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## 2019 President - Agueda Del Borgo



Greetings Members!

I was humbled to have been installed as our Board's 2019 President last Fall and thank you for the honor of serving you in the coming year.

***"Life is what happens while we're making other plans."***

This saying has been a common theme in my life. For me it's always been about the journey, not the destination. As REALTORS®, we work with our clients and build relationships while making new discoveries about the people we meet along the way. I hope to meet many of you over the course of my Presidency and hope to inspire you to become involved in our REALTOR® Association. There are always opportunities to collaborate and develop professionally while giving back to the industry.

Many of our committees and task forces have held their kick-off meetings to help develop plans on future programming and valuable resources and giving back to the community. Several updates are included here in this newsletter.

Finally, as previously reported last year, the GPBOR Directors elected to put our office condominium at 365 Eddy Street for sale. After 30 years in our current location, it's time for a change. A larger, more modern headquarters with ample parking will enable us to expand services to members, increase our capacity for meeting and gathering space, better accommodate visitors and staff, and offer additional training classes. Convenience for members and volunteers is always paramount. And now, I have some exciting news to share! The Board has executed an agreement and is planning to move to a temporary location effective 3/1. We are most thankful to the Northern Rhode Island Board of REALTORS® who will be temporarily hosting us at their office (2178 Mendon Road, Suite 400, Cumberland) while our Building Task Force continues to look at properties for our permanent headquarters. A special thank you to Sally Hersey who serves as Chair of the Building Task Force. As a result of our move, our offices will be closed 2/28-3/1. Rest assured we will respond to all inquiries as soon as possible. I thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Please contact me at (401) 345-4573 if you have any questions. Wishing you all a pleasant February.

### Battle of the Brands Trivia Night - 4/3/19

Help us help our community by supporting GPBOR C.A.R.E.'s Trivia Night! All proceeds will benefit [Hasbro's Children's Hospital's Child Life Program](#) and [Tides Family Services](#).

Battle of the Brands Trivia Night will be held on Wednesday, April 3rd from 6:00 - 9:00 PM at [Chelo's Waterfront Bar & Grille](#). The night will feature engaging trivia challenges and beautiful waterfront views with colleagues, friends and family.

Would you like to sponsor this event? The deadline to commit is Thursday 2/28; [click here](#) for more information!



### 6th Biennial Now in Effect

With the start of 2019, came a new biennial. The 6th Biennial of the REALTOR® Association is effective 1/1/2019 - 12/31/2020.

Since 2001, all REALTOR® members of the Association (with the exception of Affiliates and REALTOR® Emeritus) must, as a requirement of membership, complete a course no less than 2 ½ hours on the curriculum of the REALTOR® Code of Ethics of the National Association of REALTORS®. The course must be in the above date range and then members must submit their certificate to the Board for our recording - as we are not automatically notified when members complete a class. New REALTOR® members must complete the course within the first 180 days of their membership. GPBOR is offering an [in-person](#) class on 3/19 (in cooperation with NRIBR) or [online options](#) that can be completed at anytime.



### New Member Orientation - 2/25/19

Are you a new member who joined between August 2018 and now? All new members are required to complete a New Member Orientation in accordance with our Bylaws. Each year the Board hosts three **free** orientations and the first one for 2019 is Monday, 2/25 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.



New Members can sign up directly via our [event page](#).

### REALTOR® Emeritus

REALTORS® who have been members of our Association consistently for 40 years or more **and** who have demonstrated a minimum of one year's volunteer service to either GPBOR, the RI Association of REALTORS® or National Association of REALTORS® may be eligible to apply for REALTOR® Emeritus status. To learn more, including our 2 filing deadlines, please contact [Erin Herzog](#), Membership Director, at 401-274-8383.

### NAR Launches Commitment to Excellence

Four years in the making, the National Association of REALTORS® launched **Commitment to Excellence (C2EX)** - in November - a program that empowers REALTORS® to demonstrate their professionalism and commitment to conducting business at the highest standards. Those who successfully achieve this, will receive marketing materials. It's not a designation or a course. It's not a requirement, but a benefit available to all NAR members at no additional cost. Learn [here](#).



### DBR Looking for Feedback - Best Practices for Teams Booklet now available.

The RI Department of Business Regulation's Real Estate Division is looking for feedback from practitioners and their use of the mandatory real estate agency relationship form if you are on a team with multiple members. Written feedback may be forwarded to William DeLuca, Real Estate Administrator, RI Department of Business Regulation, 1511 Pontiac Ave., Bldg. 69-1, Cranston, RI 02920.

The RI Association of REALTORS® Risk Management Committee recently released a "best practices for real estate teams" booklet. You can pick one up at the GPBOR office or with [RIAR](#).

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