



In 2016 our team of committed staff, leaders and volunteers worked day in and day out for our members to ensure they were getting the best value for your dues dollar, meeting our mission & ensuring compliance with the Core Standards of the N.A.R. Services provided to you included:

Advocacy

- Meetings with local officials on tax issues.
- REALTOR® Midyear Meetings – your interests were promoted in Washington, DC with our Congressional Representatives.
- Legislative Advocacy – monitoring of bills that would impact your business & the real estate industry (i.e., sales tax on real estate commissions, taxes on short-term rentals, in-law apartments for seniors, security deposits, private easements and right of way).
- RPAC (REALTORS® Political Action Committee)
- Identifying, working and supporting pro-real estate candidates

Networking

- Continued support of Young Professionals Network (YPN) and sharing of CRS designation information.
- Quarterly New Member Orientation Programs with complimentary refreshments for our newest members and their Principals.
- RPAC Spring Flight (3/15/16)
- Annual Meeting & Installation of Officers & Directors at the prestigious Squantum Association (9/14/16)
- Holiday Festivities (Providence Marriott 12/1/16)
- REALTORS® Relaxing (Traffords in Warren) 8/15/16

Code of Ethics & Professional Standards

- Professional ombudsman process
- Certified mediators offering effective and complimentary mediation services
- Timely processing of ethics complaints and requests for arbitration
- Professionally administered Ethics and Arbitration Hearings at low or no cost
- References to assist you understand and apply the Code of Ethics in your business
- Training for our members, leaders and volunteers.

Special Programs & Community Involvement

- Circle of Sales Excellence Annual Certification
- Summer Kickoff Bash & Trivia Night (6/1/2016) to benefit the Providence Boys & Girls Clubs & the Providence Ronald McDonald House
- Bathing suit & towel drive to benefit the kids at the Providence Boys & Girls Clubs
- 20th Annual Charity Golf Tournament (proceeds donated to Hasbro Children's Hospital Child Life Program, RI Community Food Bank, RI Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center.)
- Promoted difference between a real estate agent and a REALTOR® at various events throughout the community.
- Student Membership Opportunity
- Scholarship offering for a Veteran to become a REALTOR®

Professional Development

- Sales Pre-licensing Classes (in cooperation with RIAR)
- Code of Ethics Training Classes
- Understanding Financing for the First-time Homebuyer (no charge – 2 CEU's)
- Doing Business Across State Lines (no charge – 2 CEU's)
- The Paperless Transaction (no charge – 2 CEU's)
- Safety & The Real Estate Agent ((no charge – 2 CEU's)
- Understanding the Appraisal Process (no charge – 2 CEU's)
- Understanding the Purchase & Sale Agreement (no charge – 2 CEU's)
- Pathways to Professionalism (no charge – 2 CEU's)
- TRID (no charge – 2 CEU's)
- Fair Housing (no charge – 2 CEU's)
- RPR/Basic (9/15/16)
- RPR Commercial (9/15/16)
- REALTOR® Safety (9/16/16)
- Online Continuing Education Courses with The CE Shop (see www.gpbior.com)

Committees, Information & Resources

- Opportunities to serve on Board Committees. In 2016, over 150 members participated.
- A responsive Board website.
- GPBOR members eligible to receive discounted rates & special offers from the REALTORS® Federal Credit Union.
- GPBOR members eligible to receive discounted prices on Staples products.
- www.gpbior.com – a wealth of valuable information & resources – free to our members.
- License Renewal information & important updates regarding the Rhode Island real estate industry.