

The Executive Committee has reviewed the 2019 audit conducted by the accounting firm of Walker & Armstrong.

# Financial Highlights:

The total assets for all funds (General Operating, Fixed Assets, Operating Reserve, Capital Reserve, Strategic Initiative Reserve, Issues Mobilization and Homeownership Alliance) are \$31,123,316 with total net assets of \$26,700,297. This represents an increase of \$5,561,701 in total net assets from 2018 audited figures due mainly to increases in member dues, a return of Issues Mobilization amounts, and a decrease in Issues Mobilization spending.

2019 activity closed with \$5,561,701 in income in excess of expenses. Depreciation for the year 2019 was \$259,128. As a reminder, our Bylaws require that we recognize an amount annually in the Operating Budget for depreciation payable to the Capital Reserve. The Board of Directors set depreciation funding in the Capital Reserve at \$300,912 for 2019.

#### Net Assets and Accumulated Operating Surplus:

At the end of 2019, there is an accumulated operating surplus of \$2,031,776. The surplus is comprised of (a) current assets [after excluding cash equivalents and investments that are committed as designated or restricted funds] (b) less current liabilities.

The Capital Purchases Reserve balance as of December 31, 2019 is \$4,788,905.

The Special Operating Reserve balance as of December 31, 2019 is \$8,956,145.

The Strategic Initiative Reserve balance as of December 31, 2019 is \$2,230,789.

The Arizona Homeownership Alliance as of December 31, 2019 is \$100,671.

Issues Mobilization Fund's balance, as of December 31, 2019 is \$6,345,486 of which \$698,163 is restricted for local association local issues requests.

#### Auditor Recommendations:

The audit firm of Walker and Armstrong had no reported material weaknesses or significant deficiencies with respect to the Association's financial process.

There are no irregularities reported. Copies of the 2019 AAR Audit are available at the check-in desk.



# **Communication with Those Charged with Governance During Planning**

January 20, 2020

Board of Directors Arizona Association of Realtors<sup>®</sup> 255 East Osborn Road, Suite 200 Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Dear Board Members:

We are engaged to audit the financial statements of Arizona Association of Realtors<sup>®</sup> (the Association) for the year ended December 31, 2019. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit. We would also appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this information further since a two-way dialogue can provide valuable information for the audit process.

## **Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards**

As stated in our 2019 engagement letter, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

Our responsibility for the schedules of other revenue and accumulated operating surplus accompanying the financial statements, as described by professional standards, is to evaluate the presentation of the supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole and to report on whether the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

- 1) Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement.
- 2) As part of our audit, we will consider the internal control of Arizona Association of Realtors<sup>®</sup>. Such considerations will be solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.
- 3) We are responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures specifically to identify such matters.
- 4) We are also responsible for communicating matters required by law, regulation, agreement, or other requirements applicable to the engagement.

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We gave significant consideration to nonattest services expected to be provided including preparation of the Association's financial statements and related notes, fixed asset schedules, and tax return which may reasonably be thought to bear on independence, in reaching the conclusion that independence has not been impaired.

## Planned Scope, Timing of the Audit, and Other

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested.

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the Association and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Material misstatements may result from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the Association or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the Association. We will generally communicate our significant findings at the conclusion of the audit. However, some matters could be communicated sooner, particularly if significant difficulties are encountered during the audit where assistance is needed to overcome the difficulties or if the difficulties may lead to a modified opinion. We will also communicate any internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under professional standards.

Jay Z. Parke is the engagement partner who will supervise the engagement and Steven L. Tait will provide the technical review and oversight and is responsible for signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign it. We expect to begin our audit the week of January 27, 2020, and to complete the audit engagement in accordance with our mutually agreed upon timeline.

This information is intended solely for the use of the board of directors and management of Arizona Association of Realtors<sup>®</sup> and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Walker & armstring, LLP

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## **Communication with Those Charged with Governance**

March 18, 2020

To the Board of Directors Arizona Association of REALTORS®, Inc. Phoenix, Arizona

We have audited the financial statements of Arizona Association of REALTORS®, Inc. (the Association) for the year ended December 31, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated March 18, 2020. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated January 20, 2020. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

**Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices -** Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Arizona Association of REALTORS®, Inc. are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2019. We noted no transactions entered into by the Association during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting Estimates - Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. There were no sensitive accounting estimates affecting the financial statements of the Association.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

**Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit -** We encountered no difficulties in performing and completing our audit.

**Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements** - Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. The misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures were corrected by management and are presented in *Exhibit 1*.

**Disagreements with Management** - For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

**Management Representations -** We have requested certain representations from management that are shown in the attached *Exhibit 2*.

**Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants -** In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Association's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

**Other Audit Findings or Issues -** We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Association's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

**Other Matters** - With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the board of directors and management of Arizona Association of REALTORS®, Inc. and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Attachment

Client:	ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS		Exhibit 1	
Report:	Adjusting journal entries			
	December 31, 2019			
Account	Description	Debit	Credit	Net Income Effect
AJE01				
To correct b	eginning equity			
1500-640	Equipment Maintenance/Rental	413.54	-	
1600-640	Equipment Maintenance/Rental	5,082.08	-	
1700-640	Equipment Maintenace/Rental	244.00	-	
1800-640	Equipment Maintenance/Rental	8,357.72	-	
1900-640	Equipment Maintenance/Rental	537.40	-	
0000-3900	Unrestricted/Undesignated	-	14,634.74	
Total		14,634.74	14,634.74	(14,634.74)
GRAND TOTAL		14,634.74	14,634.74	(14,634.74)

## Arizona Association REALTORS<sup>®</sup>, Inc. 255 East Osborn Road, Suite 200 Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Exhibit 2

Walker & Armstrong LLP 3838 North Central Avenue, Suite 1700 Phoenix, Arizona 85012-1994

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Arizona Association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup>, Inc. (the Association), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2019 and the related statements of activities and functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements with comparative information as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

As part of your audit, you assisted with preparation of the financial statements and related notes. We acknowledge our responsibility as it relates to those nonaudit services, including that we assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed; and accept responsibility for the results of the services. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and related notes.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of the date listed below, the following representations made to you during your audit.

# **Financial Statements**

- 1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated January 20, 2020, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 2. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP.
- 3. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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- 4. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 5. Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- 6. Related-party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 7. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- 8. The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 9. Significant estimates and material concentrations have been appropriately disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 10. Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Association is contingently liable, have been properly recorded or disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 11. We have reviewed and are in agreement with the journal entries in the attached *Exhibit 1* that you have recommended for the Association for the year ended December 31, 2019, and we will post all proposed adjusting journal entries to our accounting records.
- 12. We have reviewed the accuracy of the fixed assets/depreciation schedule of the Association for the year ended December 31, 2019, which was prepared by you based on information provided by us and is attached as *Exhibit 2*. We understand and agree that we are responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information, classification of assets, methods of depreciation, and asset lives as reported on the schedule. In addition, we represent to you that the schedule includes all fixed assets of the Association and the schedule is accurate as to the classification of assets, methods of depreciation and asset lives.
- 13. In regard to the tax preparation and financial statement preparation services performed by you, we have:
  - Assumed all management responsibilities.
  - Designated individuals within senior management who have suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services.
  - Evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed.
  - Accepted responsibility for the results of the services.

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#### **Information Provided**

- 14. We have provided you with:
  - a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
  - b) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
  - c) Unrestricted access to persons within the Association from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - d) Minutes of the meetings of the governing board or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- 15. All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 16. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 17. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the Association and involves:
  - a) Management
  - b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
  - c) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 18. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Association's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others.
- 19. We have no knowledge of any instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 20. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- 21. We have disclosed to you the identity of the Association's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- 22. The Association has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
- 23. We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us.

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- 24. Arizona Association of REALTORS®, Inc. is an exempt organization under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. Any activities of which we are aware that would jeopardize the Association's tax-exempt status, and all activities subject to tax on unrelated business income or excise or other tax, have been disclosed to you. All required filings with tax authorities are up-to-date.
- 25. We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the Schedule of Other Revenue and Schedule of Accumulated Operating Surplus in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we believe the Schedule of Other Revenue and Schedule of Accumulated Operating Surplus, including their form and content, are fairly presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The methods of measurement and presentation of the Schedule of Other Revenue and Schedule of Accumulated Operating Surplus have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.

K. Michelle Lind, Chief Executive Officer

Kristen Page, Controller

Date