

# **Kansas Association of REALTORS® Governmental Affairs Committee Statement of Organization and Procedure**

The Governmental Affairs Committee is a committee created under Article IX, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the Kansas Association of REALTORS®.

## Section 1 – Composition

The Governmental Affairs Committee shall be composed of twenty-seven (27) voting REALTORS® selected on the following basis:

- One (1) REALTOR® from each of the five (5) zones (who may also be from one of the four largest Local Boards);
- One (1) REALTOR® from each of the four (4) largest Local Boards;
- Nine (9) REALTORS® selected on an at-large basis by the President-Elect of the Kansas Association of REALTORS®;
- Six (6) REALTORS® who are Federal Political Coordinators;
- One (1) REALTOR® from the Executive Committee; and
- Kansas RPAC Trustees Chair and Vice Chair.

## Section 2 – Terms

- A. The Executive Committee representative, RPAC Trustees Chair, RPAC Trustees Vice Chair and Federal Political Coordinators shall each serve one-year terms that will coincide with the year during which they serve in their respective offices.
- B. The committee members from the zones, the at-large committee members and the committee members from the four largest Local Boards shall each serve three-year staggered terms.
- C. No committee member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive three-year terms, with the exception of the committee members serving as Chair and Vice Chair, whose term on the committee shall be extended, coincident with the completion of their respective terms as Chair and Vice Chair. A committee member may serve a third successive term of three (3) years if there are no other qualified and willing candidates for the position.

## Section 3 – Selection

- A. When there is a vacancy in one of the zone or Local Board positions on the committee, the President of the Kansas Association of REALTORS® shall appoint a REALTOR® from the designated area to fill the vacant position.
- B. The KAR President-Elect shall appoint the at-large committee members. The KAR President-Elect shall appoint the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the committee each year.
- C. In the event any committee member shall die, become disabled, be removed, or resign, the KAR President shall appoint a REALTOR® to serve the remaining portion of the term for the vacant position.
- D. Any REALTOR® appointed to fill a vacant zone or Local Board position on the committee shall be eligible to serve two (2) full three-year terms in addition to any portion of the term left by the vacancy to which they are appointed.

## Section 4 – Responsibilities

- A. To investigate and evaluate all legislative and regulatory issues that may affect, enhance or impact the real estate industry and make recommendations for introduction of legislation in such areas. To investigate, evaluate and support or oppose legislation, regulations or ordinances that affect the real estate industry and/or the membership of the Association. The committee shall submit all recommendations to the Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors for the approval of all such policies, positions and/or actions.

- B. Committee members from each zone may be responsible for establishing effective relationships with Zone Vice Presidents on legislative and regulatory matters affecting Local Boards within that zone.
- C. The committee shall be responsible for establishing an effective relationship with the Kansas Real Estate Commission and support the Commission in its efforts to improve and implement Kansas license law, rules and regulations.
- D. Committee members may be asked to appear before the Legislature to support or oppose bills and may be asked to contact members of the Kansas Legislature in regard to action on pending bills.
- E. The committee shall oversee the education and mobilization of KAR members on REALTOR® policy priorities at the federal, state and local levels.
- F. The committee shall facilitate and monitor the participation of KAR members in Calls for Action on federal and state REALTOR® issues.
- G. The committee will oversee and coordinate all other grassroots political activities of the association.

#### Section 5 – Meetings

- A. The Committee shall meet at the regularly scheduled meetings of the KAR Board of Directors, and such times as called by the Chair.
- B. The Vice President of Governmental Affairs shall serve as a staff liaison and will keep the meeting minutes.
- C. A quorum of at least fourteen (14) committee members must be present to constitute a quorum and conduct business.
- D. A majority vote of the committee members present shall be required for action on all committee matters.
- E. Any committee member who has two (2) unexcused absences in a calendar year shall automatically and without any action of the Governmental Affairs Committee be dismissed from the committee.