

# Board of Choice

The "Board of Choice" concept allows REALTORS® to choose the board to which they want to belong on the basis of the factors they decide are most important rather than being limited by office location or jurisdictional boundaries. At the same time, services of other boards are available without the necessity of holding membership in those boards. The primary board of affiliation elected by a REALTOR® must be in the state where the REALTOR® is licensed and maintains his/her principal place of business. Licensees affiliated with a REALTOR® firm may choose as their "primary" board any board in the state where the firm maintains a "designated" REALTOR®.

Membership shall be available in a secondary board on terms and conditions no more stringent than the requirements established in the board's Bylaws for REALTOR® and (REALTOR-ASSOCIATE® where applicable) membership. The privileges of membership shall be the same including the right to vote and hold office. Membership will be granted to individuals who hold REALTOR® or REALTOR-ASSOCIATE® membership in their primary board without any requirement that the designated REALTOR® they are licensed or affiliated with hold membership in the secondary board. However, MLS services will only be available if the designated REALTOR® participates in the MLS. Board dues shall not include a national allocation since NAR dues have been paid through the member's primary board. A state allocation may only be included if the member's primary board is located in a different state.

REALTORS® shall be entitled to purchase services from boards other than their primary board without the necessity of holding membership in those boards. Service fees will be determined by the individual boards. However, the board may require that a REALTOR® (principal) be licensed in the state as a condition of MLS participation. (Adopted 2/1994, Amended 11/1996)

## Board of Choice Across State Lines

Members may join a primary board across contiguous state lines. State association membership would be in the state where primary board membership is held. To become effective July 1, 1996, with optional local board adoption sooner. (Adopted 11/1995)

<b>Non-Principal REALTOR® PRIMARY Membership</b>	<b>Designated REALTOR®</b> 	<b>Non-Principal REALTOR® SECONDARY Membership</b>
<p>May hold primary membership in the association where the DR holds primary or secondary membership.</p> <p>Pays state and national dues through Primary association.</p> <p>Cannot participate in the MLS unless DR is a participant.</p>	<p>May hold primary or secondary membership in the association of his/her choice</p> <p>Could be assessed increased dues for non-members where the Realtor holds primary membership</p> <p>Pays state and national dues through Primary.</p> <p>May participate in the MLS based on universal access</p>	<p>May hold secondary membership in another association without DR joining.</p> <p>Pays secondary association dues only.</p> <p>Cannot participate in the MLS unless DR is a participant.</p>

**The only distinction between primary membership and secondary membership is that the dues collected in the member's primary association include the NAR portion of dues.**