



**GREATER  
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REALTORS®**

### **Awards Committee**

**Purpose:** Reviews and selects recipients for annual member recognition awards, including George Kangles Community Citizenship Award, REALTOR® of the Year, and Good Neighbor. In addition, the Committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding which names to put forth to Tennessee REALTORS® for their Good Neighbor, REALTOR® of the Year, and TREEF Educator of the Year awards. Meets 1-2 times per year.

**Appointment & Composition:** The President shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors, a Chair of the Awards Committee. The President shall appoint the Awards Committee, which shall be composed of seven (7) REALTORS®, four (4) which shall be past award recipients and the balance of appointees being current or past Officers or Directors.

### **Award Criteria & Selection Process**

Before the end of each calendar year, all members will be invited to submit nominations for review by the Committee in determining to whom to present local awards. The Committee is not limited to the nominations submitted; however, any Committee member making a nomination shall complete a nomination form prior to final determination by the Committee.

To avoid any conflicts of interest, real or perceived, should a member of the Committee be related by blood or marriage to any nominee, the member shall be recused from any further deliberations and the President may appoint another REALTOR® to serve in their place.

Only individual REALTOR® members in good standing are eligible for nomination of local awards.

There is no "one-time" limit on a member receiving an award; however, the Committee will give consideration to the length of time and the nominee's contributions since the last time he/she received the award.

Staff will prepare and submit to the Committee a Member Profile Report listing each nominee's involvement at the local, state, or national levels.

When a nominee is the current or immediate past president (or other officer), the Committee will consider his/her qualifications and contributions beyond the obligations of the office held.

Selection/presentation of any award is not required on an annual basis, but only to signal a distinct recognition of the ideals embodied in the award.

The recipient of each award shall be determined by a simple majority vote of the Committee. Multiple nominations are not required for the same nominee, and quantity of nominations is not an essential consideration.

Award recipients will not be notified in advance. The Awards Committee will work confidentially in conjunction with Staff to invite the recipient's family to attend the meeting or event at which the award will be presented.

When recommending to the Board of Directors which names to put forth to Tennessee REALTORS® for their Good Neighbor, REALTOR® of the Year, and TREEF Educator of the Year awards, the Committee may submit the same or a different name of the person receiving a local award.

The Awards Committee may make a recommendation to the Chattanooga City Council and/or the Hamilton County Commission to prepare a proclamation to honor award recipients. Said recommendations will be presented following presentation of the award at an all-member meeting or event.

### **Local Awards**

**George Kangles Community Citizenship Award:** Established in 2011, the George Kangles Community Citizenship Award honors the work and efforts of the late George Kangles, and his time and dedication serving our community and all levels of the REALTOR® Association. The Award honors a REALTOR® for their:

- Knowledge and involvement in local advocacy efforts impacting the real estate industry;
- Support and investment in the REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC); and
- Support and participation in the REALTOR® Party efforts (e.g., Calls For Action, Hill Visits, Voter Registration)

within the year, or consecutive years, preceding the presentation of the award.

**Good Neighbor:** Honors a REALTOR® for their exceptional contributions to their community through volunteer work within the year, or consecutive years, preceding the presentation of the award.

**REALTOR® of the Year:** Honors a REALTOR® for their contributions to the real estate industry, the community, and the local or state association within the year, or consecutive years, preceding the presentation of the award.

### **State & National Awards**

**TN REALTOR® of the Year:** Recognizes a REALTOR® for their excellent service to the industry representation of REALTORS® throughout the state.

**TREEF Educator of the Year:** Honors someone for their contribution to the education of REALTORS® across the state. Their contribution may take many forms – instruction, committee work, course development or assistance – on a statewide basis, for Tennessee REALTORS® or for Local Associations other than his/her own, whether on a paid or volunteer basis.

**TN REALTORS® Good Neighbor Award:** Recognizes a REALTOR® for their exceptional contributions to their community through volunteer work.

**National Association of REALTORS® Good Neighbor Award:** Recognizes a REALTOR® who has made an extraordinary impact on their community, or on the national or world stage, through volunteer work.