



## GBAR PROFESSIONAL AWARDS 2024 CALL FOR ENTRIES

Included are nomination applications for:

REALTOR® Of The Year

Good Neighbor Award

Andrew F. Hickey REALTOR® Distinguished Service Award

REALTOR® Spirit Award

Rising Star Award

Affiliate Member of the Year



# Greater Boston Association of REALTORS® Nomination Process for Member Recognition Awards

Each year, the Greater Boston Association of REALTORS® (GBAR) publicly recognizes the active volunteer involvement, charitable acts, and business success of members through an annual awards program. This year, the association will honor REALTORS® for their actions and accomplishments with the presentation of six distinguished awards – the Good Neighbor, REALTOR® of the Year, REALTOR® Spirit, Rising Star Award, and Andrew F. Hickey Distinguished Service Awards. In addition, we will present our Affiliate Member of the Year award to a deserving industry product or service provider in recognition of their active involvement and support of GBAR and its members. Nominations for each award will be accepted until May 6, 2024.

The **Good Neighbor Award** recognizes real estate professionals for their community activism. It is intended to pay tribute to those REALTORS® who demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to community service through volunteerism and civic contributions that improve the lives of local residents and make their community a better place to live.

The **REALTOR® of the Year Award** is judged based on volunteer effort in the local community, business accomplishments, and service to the REALTOR® organization during the preceding 18 months. It is presented annually to the one member who best demonstrates the entrepreneurial spirit, civic involvement, professionalism, and commitment to organizational ideals that all REALTORS® aspire to achieve.

The **Andrew F. Hickey Distinguished Service Award** honors local REALTORS® who have provided lengthy and dedicated service to GBAR and Greater Boston Real Estate Board (GBREB). Recipients of this award must have held membership in GBREB for a minimum of 15 years and are recognized as prominent leaders within the REALTOR® association, real estate industry, and their local community.

The **REALTOR® Spirit Award** recognizes agents and brokers who both motivate and support other industry practitioners through actions, words and cooperation. As inspirational figures within the residential real estate industry, recipients are known for their strong professional ethics, a cooperative spirit, and willingness to share business knowledge, industry experience and personal time to help others succeed in their career. To qualify, nominees must have held membership in the REALTOR® organization for a minimum of three years and membership in GBAR/GBREB for at least one year at the time of nomination.

The **Rising Star Award** has been created to recognize agents and brokers who have demonstrated success in the real estate business early in their career, and are active volunteers in their community and/or the real estate industry and REALTOR® organization. Recipients typically are known for their work ethic, passion, and professionalism; possess creativity and a strong business acumen; and have proven leadership skills. Recipients of this award must have held membership in the REALTOR® organization for less than seven (7) years.

The **Affiliate Member of the Year Award** acknowledges the active involvement of current affiliate members for their participation in GBAR programs and activities, and their general support of the association, its mission and the REALTOR® membership.

You may nominate one or more individuals for each award using the appropriate entry form(s) enclosed within this packet.

To be eligible, nominees must be active members in good standing with the Greater Boston Association of REALTORS®.

Guidelines for submitting a nomination are found at the bottom of each entry form.

Awards will be presented at the annual GBAR Awards program to be held this summer. For questions on the award nomination process, contact GBAR at 617-423-8700 or via e-mail at [gbarinfo@gbreb.com](mailto:gbarinfo@gbreb.com)



Our 2023 Rising Star Award recipients,  
Amy Kirsch and Kyle Zene



2023 Realtor of the Year recipient, Dino Confalone,  
(center) with Gibson Sotheby DR Larry Rideout and  
2023 GBAR President Alison Socha



2023 Affiliate Member of the Year award recipient  
Marc Walz of BayCoast Mortgage Co LLC (center)  
with 2023 GBAR President Alison Socha and 2023  
GBAR Treasurer Rich Kim

# REALTOR® of the Year Nomination Form

CATEGORIES IN WHICH CANDIDATES WILL BE JUDGED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- ✓ Local, State, & National Association Activities
- ✓ Participation in the REALTOR® organization
- ✓ Community Service
- ✓ Local, state and national participation in civic and service clubs
- ✓ Business Accomplishments

The criterion here is not the number of dollars earned, but the public recognition gained from the manner in which he/she conducts his/her business.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Your Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Firm of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Achievements & Contributions \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the nominee's participation in each area of involvement during the period from January 1, 2023 - May 6, 2024.

Completion of sections 1-5 are required. Section 6 is optional.

## 1. LOCAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

(local Association offices and committee work; special assignments; seminar activity and education work; membership and offices held in local chapters, institutes, etc. if applicable)

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## 2. STATE ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

(State Association offices and committee work; attendance and participation at State conventions, Director meetings, education conferences, etc. if applicable)

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## 3. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

(National offices and committee work; membership and work in institutes; attendance at National conventions, Director meetings, etc. if applicable)

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**4. CIVIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITY**

(local, state and national level participation in civic and service clubs; charitable activities; political commissions or committees; fraternal or religious groups, etc. knowing the nominee's volunteer history is not required)

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**5. BUSINESS ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

(public recognition of business conduct; service to clients; imaginative and creative advertising program; rehabilitation work; and land utilization, etc.)

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**6. REALTOR® SPIRIT**

(faithfulness to principles of organized real estate, the Bylaws and regulations of his/her Association and the National Code of Ethics; time and effort expended in furthering principles of good real estate practice among other real estate brokers, press, general public)

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**Application Deadline: May 6, 2024**

# Good Neighbor Award Nomination Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Broker/Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Obtain your ID# at [www.realtor.org](http://www.realtor.org). Log in or register there, and click on "NRDS" to search for your number. You can also find your ID number printed above your name on the REALTOR® Magazine mailing label.)

**If completing this application and not the nominee, please also provide your contact information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Charity Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship To Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

## Community Program Served

(This organization will receive the grant money if you are selected as a Good Neighbor Award winner.)

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe the organization's mission and the people it serves. \_\_\_\_\_

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Nature of the community work the nominee performed (briefly describe the volunteer activities of the nominee)

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How long has the nominee been volunteering with this organization? \_\_\_\_\_

Who may we contact at the organization to verify the nominee's involvement?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company/charity/title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**Personal Contribution**

(Nominees should have made a significant contribution of personal time, but other contributions or resources will be considered by the judges.)  
Note: This information is required. Although you may not keep exact records, we must have your best estimate in order to evaluate the entry.

- Unpaid hours the nominee personally contributed to this organization from January 2023 to present (approx. 18 months) \_\_\_\_\_
- Volunteer hours the nominee personally recruited from others to work for this organization from January 2023 to present (approx. 18 months) \_\_\_\_\_
- Dollars, materials or other resources the nominee personally contributed to this organization from January 2023 to present (approx. 18 months) \_\_\_\_\_
- Number of people served by the nominee (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_

Is the nominee compensated for any portion of the service work described in this application? (If yes, please explain.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Does the nominee perform the community service as part of his or her duties as an employee or corporate officer of a real estate company? (If yes, please explain.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Explanation of Contribution (Required)**

In no more than 500 words, describe how the nominee’s individual efforts have made the community a better place to live. (Use separate page.)

**Verification of Involvement (Required)**

Please attach copies of published reports or letters that attest to the nominee’s individual contribution and achievements (examples include newspaper articles, testimonial letters, thank-you letters from people who have been helped, photos, etc.) Please highlight the nominee’s name in documents where it is not immediately evident (List the attachments here):

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I certify that to the best of my knowledge, all of the information provided is true and accurate.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Who should we notify about the Good Neighbor Awards results:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company/charity \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit form to: GBAR Awards Committee, Greater Boston Association of Realtors®

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# Andrew F. Hickey REALTOR® Distinguished Service Award Nomination Form

The Greater Boston Association of REALTORS® invites your nomination of an individual for the 2024 GBAR Distinguished Service Award. This is the ultimate recognition for the dedicated service of that very special REALTOR® who has always set themselves apart as a leader. They are individuals who have held membership on the board for 15 years and are recognized as a local leader whose performance of service and involvement on the Board, the local real estate industry, and civic organizations is extraordinary. They are respected by everyone in the industry and community, and are a source of knowledge and experience to business colleagues and within the community.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Firm of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Completion of sections 1-4 is required, sections 5-6 are optional.

1. Describe how your nominee has demonstrated exceptional service as a member of the Board for at least 15 years.

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2. Describe how your nominee has demonstrated leadership on the Board and the local real estate industry such as having held office as director of GBAR, GBREB and/or representing the Board of the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS®, volunteerism on committees, and contributions to the REALTORS® Political Action Committee and/or GBREBPAC and GBREB Foundation.

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3. Describe how your nominee has demonstrated extraordinary performance and involvement in political and community activities.

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4. Describe how your nominee is a leader, who supports non-profit, charitable organizations including contributions to the GBREB Foundation.

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5. Describe how your nominee is respected by everyone within the REALTOR® community as a source of knowledge and experience.

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# REALTOR® Spirit Award Nomination Form

The Greater Boston Association of REALTORS® invites nominations of current GBAR members for the 2024 REALTOR® Spirit Award. This award has been created to recognize agents and brokers who, through their everyday actions, consistently demonstrate the ideals that embody the very meaning of the term “REALTOR®”.

**Defining REALTOR® Spirit** The ideal nominee is an unsung hero within the real estate profession who supports other industry practitioners through actions, words and cooperation. Recipients are known for their strong professional ethics, a cooperative spirit, and willingness to share business knowledge, industry experience and personal time to help others succeed in their career. Honorees may be accomplished sales agents, managers or business owners, but are often better known and respected for their optimism and enthusiasm, integrity and work ethic, and civic involvement, charitable contributions, and leadership in the local business community.

**Award Eligibility** To be eligible, individuals must be a REALTOR® or Designated REALTOR® in good standing with the association and state licensing authority, and must have held membership in the REALTOR® organization for a minimum of three years and membership in GBAR/GBREB for at least one year at the time of nomination.

Judging shall be based on a demonstrated ability to inspire colleagues and or employees to grow personally and/or professionally over the prior 12-24 months.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Firm of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Professional Ethics/Commitment to Principles of Organized Real Estate (REQUIRED)

(Cite examples to demonstrate nominee’s promotion of and adherence to real estate license law, state business regulations, and the REALTOR® Code of Ethics.)

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## 2. Cooperative Spirit and Mentoring (REQUIRED)

(Cite actions and initiatives implemented by the nominee that illustrate their support for the personal growth of associates/colleagues and willingness to help others succeed in their real estate career.)

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## 3. Integrity and Ability to Inspire Others (REQUIRED)

(Describe how the nominee’s personal beliefs, work ethic, and energy and optimism inspire fellow REALTORS® and others to improve or excel in the real estate profession.)

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4. Civic and Charitable Involvement & Business Achievements (Optional)

(Cite relevant group memberships and/or volunteer roles or activities the nominee holds or has performed, and notable awards/achievements earned in the local community. Knowing the nominee's volunteer history is not required)

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Submitted by (Name of nominator) \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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# Rising Star Award Nomination Form

Purpose The Greater Boston Association of REALTORS® invites nominations of current GBAR members for the REALTOR® Rising Star Award. This award has been created to recognize agents and brokers who have demonstrated success in the real estate business within the first seven years of their career, and are active volunteers in their community and/or the real estate industry and REALTOR® organization. Recipients typically are known for their work ethic, passion, and professionalism; possess creativity and a strong business acumen; and have proven leadership skills.

Award Eligibility To be eligible, individuals must be a REALTOR® or Designated REALTOR® in good standing with the Greater Boston Real Estate Board and state licensing authority, and must have held membership in the REALTOR® organization for less than seven years. Judging shall be based on business innovation and demonstrated sales skills and productivity; involvement in the community and real estate industry, and volunteer participation within the REALTOR® organization. Please share your story or the story of a special colleague who fits the description of this award and is deserving of recognition.

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Company of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

REALTOR® Organization Join Date of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name and Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe nominee's participation in each area of activity during the period January 1, 2023 – May 1, 2024.

## 1. Real Estate Skills & Productivity:

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## 2. Business Innovation & Creativity:

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## 3. Involvement in Civic & Charitable Organizations & Causes

(Specify any elected or appointed positions)

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4. Volunteerism/Participation in REALTOR® Organization:

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5. What motivates you and/or to what do you attribute the early success in your real estate career?

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6. Tell Us Your Story! Why do you deserve this award?

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# Affiliate Member of the Year Nomination Form

**Purpose** The Affiliate Member of the Year Award acknowledges the involvement of industry product and service providers for their active participation in GBAR programs and activities, and their general support of the association, its mission and the REALTOR® membership. Affiliate Membership is a category of membership reserved for individuals who are not actively engaged in real estate sales, leasing, brokerage or property management, but who provide ancillary programs, services and resources used by real estate agents and brokers and/or their clients and customers during a property transaction or after.

**Eligibility** To be eligible, individuals must have held membership in GBAR/GBREB for a minimum of two years at the time of nomination. For an list of current GBAR affiliates, log onto gbar.org, select the Member Services tab, and access the Affiliate Corner page.

**Award Selection** Nominees will be judged on volunteer service and personal contributions made in support of the association's strategic objectives and programming, which may include charitable and community service activities, public policy advocacy, committee service, sponsorships, and support of the REALTORS® Political Action Committee and the GBREBPAC. Consideration will be given only to service and contributions made during the previous 12-18 months. Knowing the nominee's volunteer history is not required.

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Company \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Company Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe nominee's participation in each area of activity during the period January 1, 2023 – May 1, 2024.

## 1. Volunteer Service to Greater Boston Association of REALTORS® (REQUIRED)

(Reference involvement on GBAR committees, attendance at GBAR programs and events, and participation in or support of community service activities/projects.)

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## 2. General Support of REALTORS® and the REALTOR® organization's mission. (REQUIRED)

(Reference any specific actions by the nominee that demonstrates their personal support or contributions—financial or otherwise—made by their company that have benefited REALTORS® and/or the strategic objectives, programming, or public policy positions and activities of the Greater Boston Association of REALTORS® and Greater Boston Real Estate Board).

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3. Personal Observations or Comments (optional)

(Please share any remarks that make reference to the integrity, business acumen, and/or professional career accomplishments of the nominee.)

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Submitted by (Name of nominator) \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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