**Regional Committee Standing Rules**

**Section I. STANDING RULES DEFINED**

 *(Note: this Section is not subject to suspension or amendment.)*

A. Standing rules deal with administrative and procedural aspects of Regional Committee business. They may neither grant nor limit the rights or responsibilities of members.

B. Standing Rules will not repeat or re-state what is in the Regional Guidelines. In the case of a conflict or contradiction between the Regional Guidelines and the Regional Committee Standing Rules, the Regional Guidelines take precedence.

C. A Standing Rule may be suspended by a majority vote of the Regional Committee present and voting, provided a quorum is present.

**Section II. MEETINGS**

A. It is the choice of the RVP either to vote along with Regional Committee members on any matter, or to vote only when the outcome will be affected.

**Section III. OFFICE OF REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT**

A. In the interests of good leadership development, selection of candidates for RVP should be made from among the best and the brightest of eligible candidates. Selection should be made from the entire range of candidates, not just those from a particular state.

B. When evaluating candidates for Regional Vice President, the following leadership qualities will be taken into account as follows:

1. Candidate understands and is aligned with WCR’s mission and values.

2. Candidate has the leadership ability to advocate the WCR agenda and influence members.

3. Candidate exercises personal leadership to influence other REALTORS®.

4. Candidate is open to new ideas and concepts, even when taking a new direction may involve risk‑taking.

5. Candidate possesses personal leadership capabilities to influence the accomplishment of WCR’s Regional Committee agenda.

6. Candidate is persistent in promoting Board-approved policies even though they might be unpopular to some.

7. Candidate possesses presentation skills and presence to serve as the region’s chief spokesperson and leader.

8. Candidate possesses a deep knowledge of WCR and is able to counsel officers regarding objectives, policies, priorities and structure.

C. Candidates for Regional Vice President should have a majority combination of the following experience items:

1. Completed term as a local chapter president

2. Completed term as a state chapter officer

3. Completed term as a State Governor

4. Multiple appointments to local, state and national WCR committees

5. Multiple appointments to state chapter committee chairmanships and/or vice‑chairmanships

7. Service on REALTOR® committees at the local and/or state association level.

8. Elected office at a local or state REALTOR® association.

9. Performance Management Network Designee

**Section IV. REGIONAL FINANCES**

A. The Special Assessment levied upon State Chapters and Local Chapters where there is no State Chapter, if any, will be $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ per national member, effective January 1st. The member count will be made on December 31 each year and billed by national WCR in January. It is the RVP’s responsibility to follow up on bills not paid.

B. The funds generated by the Special Assessment and/or the Regional Conference will be used, in part, to fund:

* RVP travel to the Midyear Meeting and National Conference
* RVP – Elect travel to the Leadership Academy

C. Original receipts will be required for all reimbursement items in excess of $35. *(Note: This is an IRS guideline that is not subject to amendment.)*

D. The region may approve funding in the budget for additional travel, such as to local chapter meetings. In cases where the local chapter pays for or reimburses the RVP, the RVP may not also be reimbursed for those same expenses by regional funds.

E. The region may, but is not required to, accrue and hold funds in reserve. The amount of reserves should not be more than one year’s budget for expenses. If the reserve is more, it’s use should be determined by the Regional Committee and stated in the budget. Reserves may be used for purposes such as:

* Support a member from your region running for National Office
* Lower Regional Conference Registration Fee
* Lower or eliminate the Annual Assessment

**Section V. OPTIONAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

A. Joint regional conferences may be held anywhere; they do not need to be held within the regions, and they do not need to be held in home state of the RVP. (See Section VI of Regional Guidelines.)

B. The location of regional conferences will be determined by the RVP and approved by the Regional Committee.

C. The conference must be self supporting. (unless Region has surplus in Reserves)

D. Registration information must be made available to National Office and members four (4) months in advance of the conference. National will set up registration on-line.

🡺 E. Any surplus from a joint regional conference will be (Note that your joint conference partner must select the same option.)*[Selected Option in* ***bold****]*:

**1.** divided equally between/among the participating regions; or

2. divided proportionately, based on the regional percentages of members in attendance; or

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**Section VI. NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE ALTERNATE**

A. When selecting the Nominating Committee Alternate, the following leadership qualities and experience will be expected to a significant degree:

1. Has been a WCR member for eight years or more. *(Note: in the past ten years the average membership tenure of Nominating Committee members has been 13 years.)*

2. Has held numerous elected offices at the local, state and regional levels.

3. Has attended two of the last four national meetings.

4. Has attended two of the last four regional conferences

5. Holds the Performance Management Network Designation

**Section VII. CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

A. When interviewing candidates for National Financial Secretary, the following leadership qualities, and ability to achieve the WCR mission, will be taken into account as follows:

1. Candidate understands and is aligned with WCR’s mission and values.

2. Candidate has the leadership ability to advocate the Council agenda and influence members.

3. Candidate exercises personal leadership to influence other REALTORS®.

4. Candidate is open to new ideas and concepts, even when taking a new direction may involve risk‑taking.

5. Candidate possesses personal leadership capabilities to influence the accomplishment of WCR’s goals and objectives.

6. Candidate is persistent in carrying forth ideas and directions even though they may be unpopular to some.

7. Candidate possesses presentation skills and presence to serve as the chief spokesperson and leader.

8. Candidate possesses a deep knowledge of WCR and is able to counsel officers regarding objectives, policies, priorities and structure.

9. Candidate is able to set up alternative management of her real estate business to allow the candidate to commit herself to the enormous amount of time and energy to the office.

10. Candidate has experience in reviewing and interpreting financial statements, and implementing budgeting processes.

B. Candidates for National Financial Secretary should have some significant combination of the following experience:

1. Complete term as a local chapter president

2. Complete term as a state chapter officer

3. Complete term as a State Governor and/or Regional Vice President

4. Multiple appointments to local, state and national WCR committees

5. Multiple appointments to National committee chairmanships and/or vice‑chairmanships

6. Service on either the National Nominating Committee or the National Executive Committee.

7. Service on other REALTOR® committees at the local and/or state association level.

8. Elected office at a local or state REALTOR® association.

9. Performance Management Network Designee