

Proposed addition to the current GPBR Bylaws as Article XVIII (making its current Article XVIII Article XIX Article)

Article XVIII – Association Chapters

Chapters established by the Association are not legal entities. They are designed to foster member engagement in activities beneficial to the members, the consumer and the municipalities within which the members of the Association live, work and play. When beneficial and upon approval by the Association, Sub-chapters within already formed Chapters are permissible.

Section 1. Purpose

A Chapter shall provide a common meeting ground for members of the Association within the local community for discussion of issues of mutual interest.

Section 2. Jurisdiction

- a) A Chapter may be formed by the petition of 45 individuals from no less than 30% of the brokerages located within the jurisdiction being considered or from 10% of the membership within the jurisdiction being considered whichever is greater **or at time of merger with another association.**
- b) The jurisdiction of Chapters shall be as established by the Association's Board of Directors
 - i. **Must have specific municipal boundaries or**
 - ii. **Conform to a previously existing NAR chartered jurisdiction**
- c) Approval for the formation of a Chapter must be approved by the Association's Board of Directors.

Section 3. Membership

- a) There shall be the same classes of membership in the Chapter as are held in the Association.

Section 4. Chapter Bylaws

- a) The Chapter shall have a set of Bylaws for governing Chapter affairs.
 - i. Chapter Bylaws are initially established and approved by the Board of Directors of the association.
 - ii. Amendments to the Bylaws can be proposed by the Chapter but require approval by the Board of Directors of the Association.
- b) All activities of the Chapter, before implementation, shall be subject to the review and approval of the Association's Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Both the CEO and the Chapter have the right to submit any difference to the Association's Board of Directors whose decision is final. In no event shall the Chapter take any action which is contrary to the policy of the Association as established by the Board of Directors or the membership of the Association
- c) Wherever and whenever any conflict appears between the wording and/or meaning of Chapter Bylaws and the Bylaws of the Association, the latter shall prevail

Section 5. Dissolution

- a) Failure of the Chapter to have a quorum at its annual meeting two years in a row shall require the Association to consider the Chapter's ability to meet its objectives and may result in its dissolution.