



Serving on a PAAR Committee: Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I serve on a committee?

PAAR's committees are a great forum for debate and discussion. Being on a committee allows you to contribute to the decision-making process and ensures that the association has input from members to best serve their needs.

How can I apply to a committee?

Applying to a committee is simple. Applications open in the fall and will be available online at paar.org. Check your inbox for an email announcing when applications open.

Do I have to be a member of PAAR to serve on a committee?

Yes, committee service is a member benefit.

How long are committee terms?

All committee appointments are one-year terms.

Is there a fee to serve on a committee or do I get paid for committee work?

No. Committee membership is a volunteer position.

Who makes committee appointments?

Per Article XIII, Section 1 of the PAAR [Bylaws](#), "The President shall appoint from among the REALTOR® Members a Chair for each Committee, and the President-Elect shall appoint from among the REALTOR® Members a Vice Chair for each Committee. Appointees shall serve for a one (1) year term and are subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors."

What staff support is available to appointed committee members?

Each committee is supported by one or more staff members who attend each committee meeting and assist the committee in a broad variety of ways. These include the conceptualization and implementation of activities, tracking follow-up between meetings, drafting agendas, minutes and reports, communication with other committee staff members, and providing general support in accomplishing the mission of the committee within the structure of the association.

What are the criteria to serve on a committee?

Active PAAR members may serve on committees.

Can I choose the committee I want to serve on?

When applying for a committee, you will have the opportunity to select your first, second and third choice committees.

How many committees may I apply for?

Members may submit applications for up to 3 committees, ranked in order of preference.

Is there a limit to how many committees I can serve on?

Typically, the most committees a member will be appointed to is three. However, depending on the number of members interested in serving each year and the demand for committee placements, there are times an applicant may only be placed on one or two committees.

May I submit a committee application for someone else?

No, applications cannot be submitted for someone else. If there is a specific member you want to be considered to serve on a committee, you should encourage them to apply.

How can I apply to be the Chair or Vice Chair of a committee?

To be considered for leadership of a committee, submit your interest to the President or President-Elect of the Board prior to committee applications opening. You may contact them through PAAR at communications@paar.org.

What is the role of the Board Liaison for the committee?

A member of the Board of Directors is assigned to each committee to act as a representative of that committee at meetings of the Board of Directors. They are also available to provide input back to committees from the Board of Directors.

If I am appointed Chair or Vice Chair on a committee, do I need to apply?

Chairs/Vice Chairs do not need to apply for the committee to which they were appointed, though they may be asked to resubmit their interest in ascending to the Chair position and that appointment is at the discretion of the incoming President of the Board. If a member wishes to serve on another committee, they will need to apply for that committee separately.

Can I apply after the deadline date?

Committee applications do close for the Board to seat the committees; however, a member can apply at any time throughout the year or contact the PAAR office to submit your interest.

Do committees meet via conference call or in person?

Committees typically meet in person at the [PAAR office](#). At times, it may be necessary that some committees conduct conference call or webinar meetings in addition to their face-to-face meetings.

Is it necessary/mandatory to attend every committee meeting?

Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs and members accept the responsibility for carrying out the goals of their committee(s) when appointed, and attendance is part of that responsibility. Further, per Article XVIII, Section 7 of the [PAAR Bylaws](#), "Any committee member who fails to attend Three (3) meetings, whether regular or special...shall be deemed to have resigned from that committee and the vacancy shall be filled as herein provided for original appointees."

What if I don't get selected?

If you do not receive confirmation of a committee selection, you may reach out to PAAR at paarsupport@paar.org to inquire about your application. If you were not selected, PAAR encourages members to try again the following year.

If I'm not selected to serve on a committee, what else can I do to get involved?

1. Attend a committee meeting that you are interested in. Most committee meetings are open to members, with some exceptions due to confidentiality.
2. Attend PAAR events and functions to stay connected with other members.
3. Follow PAAR on social media to receive notifications about upcoming opportunities for participation.

Who can I contact with other questions?

If you have questions about serving on a committee or the application process, please contact support@PAAR.org or communications@paar.org