

CAAR Bylaws Proposed Changes Recap

- Capitalized “Association” throughout the document when referring specifically to CAAR to ensure consistency and reinforce its use as a defined term.
- Abbreviated National Association of REALTORS® to NAR and Virginia REALTORS® to VAR throughout the Bylaws.
- Retained references to the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) based on the recommendation of legal counsel.
- Removed procedural and administrative processes from the Bylaws and relocated them to the appropriate Policies & Procedures Manual or Appendices to provide greater flexibility and reduce the need for future Bylaw amendments.
- Updated membership fee provisions for National Association of REALTORS® Institute Affiliate Members.



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Article XI – Officers and Directors

Section 2. Duties of Officers

- Added and clarified the duties and responsibilities of the Immediate Past President.
- Added and clarified the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Board of Directors

- Reduced the number of REALTOR® Director positions from 10 to 8.
- Removed the one-year and two-year term options, making three-year terms the sole appointment length.
- Established a maximum of six consecutive years of service on the Board of Directors.
- Required Directors who reach the six-year term limit to take a minimum one-year break in service before becoming eligible to serve again.



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Article XI – Officers and Directors

Section 5. Election of Officers and Directors

- Promotes leadership continuity by requiring Treasurer candidates to be current Board members or to have served on the Board within the preceding year.
- Ensures current institutional knowledge among officers advancing through the leadership succession process.
- Provides a stronger foundation for future Presidents by selecting Treasurers from individuals already familiar with CAAR's governance, finances, and strategic initiatives.
- Maintains a clear and predictable succession pathway from Treasurer to President-Elect and ultimately President.
- Preserves broader leadership opportunities for Director candidates by retaining the existing qualifications recognizing service with CAAR, other REALTOR® associations, and community organizations.



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Article XII – Meetings

Section 5. Quorum for Membership Meetings

- Reduces the quorum requirement for the transaction of business at membership meetings from fifteen percent (15%) to ten percent (10%) of Members eligible to vote.

Section 8. Action Without a Meeting

- Revised the provision for Action by Directors Without a Meeting to allow votes to be submitted electronically.
- Required that all electronic votes be retained by the Association as part of its official records.

Article XVIII – Multiple Listing Service

- Removing Sections 2 through 5 and transferring the applicable provisions to the appropriate CAAR MLS governing documents, consistent with the recommendation of MLS legal counsel.

