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## Karis leads Spokane REALTORS® in 2009

*Jeannette Karis, President, Spokane Association of REALTORS®*



The Spokane Association of REALTORS® announces that Jeannette Karis, a REALTOR® with RE/MAX of Spokane, will preside over more than 2,000 Spokane REALTOR® members as its 2009 Association President. Jeannette is known throughout the region as “the REALTOR® with the English accent.” She came to the U.S. in 1994, settling with her family in Spokane, and beginning her career as a REALTOR® that same year.

Karis has demonstrated industry leadership at the local Association level, serving on committees since 1995, chairing several, and being elected to the Board of Directors for the past seven years. She also has served as a State Director (2005-08) for the Washington Association of REALTORS®. In 2007, Karis received the Spokane Association of REALTORS® *Excellence in Professionalism Award* and also *Recognition for Outstanding Service*. She holds four advanced industry designations, Certified Residential Specialist (CRS®), Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR®), Graduate REALTOR® Institute (GRI®), and Seniors Real Estate Specialist (SRES®).” Under Karis’ leadership, the 2009 Spokane Association of REALTORS® Board of

Directors also includes: Secretary, Nancy Jones (Windermere R.E./North); Treasurer, Eric Johnson (Coldwell Banker/NW Group); 2010 President-elect, Linda Miller (Prudential Spokane Real Estate); and Immediate Past President, Patti McKerricher Boyd (Windermere R.E./North).

Newly elected Directors (2009-2011 Term) include: Marilyn Amato (Century 21 Beutler & Assoc. Spokane); Tom Clark (Coldwell Banker/NW Group); Mike Crowley (Spokane Home Buyers); Tom Hormel (Tomlinson North); and Jennifer Valerien (RE/MAX Inland Empire). Returning Directors (2008-2010 Term) include: Marianne Guenther (Windermere Real Estate/Manito); Neil Johnson (Coldwell Banker/NW Group); Joe Mann (Windermere Real Estate/Valley); Rick Richard (John L. Scott Spokane); and Jessica Shaeffer (Tomlinson North).

With other local REALTORS®, President Karis attended industry leadership meetings in Chicago last August, as well as in Orlando, at the National Association of REALTORS® Annual Conference and Expo in November, 2008.

Karis’ husband of 15 years, Bill, is retired from the U.S. Air Force, with prior U.S. Army

service. Their daughter is on active duty with the U.S. Navy.

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