

10 ways to engage with your REALTOR® association

The Greater Capital Area Association of REALTORS® (GCAAR), the local REALTOR® association for the District of Columbia and Montgomery County, Md., offers our members the advocacy, education, resources and tools you need to build your career, enhance your network and excel in the industry. But these benefits are only as valuable as you make them. Read on for some simple ways you can engage with your local association to enhance your career. **Get involved!**

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Read your GCAAR emails, which are chock-full of the latest association updates and opportunities for you to network and participate, and make it a habit to visit our website, gcaar.com.

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Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube.

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Vote in the GCAAR Board of Directors election each fall.

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Build bridges with your board and other fellow GCAAR REALTORS® and affiliates by getting to know them. Doing so will help you learn the ins and outs of the industry – and of your association.

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Attend our in-person and virtual events to expand your network.

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Enhance your professional skills on industry-specific topics by participating in our free Profession Session events.

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Strengthen your industry knowledge by taking no-cost continuing education and discounted certification and designation classes.

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Respond to our legislative calls for action.

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Become a GCAAR Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Champion.

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Apply for board membership or a committee/advisory group role – Serving is a smart way to gain visibility and make exponential gains in your professional network while working toward the greater good.

The bottom line is that you get out of GCAAR what you put into it!



Why apply for a GCAAR committee or advisory group?

GCAAR committees and advisory groups offer our members an excellent opportunity to grow as leaders. And not only do they provide the chance to guide the association on important activities and services, they also help you learn about GCAAR and what it can do for you while at the same time introducing you to new REALTOR® and affiliate colleagues.

Are you eligible to apply for a GCAAR committee or advisory group?

Committee applications open in the fall, and it's never too early to be ready! All GCAAR committee and advisory group applicants must be GCAAR Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Champions at the time of application, so if you're not already a DEI Champion, be sure to complete the three requirements before then. This includes taking the At Home with Diversity® certification course and the Bias Override: Overcoming Barriers to Fair Housing course, both of which GCAAR is offering in 2025, at no cost to members:

At Home with Diversity® (AHWD)

August 20-21, 2-5 p.m. (virtual)

October 22-23, 5:30-8:30 p.m. (virtual)

Bias Override

September 11, 2-5 p.m. (in person)



Sign up for AHWD
or Bias Override:
gcaar.com/calendar



Learn more about GCAAR's
DEI Champions program:

GCAAR committee/advisory group applications open every fall, with 10 to choose from:

- Community Service Committee
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Forms Committee
- Global Business Alliance Advisory Group
- Grievance Committee
- Professional Standards Committee
- Property Management Advisory Group
- Public Policy Committee – D.C.
- Public Policy Committee – Montgomery County
- Young Professionals Network (YPN) Committee



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descriptions, or visit
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