

# Bylaws amendments

December 2022

Edits are proposed to address three changes to our by-laws:

## **Non-voting Affiliate Member (Article XI, Section 1-7)**

During her term, President Brito established a Presidential Advisory Group (PAG) to examine if and how an affiliate member could be added to GCAAR's Board of Directors.

The PAG recommended that a non-voting affiliate member seat be created. The member shall meet the same (applicable) eligibility criteria as REALTOR® members, be nominated by the Nominating Committee, and be elected by the Board of Directors. The term of office is one year and shall not be more than two consecutive terms. Affiliate members cannot serve as officers of the Association.

## **Clarify Board eligibility (Article XI, Section 1, B)**

The Nominating Committee recommended that the bylaws be clarified around the minimum required committee service for a candidate for Director or Officer.

The current language was unclear given the timing of applications and the nominating process. . Language has been clarified to reflect the understanding that candidates have to complete two full years of committee service prior to applying to the Nominating Committee or petitioning on to the board..

## **Code of Ethics (Article XI, Section 1, C)**

The Board of Directors serves as the final ratification or appeal for professional standards matters (Code of Ethics violations, SentiLock complaints, and Arbitration).

Having a member who has been found in violation of the Code of Ethics would be a conflict. It is recommended that our bylaws be amended to prohibit members found in violation of the Code of Ethics from serving on the Board for a period of three years.

This is similar to the Board's previously passed motions that prohibited members from serving on the Grievance and Professional Standards Committees if found to be in violation of the Code of Ethics.