

4.10.1.1 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE JOB DESCRIPTION

Committee Members: Committee members are selected from volunteer forms submitted to the Association. Committee representation shall be a mix of REALTOR®, Affiliate and Individual Affiliate members. Members of the committee shall also serve as Trustees for the Reno/Sparks Association of REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RSARPAC), as defined in the RSARPAC Bylaws. New members to the Legislative Committee will not after March 1, of any year.

Term: Committee year shall be as defined in Article XIV, Section 2 of the Association bylaws. (one year total)

Chair: An appointee of the President shall serve as Chair.

Vice Chair: An appointee of the President-elect shall serve as Vice Chair.

Meetings: Committee meetings shall be at the call of the Chair, but shall be held at least quarterly.

Attendance Requirements: Any committee member missing two (2) regular or special meetings without excuse acceptable to the Chair or Vice Chair shall be removed from the committee (Ref. 1.1.1.8).

Duties: Statement of Philosophy

The Legislative Committee is responsible for all of our political activities in the local arena; which includes City Council meetings in both Reno ,Sparks, and Fernley and any of their committees or subcommittees, also any activities in Washoe, or Storey counties; also but not limited to any community effort that would have an effect on real estate. The committee is to promote political awareness among the membership while promoting the ideals of homeownership and its special needs with the local politicians.

While the committee understands that taxes are necessary to run the government, any increase must be coordinated with strong and convincing evidence that any additional tax burden is required and in the best interest of the community.

Legislative Committee members must disclose possible/potential conflicts of interest when engaged in the discussion and advocacy of an issue under consideration by the Committee.

Objective

1. To assist the leadership of the organization to become an effective force in the political activities of the Reno, Sparks, Washoe County, Fernley, and Storey County area.
2. The committee, in concert with the Executive Officer and the Governmental Affairs Director (GAD) may work with other boards when issues cross into other areas. This is not limited to working with other REALTOR® organization, this coordination may be with the Homebuilders, the Chambers of Commerce or others groups that the committee and Board of Directors feel appropriate.
3. The Committee is to give input and/or assistance in providing education and information when the leadership visits real estate office meetings.
4. To monitor issues that may be considered by the city, county, state and national governments and their agencies.
5. To write articles in the newsletter, faxes, e-mails and any other method that will help educate the members on the issues that may affect their livelihood or their client's ability to own property.
6. Goals are set annually, within the objectives, to determine the priorities for the particular year. This needs to be done due to the election cycles of the different governments. Issues may have white papers done on them and if necessary sub-committees may be established from volunteers in the area of expertise.

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