

Gahanna Area Realty Association Bylaws

ARTICLE 1. Name

This organization shall be known as the Gahanna Area Realty Association or G.A.R.A.

ARTICLE 2. Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote better Real Estate relations and cooperation between Realtors® and the general public, and to promote the welfare of the community.

The primary purpose of any fund raising activity is to support the Gahanna Needy Families. Any request for donations or contributions that exceeds \$200 shall be reviewed by the association officers and present the following week with recommendations and put to a vote.

It is understood each member shall conduct his/her real estate business in accordance with the Realtor® Code of Ethics promulgated by the National Association of Realtors®.

ARTICLE 3. Membership

Membership to be open on an individual basis to Realtors® who are current members in good standing of the Columbus Board of Realtors®, Ohio Association of Realtors®, and the National Association of Realtors®. Membership is also open to Affiliates. Affiliates do not need to be a member of the Columbus Board of Realtors or the National Association of Realtors.

A guest or non-member may not attend more than 2 meetings without becoming a paid member.

Weekly raffle participation is restricted to members only.

ARTICLE 4. Fees

Each individual Realtor® member will be assessed a fee of \$18.00 per year. There shall be no proration of dues for those joining during the calendar year. Affiliate member dues are \$21 per year.

Member and non-members shall pay \$2.00 per meeting. Members have an option to pay \$70 per year in lieu of the \$2.00 required fee.

ARTICLE 5. Officers

- President:** Who shall chair meetings and appoint committees who shall elect their respective chair person.
- Vice President:** Who shall fill-in in the absence of the President.
- Secretary/Treasurer:** Who shall perform usual duties attributed to those offices, and be responsible for enrolling members and the collection of dues, Responsible for handling election ballots and tabulation of votes. Responsible for issuing a monthly Treasurer's report on the last Friday of the month.

In the event of vacancy in office, there shall be automatic succession. Should the vacancy be in the office of the President, the succeeding president will serve out the remainder of the term and his own, providing the total does not exceed 18 months.

The position of the President and Vice-President, to be held by a Realtor® who is a member in good standing. The position of Treasurer to be held by a Realtor® or Affiliate who is a member in good standing.

Names of the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer to be on the checking account if such be needed.

ARTICLE 6. Committees

- Social Committee:** Responsible for the social functions of this organization.

ARTICLE 7. Voting

Weekly breakfast and caravan meeting every Friday at 9:00 a.m. unless announced otherwise. In the event that Gahanna schools are closed or on delay due to weather, the meeting is canceled.

Officers meeting to be held quarterly at a place designated by the President.

If business is of sufficient importance, a special meeting can be called by the President and/or any officer.

ARTICLE 9. Elections

Elections to be held at the Annual Holiday Breakfast with officers to assume their duties on January 1st of the following year.

Annual elections will be held to elect Tour Director and Treasurer for a one year term and Vice-president for a two year term. Vice-president will automatically move up to the position of President the following year from being elected.

There shall be open nomination from the floor with no more than four (4) nominees, two (2) weeks prior to elections. Only Realtor® members in good standing for at least 90 days may be nominated to the office of Vice President. Realtor® or Affiliate members can be nominated for Tour Director or Treasurer and must be members in good standing for at least 90 days to be nominated.

ARTICLE 10. Revision of Bylaws

These bylaws and rules and regulations as may be proposed can only be adopted or changed by majority vote of those present at a regular meeting with one week notice to members.