



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 and at the discretion of the chair. Advisory Council meetings are limited to Illinois REALTORS® past presidents and staff liaisons.

Affordable Housing and Community Development Committee

The purpose of this Committee is to study and analyze, on a comprehensive basis, issues relating to the creation of housing opportunities and the removal of regulatory and other barriers to the development of and access to affordable housing, in addition to methods and practices meant to encourage strong, vibrant local communities .

Meetings: The Affordable Housing and Community Development committee meets during the association's business meetings and one additional stand-alone in-person meeting.

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.

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 Forum

The Business Issues Forum is an opportunity to meet and discuss current real estate business practices in the context of the application of the Illinois Real Estate License Law and its regulations. While complying with the laws regarding anti-competitive practices, the Forum will identify best practices that comport with the existing law and regulations as well as identify new issues or practices that might warrant recommended changes to existing laws and regulations. The Forum will be open to all of those attending to the Association's public policy meeting.

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

Commercial and Property Management Committee

The Commercial and Property Management Committee is to study and analyze, on a comprehensive basis, issues, topics and proposals related to issues which may impact the commercial or property management sectors or member services for non-residential members. The Committee's review may include but is not limited to matters such as member services meant to enhance the productivity of the non-residential members, new products or services, or proposed legislation affecting the commercial and/or property management sectors.

Meetings: The Commercial and Property Management Committee meets during the association's business meetings and one additional stand-alone in-person meeting.

Conference and Expo Working Group

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

Meetings: By conference call in the fall and early spring 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.

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.

IAR Plaza Inc.*

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

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 is to (1) study and analyze, on a comprehensive basis, global economic and industry trends, issues and ideas as they relate to or might impact Illinois or other U.S. sectors, and (2) develop strategies to increase awareness of the State of Illinois and the real estate profession as key variables in the global economy. While the Global Business Council may identify opportunities for members within Illinois to engage with international organizations for the benefit of the Association's

members, it should also be focused on stimulating discussion on international issues and ideas that are or may have an impact on Illinois and the real estate industry.

Meetings: The Global Business Council meets during the association's business meetings and one additional stand-alone in-person meeting.

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 December or first part of January.

Local Governmental Affairs Committee

The purpose of this Committee is to study and analyze, on a comprehensive basis issues, topics, or proposals affecting members of the Association or the real estate industry and which are commonly addressed, regulated, or governed by local governments and municipalities.

Meetings: The Local Governmental Affairs Committee meets during the association's business meetings and one additional stand-alone in-person meeting.

NAR Strategy Committee

The purpose of this Committee is to assist Association staff in the development, periodic review of, and implementation of a strategy to develop and promote members of the Association in NAR leadership positions and to increase the influence of the Association generally with NAR elected and staff leaders.

Meetings: The NAR Strategy Committee shall meet at a time and place necessary to carry out its functions and duties.

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 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 January and fall business meetings.

Public Policy & Programs Group

This informal group is responsible for open discussion on a variety of topics related to Public Policy and Illinois REALTORS Programs. Most meetings will be in a round table format.

Meetings: This committee will meet at least once in January or Fall Business Meetings.

Public Policy and Governmental Affairs Forum

The primary purpose of this Forum is to provide an opportunity for Association Government Affairs staff to update and educate members on important and timely legislative issues, changes to or reviews of Association public policy positions, proposed rules and regulations, and electoral and political issues, which may impact the Association, its members, or the real estate industry. Additionally, when appropriate, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Forum, together with the President of the Association, the Chief Executive Officer, and any other member selected by the Chief Executive Officer, shall serve as the *ad hoc* Public Policy Advisory Group. The Public Policy Advisory Group shall serve on an as-needed basis to consider public policy issues raised by pending or proposed legislation or rulemaking, on which the Association requires a determination of its public position. During each meeting of the Forum, a report shall be given summarizing any meetings of the Public Policy Advisory Group and any such recommendations or determinations made by it.

Meetings: Held in conjunction with the association's business meetings.

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 meets by conference call or other form of electronic communication in December or first part of January. 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 regard 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.