



BYLAWS EXCERPT - ARTICLE XI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SECTION 3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Amended June 2026)

The governing body of the Association shall be a board of directors consisting of the elected Officers and Directors, and the immediate past president of the Association. No more than three of the total positions of the Officers and Directors may be filled by a member of the same brokerage. If an Officer or Director changes brokerages in their term and this changes the composition to be more than three from the same brokerage, those Officers and Directors may complete their elected term.

Officer qualifications include three (3) years as a REALTOR® member in good standing, at least one (1) year of service as a Director, and two (2) years' service as an Association committee member in good standing.

Director qualifications include two (2) years as a REALTOR® member in good standing and two (2) years' service as an Association committee member in good standing.

The Additional Directors shall be elected as follows:

- Two (2) REALTOR® Directors whose principal office or primary residence is located in Calvert County.
- Two (2) REALTOR® Directors whose principal office or primary residence is located in Charles County.
- Two (2) REALTOR® Directors whose principal office or primary residence is located in St. Mary's County.
- One (1) Affiliate Director at-large appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, no later than the first Board of Directors meeting of the new elective year.

Voting Rights for Affiliate Board Member:

The appointed Affiliate Board member shall be afforded a vote on all SMAR Board-related actions. Affiliate Board member is not eligible to hold an Officer position.

The officers of the Association shall serve as a Director for a term concurrent with the officer position. The Additional Directors shall serve for a two (2) year term. The appointed Affiliate Director at-large shall serve a one (1) year term. Thereafter, as many Directors shall be elected each year as are required to fill the Additional Director positions then expiring each year. (Amended 10/31/2022)



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SECTION 4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS (Amended June 2026)

- (a) Credentials Committee: There shall be a Credentials Committee consisting of the President (whom shall be the Chair) the previous two (2) Immediate Past Presidents and CEO. At least ninety (90) days prior to the regularly scheduled general membership meeting in October, the Credentials Committee in conjunction with Association staff shall advise the membership of vacancies among the Officers and Directors and request candidates for office, whether officer or director, be submitted to the Credentials Committee on such form (or online) as from time to time adopted by the Board of Directors. The Credentials Committee in conjunction with the Association staff will verify that each Candidate is a member in good standing.
- (b) The report of the Credentials Committee shall be noticed to each REALTOR® Member at least thirty (30) days preceding the election. The Chair of the Credentials Committee or their designee will deliver notification to the Membership by any of the following including, but not limited to newsletter, electronic mail or other appropriate means as approved from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Additional candidates for the ballot may be placed in nomination by a petition signed by at least 15% of the REALTOR® Members eligible to vote and submitted to the Chair of the Credentials Committee at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Chair of the Credentials Committee or their designee will deliver notification to the Membership of any additional candidates by any of the following including, but not limited to newsletter, electronic mail or other appropriate means as approved from time to time by the Board of Directors. (Amended 06/19)

- (c) The election of Directors shall be by secure, electronic ballot commencing no less than fourteen days ahead of and ending twenty-four (24) hours before the Annual Meeting. Voting by electronic ballot shall be pursuant to rules and procedures established by the Board of Directors, which, among other things, shall establish where, when, and by what means the electronic ballot shall be cast.

All ballots shall contain the names of all candidates and the offices for which they are nominated. Votes may be cast only for those candidates whose names appear on the ballot. Votes for write-in candidates are not permitted. (Amended 06/19)

- (d) The Credentials Committee shall certify the election results at the conclusion of each election and provide the results to the current President no less than 24 hours prior to the annual meeting for announcement of the results. In case of a tie vote, the issue shall be determined by lot. (Amended 06/19)