# Arizona REALTORS® OPERATIONS AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES 2018 Business Plan

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The following are programs, products, services and activities (PPSA's) with Operations & Strategic Initiatives oversight.

#### **CURRENT TOP PRIORITIES**

 Approval of the 2019 Strategic Plan, Operating & Capital Budgets, and Primary Committee Business Plans

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

• Leadership Appointment for 2019 Legislative & Political Affairs Chair/Vice Chair

#### **GROUPS FORMED**

- Local Association PAG
- 2019 Planning Session

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

AAR is an effective member directed, fiscally responsible, non-profit corporation. AAR offers a value package that enhances members' abilities to conduct their businesses with integrity and competency.

Measurable Objectives	Status
Determine real estate firm representatives for 2019	Emails and letters sent on January 4th
BOD based on 12/31/17 membership numbers.	
Establish recommendations for allocation of	Completed – Approved during March
surplus from 2017 operating budget for BOD	22 <sup>nd</sup> meeting
approval.	
Begin 2019 officer election process. Announce	Deadline was January 22 <sup>nd</sup> and was
deadline and application submission dates. Submit	announced throughout 2017, with the
2019 candidate statements for BOD vote.	last posted on November 15, 2017 in
	The Voice.
	Election held March 22 <sup>nd</sup>
	First announcement for 2020 elections
	made:
	https://www.aaronline.com/about-
	us/aar-officer-elections/
Operate in compliance with bylaws, policies and	On-going
applicable laws.	

Communicate upcoming meeting times and	On-going
agendas effectively.	
Evaluate and/or approve funds for innovative	On-going
programs, products and/or services as submitted.	Investigating MEP 401k plan as a
	membership benefit.
Draft, update and distribute meeting agendas and	On-going
materials for the Board of Directors meetings in a	
timely manner.	
Maintain at least 80% attendance by Directors.	• 92 % - March meeting
	% - October meeting

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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Measurable Objectives	Status
Assist leadership engagement with local association	On-going
leadership to strengthen the strategic partnership.	Planning for attendance at local
	association installations.
Assist President-elect and First Vice President with	Approved by ExCom on January 10 <sup>th</sup>
selecting primary committee chairs, vice chairs and	
association executive representative for 2019 to be	Motion approved during the March
approved by ExCom in January and BOD at March	19 <sup>th</sup> ExCom meeting and March 22 <sup>nd</sup>
meeting.	BOD meeting for RMC Chair and AE
	Representative changes.
	Motion approved during June 6 <sup>th</sup>
	meeting for LPA Chair and Vice
	Chair change. On October 17 <sup>th</sup>
	BOD agenda for approval.
Assist President-elect in identifying members,	Session held April 27 <sup>th</sup> at the Musical
scheduling and organizing planning session for	Instrument Museum in Scottsdale. Jeff
2019. Coordinate Planning Session outcomes,	Turner was the facilitator.
distribute Strategic Plan to attendees for comment.	
Distribute Strategic final plan for implementation in	Drafting of 2019 Strategic Plan for
business plans and budget.	approval underway.
	Drafts of Budget and area Business
	Plans will follow.
	Proposed 2019 Strategic Plan,
	Operating and Capital Budgets,
	and Primary Committee Business
	plans approved during September
	7 <sup>th</sup> budget meeting. On October
	17th BOD agenda for final approval.
Update AAR officer position description and	Emailed updated descriptions on
activity checklists. Distribute job descriptions and	12/1/17.

budgeted expense and reimbursement expectations to line officers and executive committee members.	New Director Position Description approved by ExCom and Motion is on the March 22 <sup>nd</sup> BOD Agenda.  Approved by BOD on March 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2019 Committee received updated position descriptions during
	September 7 <sup>th</sup> Orientation.
Operate in compliance with bylaws, policies and applicable laws.	On-going
Communicate upcoming meeting times and	Updated meetings/events calendar
agendas effectively.	included in January, June, September
	7 <sup>th</sup> 2019 budget meeting materials.
Evaluate and/or approve funds and agreements for innovative programs, products and/or services as submitted.	On-going
Draft, update and distribute meeting agendas and materials for Executive Committee meetings in	On-going
January, March, June, September and October in a timely manner.	
Maintain at least 80% attendance by committee	• 86 % - January meeting
members.	• 100 % - March meeting.
	• 100 % - June meeting
	• <b>100</b> % - 2019 Budget meeting
	•% - October meeting

#### **ASSOCIATION RELATIONS**

AAR partners with and collaborates with local member associations, MLSs and other industry partners to accomplish mutual goals. AAR leadership engages with local association leadership to strengthen the strategic partnership.

Measurable Objectives	Status
Complete the NAR Mandatory Core Standards	Completed December 2017.
Compliance Form for AAR and submit as required	Compliance form for 2018 being
by NAR.	completed.
Assist and certify local associations in NAR	18 Certified in December 2017.
mandatory core standards compliance.	Report Cards sent to each local
	association 9/18.
Plan and conduct annual Arizona AE Workshop.	Completed successful workshop
	presented with Rebecca Grossman
	July 29 & 30th
Deliver timely information and updates to AEs on	Regular updates via AE Basecamp
AAR activities.	
Coordinate with local associations regarding NAR's	Save the date sent for state night out
Association Executive Institute.	dinner for Sunday, March 25.
	Dinner held for all AEs in attendance.

Figure 2019 director entitlements for local	Entitlements posted on local
associations using 12/31/17 membership report.	association Basecamp on January 3,
	2018.
	Follow up via Basecamp in April.
Determine which Arizona AEs are eligible to serve	Joanne Glaudini, SE AZ and Kerry
on 2019 BOD.	Dempsey, Kingman to serve 2019
Partner with local association to provide new	Video in process of being drafted and
REALTOR® orientation resources to include AAR.	produced. Anticipated completion in
	June 2018.
	June 20101
	Video completed September 4 <sup>th</sup>
	and posted on association website
	and local association AE
	Basecamp.
Provide tools and be a resource to local	A World Without AAR brochures
associations to help communicate their relevance to	provided to local associations as
members and encourage communication and	requested.
collaboration between associations and MLSs	roquesteu.
regarding the member experience.	Information provided via AE
regarding the member experience.	Basecamp.
Encourage local associations to collaborate with	Information provided via AE
local community leaders, organizations, the public	Basecamp.
and REALTOR® members on involvement and	Basecamp.
reinvestment in the community, with a focus on	
available grants and programs offered through the	
REALTOR® Party resources.	Staff attendance at all ADRE
Maintain a collaborative working relationship with the ADRE.	
the ADKE.	Advisory Committee meetings and
	established stakeholder groups.
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	Meetings between CEO and
AAD aultivates strategie allieness and neutron with	Commissioner as needed.  AAP Spansorship of Lapuagy 25 <sup>th</sup>
AAR cultivates strategic alliances and partners with	AAR Sponsorship of January 25 <sup>th</sup>
MLSs, institutes, societies, councils, and other	IREM/CCIM Event.
homeownership entities on endeavors that benefit	AAD C 1: CA '140th
the membership. (CCIM/IREM, VAREP)	AAR Sponsorship of April 19 <sup>th</sup>
	VAREP event.
	CEO appointed to some on
	CEO appointed to serve on ARMLS Board of Directors.
Investigate and compile MIS recional	NAR Consolidation resources
Investigate and compile MLS regional	
consolidation resources for Local Associations.	provided.
Influence members to utilize REALTOR® brands	On-going via The Voice, Facebook
(products and services).	and the Blog.

### **CONSUMER OUTREACH**

AAR will demonstrate engagement in not less than four meaningful consumer engagement activities annually.

Measurable Objectives	Status
Respond to media requests for interviews and	11 earned media spots this year (3
information.	since May 6 <sup>th</sup> ). See
	www.aaronline.com/press/
Promote the value proposition of using a REALTOR® and/or engaging in community activities which enhance the image of REALTORS®.	Homeless initiative continued.  Staff participation at Homeless Veterans events.
	Totes for Hope promoted for DC Meetings.
Promote the value and the "why" of the REALTOR® brand to our members and	On-going with PR firm
consumers.	Facebook Live event held on May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , June 7 <sup>th</sup> , July 12 <sup>th</sup> , August 2 <sup>nd</sup> , September 13 <sup>th</sup>
Promote REALTORS® as professionals.	On-going with PR firm
Engage the public in legislative/political issues that impact real estate and related issues.	Encouraging signatures on Protect Arizona Taxpayers Initiative.
	Received more than 400,000 signatures, submitted signed ballots on July 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Campaign underway.
Organize human resources or fundraising for the benefit of charitable/community organizations.	Donations made to Totes for Hope, Lodestar Day Resource Center and House of Refuge in December 2017.
	Sponsor of REALTORS® Relief Run at NAR meetings in Boston.  On-going promotion of Totes for Hope.
Establish AAR as a source of credible information about Arizona real estate issues.	On-going with PR firm

#### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

AAR is regarded as an influential voice and partner to the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®.

Measurable Objectives	Status
Make recommendations to NAR for	Committee deadline sent via AE &
committee/officer positions.	NAR Directors Basecamp.

	All requested endorsements completed.
Coordinate NAR meeting calendar with line	NAR DC meeting schedule completed
officers and communicate expectations effectively,	and distributed.
through preferred methods.	
Coordinate attendance at NAR Legislative meetings	Officers registered
Coordinate attendance at NAR Expo/Conference	Officers registered

#### **REGION 11**

AAR, as a member of Region 11, plays a vital role in its influence on NAR policy and decision making. AAR is regarded as an influential voice and partner to the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®.

Measurable Objectives	Status
Remain active in all NAR Region 11 activities	On-going
(Caucus, Nominating Committee, and Strategic	
Planning Committee).	
Assist in coordinating and attend Region 11	Information for 2018 Conference sent
Conference.	to Local AEs.
	Officers attended Region 11
	Conference April 10-13.
	Arizona State Dinner held April 12 <sup>th</sup>
Assist Arizona's 2019 RVP	On-going.
	2019 Region XI Conference which
	will be held at the Wigwam Resort
	in Litchfield Park April 10-12.

#### **DUES/FINANCIAL**

AAR is an effective member directed, fiscally responsible, non-profit corporation. Annual dues collected by the Arizona Association of REALTORS® are used to ensure its members are the best prepared real estate professionals with the highest standards.

Measurable Objectives	Status
Collect dues from local associations and members-	Dues collected from 49,657 members
at-large. Conduct monthly dues/membership	through <b>July 31</b> st
reconciliations.	
Evaluate annual budget to ensure that dues are	On-going
properly allocated to AAR's policies, programs and	
services.	
Prepare, analyze and distribute monthly financials	Completed monthly
to the Executive Committee for review and to	
ensure the association's financial goals are being	
met.	
Continue to proactively research and review	On-going
options for AAR efficiency.	

Prepare suggested budget adjustments, if necessary, for ExCom consideration.	Motion to reallocate LPA budget to donate to Senator John McCain's funeral.
Monitor:	Completed monthly.
<ul> <li>Capital Reserve fund account balances</li> <li>Operating and Strategic Initiative Reserve accounts</li> </ul>	Meetings with UBS Financial advisor on February 13 <sup>th</sup> and February 20 <sup>th</sup> .
• RAPAC and Issues Mobilization accounts and ensure adherence to bylaws and investment policy.	Communications with advisor as needed.
Reconcile all AAR checking accounts monthly (AAR, ARDAF, ARFHCO, PSF, RAPAC, Issues Mob, etc).	Completed monthly.
Establish recommendations for allocation of surplus from previous year's operating budget for ExCom approval.	Completed - Motion for March meeting. Approved March 19 <sup>th</sup>
Assist with the annual audits (AAR, ARDAF, ARFHCO, RAPAC).	AAR audit began January 23-26 Meeting with auditors held on February 20 <sup>th</sup> . ARDAF, ARFHCO, and RAPAC audits <b>completed</b> <b>August 15<sup>th</sup></b> .
Prepare and finalize 2019 Operating and Capital budget with the 2019 Executive Committee and Board of Directors.	Proposed 2019 Operating and Capital budgets approved by Executive Committee on September 7 <sup>th</sup> , on October 17 <sup>th</sup> BOD agenda for approval.

**BUILDING**AAR's building is an asset and its equity will be vigilantly monitored.

Measurable Objectives	Status
Address on-going building maintenance needs and	Monument sign replacement pending.
report any critical issues to ExCom.	Variance approved April 5 <sup>th</sup> . Final
	specs and permitting process
	underway.
	Noise reduction efforts completed in
	meeting center.
	Security camera/lights installed June 20 <sup>th</sup>
	Iron fencing completed on east
	side of building.
Assist property manager in working with tenants to	Arizona Hispanic Chamber lease
maintain lease agreements.	expires 8/31/2018, currently month-
	to-month.
	Southwest Institute lease expires
	10/31/18 negotiations underway.

Conduct thorough review of Arizona	Completed – see proposed 2019
REALTORS® building infrastructure and make	Capital Budget.
recommendations for needed improvements in the	
2019 Capital Budget.	

#### PERSONNEL/OVERHEAD

In order to accomplish the Strategic Plan, area business plans deliver member value and work as a collaborative partner with national and local member associations. AAR must have knowledgeable staff that can serve as leaders in the industry.

Measurable Objectives	Status
Analyze personnel/overhead needs based on the	On-going
Association's business plans.	
Retain a well-trained, capable staff.	On-going
Maintain positive staff response to member needs.	On-going
Develop a staff succession plan.	In-process

## ARIZONA REALTORS® DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION (ARDAF)

The Foundation is a separate 501(c)(3) corporation. The Foundation provides a fund to collect and distribute tax deductible donations from members and the general public to be used to assist those who have suffered from a personal or natural disaster.

Measurable Objectives	Status
Coordinate annual audit.	Completed August 15th
Provide in-kind staff time to effectively manage	On-going
501(C)(3) per its bylaws.	
Prepare and distribute local association funds and	Reported quarterly – April and July
reports.	reports completed.

## ARIZONA REALTORS® FOUNDATION FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH (ARFHCO)

The Foundation is a separate 501(c)(3) corporation. The Foundation provides education opportunities to AAR members as well as an EAH program to state and local association employees.

employees.	
Measurable Objectives	Status
Coordinate annual audit.	Completed August 15th
Provide in-kind staff time to effectively manage	On-going
501(C)(3) per its bylaws.	