



NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF REALTORS®

Members of the Northern Rhode Island Board of REALTORS® are hereby notified, in accordance with Article XVI (Amendments), that the proposed Bylaw changes were approved by our Board of Directors and will be considered by the General Membership at our Annual Meeting at 5 p.m. on 9/21/2017 at the Kirkbrae Country Club, 197 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI. Additions are in yellow highlighting. Deletions are indicated by strikeout

ARTICLE IV – Membership

Section 1. There shall be seven classes of members, as follows:

(G) REALTOR® Emeritus Members.

~~REALTOR® Emeritus Members shall be REALTORS® who have been designated REALTOR® Emeritus under the provisions of ARTICLE III, Section 10 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®. They shall continue to have all REALTOR® privileges of an active member of this Board.~~ **status shall be granted by the National Association of REALTORS® and by the Northern Rhode Island Board of REALTORS® to an individual who has maintained REALTOR® or REALTOR®-Associate membership or both for a cumulative period of 40 years and also have completed at least one (1) year of service at the National Association level. However, for applications filed through 2019, the one (1) year service requirement may also be met through service at the state or local level. This provision will sunset at the end of 2019. Applications submitted in 2020 and beyond will require proof of one (1) year of service* at the National Association level and any other criteria mandated by the National Association of REALTORS®.**

ARTICLE V - Qualification and Election

Section 5. Continuing Member Code of Ethics Training:

Effective January 1, ~~2004~~ **2017**, through December 31, ~~2004~~ **2018**, and for successive ~~four~~ **two** year periods thereafter, each REALTOR® member of the association shall be required to complete ~~quadrennial~~ **biennial** ethics training of not less than two hours and thirty minutes of instructional time. This requirement will be satisfied upon presentation of documentation that the member has completed a course of instruction conducted by this or another association, the State Association of REALTORS®, the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, or any other recognized educational institution or provider which meets the learning objectives and minimum criteria established by the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® from time to time. REALTOR® members who have completed training as a requirement of membership in another association and REALTOR® members who have completed the New Member Code of Ethics Orientation during any ~~four~~ **two** year cycle shall not be required to complete additional ethics training until a new ~~four~~ **two** year cycle commences. **(Amended 11/2016)**

Failure to satisfy this requirement shall be considered a violation of a membership duty for which REALTOR® membership shall be suspended until such time as the training is completed. (Adopted 1/01)

~~Members suspended for failing to meet the requirement for the first four (4) year cycle (2001 – 2004) will have until December 31, 2005 to meet the requirement. Failure to meet the requirement by that time will result in automatic termination of membership.~~

Failure to meet the subsequent ~~four (4)~~ **two (2)** year cycles will result in suspension of membership for the first two months (January and February) of the year following the end of any ~~four (4)~~ **two (2)** year cycle or until the requirement is met, whichever occurs sooner. On March 1 of that year, the membership of member who is still suspended as of that date will be automatically terminated. (Adopted 1/01, revised 5/05 & 9/13) (Amended 11/2016)

ARTICLE VI - Privileges and Obligations

Section 6. ~~If a Member resigns from the Board or otherwise causes membership to terminate with an ethics complaint pending, that Board of Directors may condition the right of the resigning Member to reapply for membership upon the applicant's certification that he/she will submit to the pending ethics proceeding and will abide by the decision of the hearing panel. (9/00)~~ **if a member resigns from the association or otherwise causes membership to terminate with an ethics complaint pending, that board of directors may condition the right of the resigning member to reapply for membership upon the applicant's certification that he/she will submit to the pending ethics proceeding and will abide by the decision of the hearing panel the complaint shall**

be processed until the decision of the association with respect to disposition of the complaint is final by this association (if respondent does not hold membership in any other association) or by any other association in which the respondent continues to hold membership. If an ethics respondent resigns or otherwise causes membership in all Boards to terminate before an ethics complaint is filed alleging unethical conduct occurred while the respondent was a REALTOR®, the complaint, once filed, shall be processed until the decision of the association with respect to disposition of the complaint is final. In any instance where an ethics hearing is held subsequent to an ethics respondent's resignation or membership termination, any discipline ratified by the Board of Directors shall be held in abeyance until such time as the respondent rejoins an association of REALTORS®.

Section 13. Certification by REALTOR®.

"Designated" REALTOR® Members of the Board shall certify to the Board, during the month of March on a form provided by the Board, a complete listing of all individuals licensed or certified with the REALTOR®'s firm(s) and shall designate a primary Board for each individual who holds membership. Designated REALTOR® Members shall also notify the Board of any additional individual(s) licensed or certified with the firm(s) within 10 (ten) days of the date of affiliation or severance of the individual. Designated REALTORS® shall also identify any non-member licensees in the REALTOR®'s firms and if Designated REALTOR dues have been paid to another Board based on said non-member licensees, the Designated REALTOR® shall identify the Board to which dues have been remitted. These declarations shall be used for purposes of calculating dues under Article X, Section 2(A) of the Bylaws. (9/13) There shall be a fee, determined annually by the Board of Directors, assessed to Designated REALTORS® who do not file their annual Board Certification Form by the deadline specified in their final notice.

ARTICLE XI - Officer and Directors

Section 1. Officers.

The elective officers of the Board shall be a President, a President Elect, a Treasurer and a Corporate Secretary. They shall serve for the term elected and until their successors are duly elected and installed into office. (9/15) In order to become an Officer of the Board, one must have served as a Director of the Board. (9/15) The Officers of the Board are volunteers and receive no compensation.

Section 3. Board of Directors.

The governing body of the Board shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the elective officers, the immediate past President of the Board, and 6 elected REALTOR® Members of the Board. Directors shall be elected to serve terms of two years, Directors shall be elected each year as are required to fill vacancies. A Director can only serve two consecutive two year terms. The immediate past president shall be entitled to serve a two (2) year term on the Board of Directors after the completion of his term as President. If the Directors, upon receipt of the proposed slate recommended by the Nominating Committee, feel there are an abundance of Directors from one office, shall refer the proposed slate back to the Nominating Committee for revision. In event of a merger, the governing body shall be such as agreed to as incorporated in the terms of the merger. (9/16) The Directors of the Board are volunteers and receive no compensation.

Section 5. Fiduciary Responsibility. Each Officer and each Director shall have a Fiduciary responsibility to the Board of Directors and the Association.

Section 5 6. Vacancies.

Vacancies among the Officers and the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board of Directors until the next annual election.

Section 6 7. Removal of Officers and Directors.

In the event that an Officer or Director is deemed to be incapable of fulfilling the duties for which elected, but will not resign from office voluntarily, the Officer or Director may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. (9/13)

ARTICLE XIII – Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees.

The President shall appoint from among the REALTOR® Members, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors, the following standing committees: Professional Standards, Grievance, Education, Program, Community Action Charitable Works, Political Affairs/ RPAC REALTOR® Political Party and RPAC.

Appointments to the Professional Standards Committee and the Grievance Committee shall be consistent with the cooperative professional standards enforcement agreement of the Board. (9/16) In the event REALTOR membership falls below 200, appointments to the Professional Standards Committee and Grievance committee shall be consistent with the cooperative professional standards enforcement agreement of the Board.

Any committee member who fails to attend two regular or special meetings of the committee, without notification to the Board office or Committee Chair without excuse acceptable to the Chairperson of the committee, shall be deemed to have resigned from the committee.