



# No Time to Join a Committee? It's Easier Than You Think



Joining a Bay East Committee has always been a great way to make new contacts, learn about the new trends in the industry, and have a hand in shaping the Association's direction. Each year over one hundred REALTORS® and Affiliates become active participants in Bay East's Committees and Councils.

If you'd like to get more involved with Bay East or simply have some great ideas you'd like to see implemented, now is the time to do something about it. The Association has plenty of opportunities for volunteers, either by serving on a Committee or Council.

What's the difference between the two? The Councils approve programs and policies that fall within Bay East's Strategic Plan and annual budget. Membership is generally limited to between 9 and 15 members with equal representation from each District. Most Councils meet for about 2 hours every month.

The Committees, on the other hand, are less structured. There is no limit to the number of members who can participate and they meet on an as-needed basis only. Committees tend to focus on just one program from the inception of an idea to actually carrying it out. Once the program or event takes place, then the Committee has the option of disbanding.

Chances are you have a few hours to spare and some great ideas to share. So, if you'd like to volunteer, just complete the sign-up form located below and mail or fax to the address and fax number noted on the form. Committee and Council appointments will be made in January and we'll contact you to let you know where we need you the most.

**Please indicate in order of preference (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>), which areas are of interest to you. A brief description is on the other side of this form.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Member Benefits Council</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Local Government Relations Council</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Professional Standards</b>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate Activities                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government Relations           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arbitration/Ethics/MLS Hearings  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BORPAC Trustees                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mediation  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member Recognition                  |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Served as least 1 year on Grievance Council  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership                          |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Requirement: REALTOR® member at least 2 years and completion of Professional Standards Training</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technology                          |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MLS Council</b>                  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Housing Opportunities Council</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Grievance Council</b>  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple Listing Service | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Housing Issues             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grievance Review   |
|  |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Requirement: REALTOR® member at least 2 years and completion of Professional Standards Training</b> |

Please return to Bay East by fax (925) 730-0264 (no cover page necessary) or mail to 7901 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 150, Pleasanton, CA 94588. **Please print:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Direct Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Following is a brief summary of the Councils:**

## **Member Benefits**

To identify, develop and oversee programs that establish and enhance the benefits of Association membership. The following task forces are a part of this council: Achievement Club, REALTOR®, Rookie and Affiliate of the Year Awards, Good Neighbor Award, New Member Outreach, Education Advisory, Affiliate Appreciation, Communication Ambassador, Products and Services, Activities, Broker Outreach and Broker Academy.

## **Housing Opportunities**

To identify, develop and oversee programs that enhance the opportunity for housing choices that will accommodate all economic levels within the communities. To advocate and educate members and the public on housing assistance programs and developments.

## **Local Government Relations**

To identify, develop and oversee programs that enhance the Association's relationship with the communities, governments and other "publics" within the areas serviced by the Association

## **Multiple Listing Service**

To identify and recommend programs and improvements to MLS vendor that enhance the value of the MLS of the Association's constituents. And, to review, evaluate and advise members on technology issues that will enhance their ability to do business in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## **Professional Standards**

In accordance with the Strategic Plan/Budget to identify, recommend and implement programs that enhance the professionalism of the Association's members in accordance with the Membership/MLS Rules and Regulations, Association's Bylaws and the California Association of REALTORS® Professional Standards Reference Manual.

## **Grievance Council**

**To review alleged violations and recommend for Disciplinary hearing if necessary in accordance with the Membership/MLS Rules and Regulations, Association's Bylaws and the California Association of REALTORS® Professional Standards Reference Manual.**