have the express authority to initiate and receive recommendations to conduct an independent expenditures campaign in local political races.

Meetings: The committee may meet at a time and place as necessary to carry out its function and purpose.

Global Business Council

The Global Business Council develops strategies to increase awareness of the role that Illinois and the real estate profession plays in the global economy. The Illinois REALTORS® Global Business Council shall also be responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Consulate Liaison Program.

Meetings: The committee may meet during the business meetings of the Association or at a time and place necessary to carry out their functions and purpose.

Leadership Development Working Group*

The Leadership Development Working Group selects individuals to participate in the association's Leadership Development Program which is designed to provide additional training for members who have the potential to serve in increasing capacities with local, state and national REALTOR® associations.

Meetings: The Working Group meets by conference call or other form of electronic communication in the first part of January.

Nominating Committee*

The Nominating Committee nominates one qualified candidate for each elective office, including Directors. Appointments are made by the Executive Committee.

Meetings: The committee meets five times per year. All meetings of the Nominating Committee are closed *except* to candidates who have been scheduled to appear or other persons that have been invited to appear before the committee.

Performance/Compensation Review Committee*

The Performance/Compensation Review Committee is composed of the immediate past president, president, president-elect, treasurer and five members of the advisory Council (other than the immediate past president). The committee reviews the performance and establishes the terms of compensation and conditions of employment of the Chief Executive Officer.

Meetings: The committee holds one in-person meeting each year. Additional conference call or electronic meetings may be held as needed. Attendance is limited to members and staff liaisons.

Professional Development Member Involvement Group

The Professional Development Member Involvement Group monitors the educational needs of the membership and makes recommendations for subject matter for live educational programs; continuing education and the GRI Graduate program.

Meetings: Twice a year by conference call or other forms of electronic communication.

Professional Standards Committee*

The Professional Standards Committee is responsible for providing hearing panels in all professional standards cases that have been referred to it; providing mediation services as needed; assisting in the planning of the annual Professional Standards Workshops. Appointments are made by the Executive Committee.

Meetings: This committee meets twice a year during the summer and fall business meetings.

Public Policy and Governmental Affairs Member Involvement Group

The Public Policy and Governmental Affairs Member Involvement Group serves as a forum for the association's members to hear reports from the association's lobbyists, local government affairs directors and the Housing Opportunity and Political Involvement Committee working groups. Members of this committee can make recommendations on policy positions to the association's Board of Directors.

Meetings: Held in conjunction with the association's business meetings. Single-issue working groups established by the committee will meet as necessary either in person or electronically.

Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation

The Real Estate Educational Foundation (REEF) is a not-for-profit foundation supported by voluntary contributions from individuals and firms. It provides financial support for scholarships for the advancement of real estate education. The foundation plans and promotes a fundraising banquet honoring the state and local board recipients of the REALTOR® of the Year award.

Meetings: REEF meets at the association's business meetings.

REALTOR® of the Year Working Group*

The REALTOR® of the Year Working Group is comprised of five association members who have previously been named REALTOR® of the Year and three at-large association members. The committee solicits nominations for the REALTOR® of the Year award and determines the recipient of the award.

Meetings: The working group generally holds one in-person meeting during a regular association business meeting. Additional conference calls or electronic meetings may be held. Attendance is limited to members and staff liaisons.

REALTORS® Political Action Committee*

The REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC) Trustees have general supervision and control over the REALTORS® Political Action Committee. The trustees approve the expenditure of RPAC funds in support of candidates for state and local public office and make recommendations to the National Association of REALTORS® for contributions to federal candidates. The majority of the members are at-large members appointed by the Executive Committee for three-year terms. There are other trustees selected by the Executive Committee for one-year terms based on criteria established by the trustees.

Meetings: Often held in conjunction with association business meetings or they may meet at a time and place as necessary to carry out their functions and purpose. The meetings are closed to all but members and staff liaisons.

REALTORS® Political Involvement Working Group

The REALTORS® Political Involvement Working Group mobilizes members on the association's grassroots and political programs. The working group reviews activities of Illinois REALTORS® Federal Political Coordinator, State Legislative Contact programs; calls for action; Broker Involvement and voter registration programs and the NAR REALTOR® Party and Illinois REALTOR® political advocacy grant programs.

Meetings: Held in conjunction with the association's regular business meetings. Members include the Illinois Chair of the NAR Federal Political Coordinators (FPCs); the Chair of the Illinois State Legislative Contacts (SLCs); and any other members who are appointed by the Executive Committee.

RPAC Fundraising Working Group

Working group helps plan strategies for the association to meet RPAC Goals and provides support for local associations' RPAC outreach efforts.

Meetings: As needed

Screening and Candidate Audit Working Group*

The working group shall review applicants for Illinois REALTORS® Treasurer and the Board of Directors, determine whether the applicants meet the qualifications and review any issues any candidate may have in regards to meeting these qualifications. The committee shall file a report with the Nominating Committee listing the names of all qualified candidates for whom there are no audit issues that fall outside of the guidelines for candidacy.

Meetings: The working group shall meet at a time and place as necessary to carry out their function and purpose.

Strategic Planning Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee is made up of at-large association members. The purpose of the committee is to discuss where the industry and the association could be headed in the future, and help come up with guidance to enhance the association's ability to meet member needs based on the findings.

Meetings: Due to the nature of long-range planning, meetings of this committee are typically not scheduled during the association's regular business meetings. At the call of the President, the committee may hold in-person meetings at any time during the year. Additional conference call or electronic meetings may be held as needed.

Young Professionals Network Advisory Group*

The Illinois REALTORS® recognizes that younger members are an integral part of the future growth of the REALTOR® association. The Illinois Young Professionals Network (YPN) was created to provide education and support and to create a forum where younger REALTORS® can share ideas and network with each other to expand their business potential. Our goals are to help this segment of our membership succeed in their business as well as create more involvement and general future Illinois REALTORS® leaders.

Meetings: The YPN Advisory Group may meet in conjunction with the business meetings of the association or at a time and place necessary to carry out their function and purpose.