



HGAR COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER FORM

We want our HGAR members to get involved — lobbying for homeowners, planning exciting events, and taking part in charitable fundraising. As a member, this is where you can shape the future of real estate education, spread the word about HGAR benefits, and explore cultural diversity opportunities. You're sure to find something that interests you.

Communications Council

The Communications Council coordinates communications programs for both members and the general public. It oversees these committees:

- **Broker-Owner/Manager Committee:** Presents educational and informational programs customized for broker/owners and managers of member firms. Meetings are held quarterly. You **must** be a broker/owner or manager to serve on this committee.
- **Member Experience Committee:** This committee's goal is to improve communications among HGAR Members. Meetings are held quarterly.
- **Recognition Committee:** Selects the HGAR Realtor and Affiliate of the Year, plus other awards such as the Extra Mile, Spirit Award and Legislative Advocacy Award. This committee also recommends the NYSAR Realtor of the Year candidates. Meetings are held quarterly.

Education Council

The Education Council assists in determining policy for HGAR's School of Real Estate, identifies new courses and establishes evaluation procedures for the delivery of licensing, continuing education and general education classes. It also assists in developing policy for hiring and training the faculty and maintains an active role with DOS regulations regarding real estate education. Meetings are held monthly.

Fair Housing & Cultural Diversity Committee

This Committee develops programs to assist members with fair housing complaints, and creates opportunities for cultural diversity in the organization. It also supervises equal opportunity outreach from Realtors to the general public. Meetings are held quarterly.

Global Business Council

This Council helps create Global Business opportunities and Education for our members. Meetings are held quarterly.

Hudson Gateway Realtor Foundation Committee

The HG Realtor Foundation Committee helps manage the Hudson Gateway Realtor Foundation, which makes charitable contributions to Hudson Valley non-profit organizations. It also plans the annual Foundation Gala. Meetings are held monthly.

- **Program Committee:** Reviews grant applications
- **Fundraising Committee:** Manages events and fundraising efforts

Legislative Council

The Legislative Council advocates for legislation and regulations to benefit Realtors and homeowners and lobbies against measures that could harm Realtors and homeowners. It maintains a dialogue between HGAR and the local and regional political communities. Meetings are held a few times a year.

- **RPAC Committee:** The Realtor Political Action Committee supports and protects the interest of real estate professionals and consumers by helping to elect candidates who understand our business interests and our concerns. This committee plans RPAC fundraising events. Meetings are held a few times a year.

Professional Standards Council

This Committee resolves business and ethical disputes between Realtors, and with customers and clients. **Special training is required to serve on this council and its committees.**

- **Grievance Committee:** Processes complaints and disputes.
- **Panelists:** Members are on call for ethics and arbitration hearings.
- **Mediators and Ombudsmen:** Help resolve disputes without formal hearings.

If you're interested in serving on any of these committees, contact Mary Prenon, HGAR Director of Communications, email mary.prenon@hgar.com. Or you can fill out the information below and leave it with the HGAR receptionist.

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Location: _____

Committee Interests: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____