

# ORGANIZATION ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST



The Organization Assessment Checklist is a resource designed to help an association assess all REALTOR® association management functions and operational practices to ensure that its processes and procedures are in order. This comprehensive checklist aims to cover all areas of REALTOR® association management and serves as a self-audit to identify the association's key documents, policies, and resources.

The Association Executive (AE) should complete this checklist and note items that may be missing or need updating to help the association have a complete and accurate repository of important information.

It is recommended that the AE establish a central location for hard copies of any documents outlined below, as well as digital copies saved in one central location on the association's server.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

This checklist is in alphabetical order. Complete this checklist by answering the questions and locating the proper documentation associated with the prompt.

Keep a copy of this checklist as the table of contents for your hard copy repository and your digital files.

#### **SECTIONS**

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#### **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

▶ When was the association incorporated?	
Last update with the Secretary of State.	
Secretary of State update requirements.	

#### **ASSOCIATION HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS**

(If unable to locate, call NAR at 1-800-874-6500)

Association's NAR Charter:	Digital	Hard Copy	N/A

### **BUSINESS LICENSE**

Does the	associat	ion req	uire a
business	license f	or oper	ation?

Yes No

If the association operates a store, does that require a business license?

Yes No

▶ Do you have an outline of the sales tax procedures for the association?

Yes No

Does the association operate unrelated business income products/projects?

Yes No

▶ Does the association allow room rentals?

Yes No

If so, has the association filed the proper paperwork (if required)?

Digital Hard Copy N/A

# **CHARITABLE SOLICITATION**

Does the state require the association to register to collect charitable contributions?			quired paperwo ation's foundation			
	Yes	No		Yes	No	
•	If so, check st	tatus of current o	ertificate:	▶ If so, check st	atus of copies of	f paperwork:
	Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	Digital	Hard Copy	N/A
	RE STA	<b>NDARDS</b>				
	Who is responsible for tracking the association's fulfillment for Core Standards and completing the Core Standards compliance tool?					
► What is the state association's submission deadline for Core Standards?						
•	Are the prope	er people set up	to review Core Sta	ndards in the Core St	andards compli	ance tool?
	Yes	No				

# **DUES AND FEES**

Date of annual dues billing:		<ul> <li>Document all membership dues and fee types and their rates such as: designated</li> </ul>			
Due date of annual dues billing:		REALTOR® dues, REALTOR® dues, application fees, affiliate dues, late fees, MLS fees, lockbox fees, etc. How are these records kept?			
		Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	
What kind of association a	f billing does the administer?	<ul><li>Create or loc trends chart</li></ul>	ate a five-year m	nembership	
Annual	Semi-annually	Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	
Quarterly	Monthly				
REALTOR® D	ociation have a Center for evelopment (CRD) license or e through a partnering local or tion?	calendar pla	association's edu nning method a n committee's ir )?	nd what is	
•	re about the license to offer tion/certification courses at ducation).				
Yes	No				
▶ Does the ass CE courses?	ociation offer online				
Yes			ociation have an	•	
	No		ociation have an ne education pro No	• .	

## **EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION**

What methods does the association use to communicate with members?	► Locate the a	association's socia Hard Copy	al media policy: N/A
		sociation's social I members?	media policy
	Yes	No	
► How does the association track the effectiveness of their communication methods?	proposition association'	sociation have a v that communica s value of prograr ts members?	tes the
	Yes	No	
► How does the association survey its members?			
<ul> <li>Provide a copy and location of the policy surrounding association</li> </ul>			

survey use:

Digital

Hard Copy

N/A

# FACILITIES/ADEQUACY

► Does the assorecovery plan	ociation have a di	saster	<b>&gt;</b>	s the office i	nsured?	
				Yes	No	
Yes	No			<ul><li>Provide</li></ul>	a copy of the insura	nce:
<ul><li>Provide</li></ul>	a copy of the pla	n:		Digit	al Hard Copy	N/A
Digit	al Hard Cop	y N/A				
				s the office s	subject to ADA comp	oliance?
	tion rents, rather provide a copy of n:			Yes	No	
•		N1/A		If so, is t	the association in co	mpliance?
Digital	Hard Copy	N/A		Yes	No	
facilities with		of the			ared maintenance ag greements for the b	
Yes	No			Yes	No	
agreem	ovide a copy of the ent and policies:			Are there any	/ Common Area Mair	ntenance
Digit	al Hard Cop	y N/A	,	Yes	No	
▶ Who has keys to the association office?			If so, pro	ovide copies of the a st recent billing:	greements	
			<u> </u>	Digit	al Hard Copy	N/A
Who is responsible for office maintenance, cleaning, etc.?		е,				
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# FINANCIAL PROCEDURES, ACCOUNTING CONTROLS AND AUDIT

Locate all financial policies, and their last date of change:		► Locate the a	ssociation's curr	ent year budge
Digital Hard Cop	oy N/A	Digital	Hard Copy	N/A
Date of last update.		► Locate last t	vo year-end fina	ncial reports:
		Digital	Hard Copy	N/A
What financial manager does the association use	. •	► Locate last a	udit, review, or c	ompilation:
		Digital	Hard Copy	N/A
<ul> <li>Who has access to the financial</li> </ul>		► Locate previ	ous month's fina	ncial report:
management prog	ram?	Digital	Hard Copy	N/A
Is the financial management program integrated with NAR?		► Locate last to	ax return and dat	e of filing:
Yes N		Digital	Hard Copy	N/A
		Date of	last update.	
What type of budgeting association utilize?	does the			

### **FIXED AND MOVABLE ASSETS**

▶ Provide the most recent list of assets and

heir deprecia	tion schedule:		movable assets?		
Digital	Hard Copy	N/A			
ate and pro	ylaws	and last date of	► Committee (	<b>following:</b> Chair, Vice Chair, sition Descriptior	
_	Digital Hard Copy N/A  ■ Date of Last Change:		Digital  Date of	Hard Copy Last Change:	N/A
Digital	olicies and Proc Hard Copy .ast Change:	edures Manual N/A	MLS Bylaws (if a corporat Digital	ion, and applicab Hard Copy	ole) N/A
Leadership Po	osition Descript	ions	■ Date of 	Last Change:	
Leadership Po	osition Descript Hard Copy	ions N/A		Last Change:	
Digital					N/A

▶ How does the association track fixed and

Personnel Policies and Employee Handbook			• Whistieblower Policy			
Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	
<ul><li>Date of Last Change:</li></ul>			Date of Last Change:			
▶ Document R	etention Policy		► Social Media	Policy		
Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	
■ Date of	Last Change:		■ Date of	Last Change:		
► Financial Pol	licies		► Whistleblow	er Policy		
Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	
■ Date of	Last Change.		■ Date of	Last Change:		
► Reserve Poli	cies		► Cyber Securi	ty Policy		
Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	
■ Date of	Last Change:		■ Date of	Last Change:		
► Travel Policy			► Professional	Standards Manua	al	
Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	and Policies			
<ul><li>Date of</li></ul>	Last Change:		Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	
			■ Date of	Last Change:		
► Harassment	Policy					
Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	Crisis Manag Emergency F	ement Plan and		
<ul><li>Date of</li></ul>	Last Change:		Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	
			<ul><li>Date of</li></ul>	Last Change:		

► Conflict of Int	terest Policy		Any Reciproc	city Agreements	
Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	Digital	Hard Copy	N/A
Date of	Last Change:		<ul><li>Date of</li></ul>	Last Change:	
► Antitrust Poli	icy		► Data Sharing	Agreements	
Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	Digital	Hard Copy	N/A
Date of Last Change:			<ul><li>Date of</li></ul>	Last Change:	
► Any Shared S	ervices Agreem	ents	► Other Docun	nents (describe):	
Digital	Hard Copy	N/A			
Date of	Last Change:				

# **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

► Provide a description of the association's lobbying efforts within your jurisdiction:	► Provide a list of the association's key contacts for state legislators:
► Who is responsible for the association's lobbying and government affairs efforts?	► How does the association use Calls to Action and what is the method for dissemination?
If the association is in a shared services agreement for government affairs, provide the copies of the shared services agreement and when it was last reviewed:  Digital Hard Copy N/A	► What is the process and structure for screening candidates and where is this process documented?
<ul> <li>Date of Last Legal Review:</li> <li>How does the association track local legislative issues?</li> </ul>	Does the association have a specific legislative/government affairs newsletter or communication method?
	Yes No

Yes No	Orientation?
<ul><li>Name of Trained Staff.</li></ul>	Yes No
	Does the GAD and/or AE attend NAR's annual GAD Institute?
	Yes No
DENTIFICATION AND DEVE	LOPMENT OF NEW LEADERS
► When is the association's election(s)?	Does the AE/chief staff executive and the president-elect attend the NAR Leadership Summit?
	Yes No
What is the association's nominating process?	
	Does the state association offer any leadership training?
	Yes No
	Provide an overview of the association's plan for identifying new leaders:
Provide a copy of the association's calendar for association election and nomination process dates:	
Digital Hard Copy N/A	
Does the association have a nominating committee?	
Yes No	
<ul> <li>If so, provide copies of committee responsibilities and policies for leadership and nominating:</li> </ul>	
Digital Hard Copy N/A	

▶ Did the association's Government Affairs

Director and/or AE attend NAR's GAD

▶ Does the association use Aristotle and who

is trained to use Aristotle?

What are the annual training requirements for association leadership and the board of directors?	What is the association's plan to ensure diversity amongst leadership?
▶ Do association leaders sign confidentiality agreer	ments and/or conflict of interest statements?
Yes No	
If so, provide copies of these statements:	Digital Hard Copy N/A
NSURANCE POLICIES	
Locate the most recent NAR Insurance Program information:	Does the association have property and casualty insurance?
Digital Hard Copy N/A	Yes No
▶ Did the association purchase excess E&O,	If so, has the paperwork been saved properly?
D&O, and workers' compensation policies?	Digital Hard Copy N/A
Yes No	Expiration Date(s):
If so, has the paperwork been saved properly?	
Digital Hard Copy N/A	Does the association have natural disaster insurance?
Expiration Date(s):	Yes No
	If so, has the paperwork been saved properly?
	Digital Hard Copy N/A
	Expiration Date(s):

### INTERNAL COMMUNICATION

**Hard Copy** 

Digital

▶ Copy of the completed President/ AE Checklist from the current year:

N/A

▶ Does the association have internal communication policies and procedures?

	Yes	No						
	■ If so, pro	vide a copy of the po	licy:	Digital	Hard Copy	N/A		
		- 1/						
RS	AND T	AX DOCUME	ENTS					
		locate informa our association'	•			nal)		
► Is	the associat	ion for-profit or nong	orofit?	•	•	entities or corpo		
_				_	Yes	No		
► V	Vhat is the as	sociation's tax filing	status?	•	Form 990 and	l/or 990T and/or	Form 1120:	
_				_	Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	
	s a copy of th eadily availab	e determination statule?	us letter	•	• "Public Inspe	ction Copy" for F	Form 990:	
	Digital	Hard Copy N/A	A		Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	
▶ □	oes the asso	ciation operate other	r entities		Copy of most	recent tax retur	n:	
		ns (i.e. foundations, MI		,	Digital	Hard Copy	N/A	
	Yes	No						

# **LEGAL ACTION FUNDS**

	ociation purchase excess verage for legal defense?		in pla	ion have policies ce if a lawsuit is l	
Yes	No	Yes		No	
<ul><li>Does the ass for legal defe</li></ul>	ociation have funds set aside ense?			py of the policies	5
Yes	No	Dig	gital	Hard Copy	N/A
▶ Identify what	t legal action funds are available the	rough the state ass	sociatio	on and NAR:	
COAL OF	DVICEC				
EGAL SE	RVICES				
EGAL SE	RVICES				
	RVICES ssociation's legal counsel?	► Who review	vs cont	tracts and agree	ments?
		► Who review	vs cont	tracts and agree	ments?
▶ Who is the as	ssociation's legal counsel?	► Who review	vs cont	tracts and agree	ments?
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<ul><li>Who is the as</li><li>Does associa to a legal hot</li><li>Yes</li></ul>	ssociation's legal counsel?  Intion membership have access tline?	► Who review	vs cont	tracts and agree	ments?
<ul><li>Who is the as</li><li>Does associa to a legal hot</li><li>Yes</li></ul>	ssociation's legal counsel?  Intion membership have access tline?	► Who review	vs cont	tracts and agree	ments?

signs contracts and leases?	counsel sit in on?
Yes No	
Provide a reference sheet for these policies:	
Digital Hard Copy N/A	
LOCKBOXES	
Does the association have a lockbox system in place?	What is the association's lockbox replacement policy?
Yes No	
If so, is it a service of the association or the MLS?	
Association MLS N/A	
Who is the association's lockbox vendor?	Provide a copy of the policy and the location:
	Digital Hard Copy N/A
When does the lockbox vendor contract expire? Provide a copy and location:	► Does the association follow the Lockbox Security Requirement in the current NAR Handbook on Multiple Listing Policy?
Digital Hard Copy N/A	Digital Hard Copy N/A
Expiration Date(s).	
What type of lockboxes does the association offer?	

▶ What meetings does association's legal

▶ Does the association have policies on who

### **MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

No

If so, provide a copy of the policy:

Yes

▶ Does the association have a media and/or public relations policy?

EETING AND EVENTS			
What meetings are required by the association's bylaws?	Does the associand event police	ciation have any m cies?	neeting
	Yes	No	
	■ Provide c	opies of the polici	es:
	Digital	l Hard Copy	N/A
What is the association's annual meeting requirement?		ciation have specia ny event riders events)?	al event
	Yes	No	
	Provide a	copy of policies:	
	Digital	l Hard Copy	N/A

Digital

Hard Copy

N/A

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

<b>&gt;</b>	What member types are in the association's bylaws and what services are provided to them?

#### **MEMBERSHIP SYSTEMS**

- What membership system (AMS) do you use?
- ► Who is the Point of Entry (POE) for the association's REALTORS® M1?
- ▶ Who has POE login and access information?

- What is the association's REALTORS® M1 ID?
- What is the state association's REALTORS® M1 ID?

## **MLS/INFORMATION SERVICES**

► Does the association operate or is it a part of a regional MLS		► When does contract exp		sociation's MLS v	/endor
		agreements	s with	ion have licensin third party vendo	_
		Yes	1	No	
<ul><li>Is the MLS a committee or separate corporation?</li><li>Committee Separate</li></ul>	Corporation	Describe the to your MLS		lary agreements	related
▶ Who is the association's MLS	vendor?				
FFICE EQUIPMENT	Γ				
► Locate descriptions, including functionality, and replacement for all office equipment, such phone system, computers, lap printers/copiers, and software subscriptions/contracts:	nt process as otops,	► What is the expense po		iation's capital	
Digital Hard Copy	N/A				
Locate all office equipment of create a summary of their exp and if they auto renew:		<ul><li>Provid</li><li>Dig</li></ul>		py of the policy:	N/A

Hard Copy

N/A

Digital

Does the association have an equipment log for all staff computers, laptops, and equipment?		Does the as property log	sociation have an ass g for staff?	ociation	
			Yes	No	
Yes	No		■ If so, p	rovide a copy:	
If so, providence	de a copy:		Dig	ital Hard Copy	N/A
Digital	Hard Copy	N/A			
PROFESSIO	NAL STAN	DARDS	AND MEDIA	ATION	
► Is the association in a cooperative professional sta	agreement to adı	. •	What is the and when d	current Code of Ethic oes it end?	s cycle
Yes	No				
■ If so, provi	de a copy:		► Date of last	professional standard	ds training:
Digital	Hard Copy	N/A			
► Is the association agreement for p	n in a regional coo professional stand	-		t of the association's I standards administr	ators:
Yes	No				
■ If so, provi	de copy of agreem	nent:			
Digital	Hard Copy	N/A			
► Locate a copy of grievance comm professional sta	nittee policy and		<ul><li>Date of last ombudsma</li></ul>		
Digital	Hard Copy N	/A			
<ul> <li>Date of last ado changes NAR Contraction Man</li> </ul>	ode of Ethics and	у	► Number of t	rained mediators:	
			▶ Number of o	cases heard in past 12	months:

# REALTORS® POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (RPAC)

▶ Did the assoc	iation meet their mo	est recent	► Has the ass	ociation participated in any
RPAC goals?	acion meet their me	ost recent		Party Initiatives?
Yes	No		Yes	No
	e association set asic ciations to use in the		■ If so, h	ow are those initiatives funded
Yes	No			
-	vide a copy of the re for use of funds:	quest		
Digita	al Hard Copy	N/A	funded and	ues Mobilization Campaigns how can the association go
	e association ask for put on state legislati ?		about reque	esting funds?
Yes	No			
► Does the asso RPAC trustee	ociation have a region?	nal		
Yes	No			
If so, wh	o is the trustee?			

# RELATIONSHIP WITH STATE AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

► Which leaders travel and represen association at state and/or NAR me			as the association Delegate Body?	n's delegate
		•	s of certifying pr ppointments:	ocess for state
If any, provide a copy of the p outlining attendance:	olicy	Digital	Hard Copy	N/A
Digital Hard Copy	N/A	=	s of allocation pr NAR appointme	
<ul> <li>Is there a reimbursement process board of director members or any</li> </ul>		Digital	Hard Copy	N/A
association members to attend sta and/or NAR members?		appointment	y of policies that :/election proces nd/or NAR direc	s for state
Yes No				
<ul> <li>If so, provide a copy of the reimbursement and attendar</li> </ul>	nce policy:	Digital	Hard Copy	N/A
Digital Hard Copy	N/A			

# **RESEARCH AND STATISTICS**

Does the association provide research and statistics to membership?	Who provides the association's statistical data (i.e. Regional MLS)?
Yes No	
Other than membership, who does the association provide research and statistics to?	
	Does the association use NAR's or their state association's statistical data?
	Yes No
ESERVES AND RESTRICTED	ACCOUNTS
Locate / identify all accounts, the organization that holds the account, and their logins. Such as, operational account, building account, issues mobilization fund, legal action fund, education fund, savings account, investment account, etc:	► Locate / identify any reserve and/or restricted accounts the association has:
organization that holds the account, and their logins. Such as, operational account, building account, issues mobilization fund, legal action fund, education fund, savings	

# **STAFF POSITIONS**

Provide copies of staff position descriptions and their last date of update:	Location of Employee Handbook and date of last legal review:
Digital Hard Copy N/A	Digital Hard Copy N/A
Date of Last Change:	Date of Last Change:
<ul> <li>Provide copy of association remote work policy:</li> <li>Digital Hard Copy N/A</li> <li>Date of Last Change:</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Are the required federal, state, and OSHA employment posters and notices current and prominently displayed?</li> <li>Yes No</li> </ul>
STAFF TRAINING  Does the AE/chief staff executive attend	► Date of the most recent antitrust training:
NAR's AE Institute (AEI)?	
Yes No  ► What team training occurs annually?	► Date of the most recent harassment training:
	► Date of the most recent safety training:
► Has the staff completed NAR's	➤ Date of the most recent DEI training:
REALTOR® Association Management Self-Study Courses?	
Ves No	

▶ Date of the most recent technology training:	Does the association reimburse for professional development?	
	Yes No	
What state and/or national trainings are staff eligible to attend?		
STRATEGIC PLANNING		
► How often is the association's strategic plan updated?	Does the association's strategic plan drive your budget?	
	Yes No	
How often does the board of directors review the strategic plan?	What is the association's mission and vision statement?	
<ul> <li>Are strategic plan goals and strategies prioritized and allocated to committees</li> </ul>		
and/or staff for implementation?		

## **TECHNOLOGY AND DATA SECURITY**

What is the association's backup procedures for data?	Who manages the association's technology and IT services?
EBSITE	
When was the association's website last revamped?	<ul><li>Has the association taken steps to make the website accessible?</li><li>Yes No</li></ul>
▶ Who maintains the association website?	Who is the key contact for the association's website?
▶ Who hosts the association's website?	Provide a list of the association's registered domains: