



BYLAWS OF THE GREATER KALAMAZOO ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, Incorporated

Excerpts pertaining to Annual GKAR Elections

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ARTICLE XI - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 3. Board of Directors. The governing body of GKAR shall be a Board of Directors of twelve (12) REALTOR® Members, consisting of the President, the President-Elect, the Treasurer, and nine (9) Directors-at-Large. Directors-at-Large shall be elected to serve a term of three (3) years but may not be elected to more than two (2) consecutive three (3)-year terms. Treasurer shall be elected to serve a term of two (2) years but may not be elected to more than two (2) consecutive two (2) year terms. All service not to exceed ten (10) years of consecutive service. President is not eligible to stand for election without a one (1)-year gap in service.

Section 4. Election of Officers and Directors.

- a. At least two (2) months before the annual election, a Nominating Committee of five (5) REALTOR® Members shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall select one (1) or more candidates for each Officer and Director-at-Large position to be filled on the Board of Directors. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be delivered in a manner determined by the Board of Directors to each Member eligible to vote at least three (3) weeks preceding the election. Additional candidates for the positions to be filled may be placed in nomination by a petition signed by any REALTOR® Member. The petition shall be filed with the Secretary at least two (2) weeks before the election. The Secretary shall send notice of such additional nominations to all Members eligible to vote at least one (1) week before the election.

(Amended 12/16)

- b. The election of Officers and Directors shall take place annually. Election shall be by ballot and all votes shall be cast in-person, or election may be conducted by electronic means, in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Directors. The ballot shall contain the names of all candidates and the offices for which they are nominated.
- c. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint an Election Committee of three (3) REALTOR® Members to conduct the election. In case of a tie vote, the issue shall be determined by lot.
- d. Any REALTOR® Member in good standing is eligible for election to President-Elect, Treasurer, or Director-at-Large except:
 - 1. The current President and President-Elect are not eligible for President-Elect, Treasurer, or Director-at-Large.
 - 2. Any Director-at-Large, whose current term includes the following year, is not eligible for election as Director-at-Large.
 - 3. The successful candidates for the positions of President, President-Elect, and Treasurer are not eligible for election as Director-at-Large.
 - 4. There shall be no more than three (3) Directors, including Officers, from any one firm, partnership, or corporation serving on the Board of Directors at the same time.
(Adopted 02/22)
 - 5. In the event a Director-at-Large is elected President-Elect or Treasurer, his/her position as Director-at-Large shall be considered vacated upon the beginning of his/her term of office and the Board of Directors shall appoint a person to fill that Director-at-Large position (as described in Section 5 below) for the balance of that year. The Nominating Committee for the next election shall consider the remaining one (1)-year term as Director-at-Large and GKAR voting Members shall fill that position.

Section 5. Vacancies. Vacancies among the Officers and the Directors-at-Large shall be filled by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors until the next annual election.