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Who can apply to be a member of a committee?

Whether you've been a REALTOR® for one year or ten years, live in Labrador or Nanaimo, or your family came to Canada 15 or 150 years ago, if you're in good standing, you can apply to be a member of a board or operational committee. Staff members from local and provincial boards and associations are also encouraged to apply.

How long is a term?

Committee terms are typically for one year. Committee members may apply to rejoin their committee for subsequent years.

How often do committees meet?

Most committees meet in person once a year, usually (but not always) at CREA's office in Ottawa, Ontario, and meet virtually throughout the year. Committees may also host virtual calls or webinars on occasion during the year. Committee members are reimbursed for travel expenses incurred to attend committee meetings in person, in accordance with CREA's policies and practices.

How many committees can I apply for and serve on?

You can apply for and serve on two board committees and two operational committees.

What is the difference between board and operational committees?

Board committees report to CREA's Board of Directors and operational committees report to CREA's Chief Executive Officer.

What do I get out of volunteering for a CREA committee?

CREA committee members get to put their unique perspectives, expertise, and talent to good use by contributing to the work of the national association on behalf of fellow REALTORS®.

Volunteers also gain valuable experience serving at the national level, which can come in handy if you choose to seek leadership roles in the future. It's also a wonderful opportunity to make friends and industry contacts from across the country.

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How can I make my application stand out?

Share your passion and how your background relates to the topics the committee(s) you're applying to focuses on. In line with our commitments to diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism (DEIA), we also encourage applicants to share how their experiences can help CREA move forward in creating and sustaining an environment that respects and supports DEIA.

Where can I find more information about the committees?

CREA's [committee terms of reference](#) provide an overview of the purpose, responsibilities, and membership criteria of each committee.

What is the process for committee member selection?

Once the committee application period closes, the applications are reviewed and aggregated by CREA staff, who share the applications with a subcommittee of the Governance & Bylaws Committee. This subcommittee then reviews the applications and shares their recommendations with CREA's officers, who then make a final recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval.

When will a decision be made?

The committee member appointments are approved by the Board of Directors in May and all applicants will receive a notification regarding the results shortly thereafter.

Questions?

If you have any questions about CREA's committees or committee volunteer opportunities, please email support@crea.ca.

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