

Become Involved

2012 President, Marilyn Amato, is asking for the Spokane Association of REALTORS® members to serve on various committees. Marilyn would like to point out that committee involvement adds immensely to agents and brokers lives. See testimonial from Bill Richard below. Call Marilyn at 979-6027 or e-mail her at marilyn@marilynamato.com if you have any questions or concerns. This is your opportunity to become part of the decision-making process and be involved in local Association direction.

The following are the S.A.R.'s Standing Committees and Special Events Committees or Activities (description of each are on reverse side of this page). Please indicate your preference by numbering 1-5 (1 being first priority). **If you wish to be on more than one committee please indicate with an asterisk(*)**. Please fax your completed form to Debbie at the Association office. Fax #: 324-8650.

Deadline December 2, 2011.

- _____ Budget & Finance Committee
- _____ Communication/Member Services Committee
- _____ Education Committee
- _____ Fair Housing Committee
- _____ Forms Committee
- _____ Governmental Affairs Committee
- _____ Grievance Committee
- _____ SOS Committee (Serving Our Spokane)
- Special Events Committee:
 - ___ Affiliate Night ___ Holiday Party & Auction ___ Food Drive
 - ___ Golf ___ 3rd Grade Poster Contest
- _____ Technology Committee

Bill's Testimonial

"In this day and age it amazes me how seldom we physically meet the agents we are doing a cross sales with. I believe that something gets lost when you can't put a face or an accurate personality to the person on the other side of the sale. I found out that volunteering at the SAR has a benefit I wasn't expecting to be so useful, in that you have an opportunity to meet many of our brokers and to interact with them.

I had a cross sale recently with one of those brokers, who I otherwise would most likely never have met in person. The resulting transaction was smooth and pleasant as it could be. I think there are greater accountability and a natural tendency to get along when you've worked from across a table with someone who's earned your respect".

Bill Richard, Keller Williams Spokane—Main

Your Name _____ Company Phone # _____

Company Name _____

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Description of S.A.R. Committees

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Advises the Board of Directors with respect to financial matters of the S.A.R. and prepares an annual budget. (Meets once a month).

COMMUNICATION/MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

Communicates to the public, the significance of the term REALTOR® and information about the REALTOR® organization and the real estate industry. Communication from association leadership to membership - feedback from membership. Selects speakers for quarterly membership meetings. Oversees new member Orientation program. (Meets once a month).

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Plans and oversees the educational activities of the S.A.R. Works to promote worthy educational programs and to encourage members to take advantage of local, state and national education opportunities. (Meets once a month).

FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE

Plans and supervises the activities of the S.A.R. in Fair Housing matters. Promotes S.A.R. adoption and adherence to the local fair housing partnerships endorsed by N.A.R.. Provides education in the area of Fair Housing. Works with the community to eliminate any instances of unfair treatment of minorities in real estate transactions. (Meets approximately four times a year/as needed).

FORMS COMMITTEE

Makes changes to the S.A.R. forms. (Meets as needed).

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Monitors legislative activities at the state and local level. Works to promote legislation which recognizes private property rights and the interest of the real estate industry. Promotes member awareness of and involvement in the political process. Through RPAC, raises funds for support of appropriate candidates for public office. (Meets once a month).

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Is a fact finding/gathering committee to determine the validity of complaints against REALTORS®. Reviews complaints and arbitration requests. (Meets once a month). 3 year term.

SERVING OUR SPOKANE COMMITTEE

To provide promotional and scheduling support for the Sacred Heart Children's Hospital Clubhouse. Evaluate and make recommendations to the Board on funding requests from community from other organizations.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Provides membership with special events such as the Food Drive and Christmas Party Fund Raiser, as well as social events such as the Golf Tournament and Affiliate Appreciation Night. (Meets approximately two times a year; sub-committees meet when needed).

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Evaluates technology to serve member needs, makes recommendations on software products and SAR web page development. (Meets once a month.)

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES:

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE *(must have previously served 3-year term on the Grievance Committee)*

Has the authority to hear matters concerning any alleged violation of the Code of Ethics, the Constitution and Bylaws, and the duties of membership. Also has the authority to arbitrate disputes. (Meets as needed).