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# **Our Core Values**

- Purpose & Growth our Association is built on our purpose, mission and dedication to serve our members.
- Member Focus a razor-sharp focus on our members needs with member profitability as an essential element.
- Integrity to have honesty and respect for all individuals.
- Leadership to empower and inspire entrepreneurial leaders.
- Professionalism to be professional in our actions to our member, partners and each other.
- Excellence to continually pursue knowledge and learn.
- Community Service to effectively help organizations to make an impact in the communities they serve.
- Fun to have enjoyment and fulfillment in our work.
- We respond, recover, thrive and adapt.

# **AREA 1**

#### **PURPOSE**

<u>Professional Development:</u> MetroTex has a culture of exceptional programming which advances the career expectations of industry and real estate professionals.

#### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

• <u>1A. Programming and Delivery:</u> We deliver a diverse spectrum of career and professional development offerings through a variety of methods which cater to the various preferences and learning styles of real estate professionals.

- 1A1. Satisfy compliance (TREC and NAR requirements).
- 1A2. Use modern tools to deliver professional development offerings.
  - Live classroom
  - Live virtual (Simulcast)
  - o Forums
  - Maximize online education resources
  - On-demand videos
  - o Social media engagement to deliver education

1A3: Include MLS training in education delivery strategies

• <u>1B. Trainers:</u> We partner with top-rated trainers who are dynamic and engaging subject matter experts.

#### **STRATEGIES**

- 1B1. The Association continuously recruits and retains qualified trainers that are "best in class" in their area of industry specific specialization.
- 1B2. Develop a list of perquisites for instructors
- 1B3. Develop evaluation methods to determine the continued quality of the instructor
- 1B4. We value and pay industry talent to bring very high quality programs to the Association.
- 1B5. Instructors have the ability to evaluate their experience with the association (technology, teaching environment, student behavior management).
- <u>1C. Target Audience:</u> We anticipate and address the diverse career needs of our members and provide programming that supports their business.

- 1C1. We explore bundling of classes
- 1C2. Identify subject matter specializations such as Property Management/Leasing, Commercial, Teams, etc. and deliver classes that focus on those areas.
- 1C3. Conduct focus groups of current practitioners to identify market trends and create classes accordingly
- 1C4. Identify diverse groups to create collaboration opportunities on professional development subjects.
- <u>1D. Value and Market Driven:</u> We operate a profit-generating department in order to maximize our income streams, enabling us to provide exceptional programming and services.

#### **STRATEGIES**

- 1D1. Establish a needs assessment for each course:
  - Establish benchmarking criteria (ex: supply and demand, true cost, how much do we need to charge to cover expenses and make a profit, delivery method, how many students are required, etc.)
  - o Define profitability vs value to members
- 1D2. Explore bundling, couponing, early bird registration, and other incentives to attract more students.
- 1D3. Take advantage of opportunities to cross-sell classes (ex: if taking this class, then these classes would also be good).

# **AREA 2**

#### **PURPOSE**

**Government Affairs:** MetroTex is the recognized advocate for all the things real estate.

#### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

• <u>2A. Fundraising – RPAC & TREPAC:</u> We are a community of stakeholders who have a culture of commitment to investing in the political process.

#### **STRATEGIES**

- 2A1. Cross-train members and staff to be better equipped to articulate the value of an investment.
- 2A2. Continually hold, evaluate and improve fundraising events.
- 2A3. Develop possible recognition programs based on 100% office participation, competitions, etc.
- 2A4. Utilize a systematic approach to getting the message out (i.e. MLS meetings).
- 2B. Policy: Our policy positions are the shield that protects property rights in our communities.

- 2B1. Establish MetroTex Public Policy positions.
  - Create Public Policy position marketing material by using all available media outreach opportunities.
- 2B2. Evaluate all Government Affairs processes to ensure a timely, effective and efficient decision making process.

• <u>2C. Grassroots Mobilization:</u> Our members understand the importance of a timely response to all opportunities to engage.

#### **STRATEGIES**

- 2C1. Create local key contact program to elected officials.
- 2C2. Establish outreach and education programs for Brokers and Office Managers.
  - Provide Brokers and Managers informative collateral to provide to new and tenured agents.
  - o Promote the wins (local, state and NAR).
  - Focus on issues needing solutions.
- 2C3. Members are engaged and participating in the following:
  - Calls to action
  - Phone banks
  - City Council Meetings
- 2C4. Utilize social media to engage with membership
- 2C5. Actively recruit REALTOR® candidates to run for local public offices. (City Council positions, etc.)
- <u>2D. Influence and Outreach:</u> Policy makers at all levels understand and respect our public policy positions through our REALTORS® at the table.

#### **STRATEGIES**

- 2D1. Establish candidate interview and review specific group.
  - Reevaluate financial support decision making for candidates.
- 2D2. Host periodic town hall style meeting (in district) with elected officials throughout MetroTex region to discuss MetroTex Public Policy positions. (In partnership with other organizations.)
- 2D3. Establish annual Mayoral event to discuss MetroTex Public Policy positions.
- 2D4. Identify partner organizations to address and collaborate with on finding solutions to housing issues.
- 2D5. MetroTex becomes a solutions oriented organization on housing issues.
- 2D6. Exhaust all sources of funding from NAR REALTOR® Party Resources.

# **AREA 3**

#### **PURPOSE**

<u>Governance</u>: MetroTex is a forward thinking business that engages members and provides extraordinary opportunities for leadership, professional growth.

#### **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

• 3A. Staffing: We are a dynamic team of professionals.

#### **STRATEGIES**

- 3A1. We recruit superlative talent to advance the specific objectives of our strategic plan.
- 3A2. We provide a compensation package that is competitive with our industry.
- 3A3. We embrace a culture of excellence.
  - We provide a formalized onboarding and mentoring program.
  - o We foster an environment of teamwork and continuous training.
  - We support professional growth through education.
- <u>3B. Facilities:</u> MetroTex has state of the art multi-purpose facilities designed to exceed expectations and enhance the experience for all.

#### **STRATEGIES**

- 3B1. Offer multi-purpose facilities that anticipate the needs of internal and external groups.
- 3B2. Ensure the headquarters are located in a newer fresher area that reflects an open, inviting, and professional environment.
- 3B3. Continually evaluate the location, need and profitability of our service centers.
- 3B4. Provide technology that addresses the future needs of staff and visitors.
  - Technology center for members, closing rooms to conduct work while at Association for meetings.
- 3B5. Adhere to governmental and county orders to provide a safe and clean environment to our members, employees, and invitees.
- 3B6. Provide workforce strategies to members and employees so they can continue to work in any environment and circumstance.
- <u>3C. Financial Stewardship:</u> MetroTex is a fiscally responsible business that funds its strategic vision.

- 3C1. Evaluate sources of non-dues income, including partnering with outside vendors in order to provide income based solutions to member needs.
- 3C2. Oversee prudent and responsible investment policies, utilizing outside consultants to ensure we are maximizing our return.
  - o Analyze the structure of the Finance and Investment Committees.

- Perform an annual assessment of all programs and events offered by the Association to ensure they are financially sound and supportive of our Strategic Plan.
- <u>3D. Leadership Development:</u> MetroTex is a dynamic and responsive business structure that proactively identifies, nurtures, and cultivates the talents of members and provides a pathway to leadership.

#### **STRATEGIES**

- 3D1. Utilize our member talent database to fill work groups with members who have the expertise and/or passion for the topics and subject matter identified.
- 3D2. Outreach to our members who are actively participating in our industry so we can identify their needs and meet their expectations with products and services.
- 3D3. Implement formal processes to fill work groups and leadership positions that are broadly promoted, seek diversity of thought, and are inclusive and open to all wishing to serve.
- <u>**3E. Business Collaborations:**</u> We seek collaborative relationships with other organizations to amass diversity of thought and achieve common goals.

#### **STRATEGIES**

- 3E1. We are open to opportunities involving mergers, acquisitions, consolidations and partnering opportunities with other associations and industry organizations.
  - We are open to exploring consolidations or joint ventures that provide operational efficiencies while being financially sound.
- 3E2. Identify common causes and provide solutions that include partnerships with other organizations to work toward a common solution.
- 3E3. Create and sustain a formal internal and external recognition program that brings wide-scale recognition to our activities.

# **AREA 4**

#### **PURPOSE**

<u>Community Outreach</u>: MetroTex is dedicated to meaningful partnerships between the community and REALTORS®.

#### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

• <u>4A. Programs and Events:</u> We demonstrate, through our programs and events, that we are the trusted advisor for all thing's real estate.

#### **STRATEGIES**

- 4A1. Host events to educate the community on property ownership.
- 4A2. Support REALTOR® organizations that empower the community.
  - a. I.E. NEHREP, VAREB, NAREB, AREAA, etc.
- 4A3. Create and use specialty groups as a resource to target specific community needs.

  I.E. YPN, Property Management, Global, etc.
- 4A4. Implement new tactics and priorities that will support enhanced levels of consumer commitment, increased use of new technologies, renewed commitment to innovation and a sustainable value proposition that helps the community and the planet.
- 4B. Consumer Advocacy: We are committed to strengthening communities by educating, informing and inspiring the public to advocate on behalf of property rights.

#### **STRATEGIES**

- 4B1. Energize consumers to act.
- 4B2. Use media to educate the community about property rights and issues.
- 4B3. Engage with local media to become their trusted source for information.
- 4B4. Serve as a resource for information about local candidates and issues.
- 4C. Philanthropy: We celebrate and showcase the philanthropic efforts of our members.

#### **STRATEGIES**

- 4C1. Recognize members regularly for their philanthropic efforts.
- 4C2. Host annual awards event for outstanding philanthropic efforts.
- 4C3. Recommend members for state and national recognition.
- 4C4. Survey members to determine philanthropic activity.
- <u>4D. Influence and Outreach:</u> We recognize and support members serving on outside community organizations to deliver a unified REALTOR® message.

- 4D1. Empower REALTORS® to partner with their local communities.
- 4D2. Provide educational materials to REALTORS to support their community outreach efforts.
- 4D3. Connect with brokers, owners and managers to distribute information about community outreach efforts.

- 4D4. Publicize member efforts to deliver the REALTOR message.
- 4D5. Support members in the grant application process.
- 4D6. Seek partnerships with entities that will enhance the continuation of knowledge and skills of our industry, to keep our members focused and a source of current news and events. Assist members in thriving in any real estate economic environment.

# **AREA 5**

#### **PURPOSE**

**<u>Communications Purpose:</u>** MetroTex stakeholders understand and appreciate our value proposition.

#### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

• <u>5A. Internal:</u> Members benefit from the vast assortment of information channels and utilize the full spectrum of our products and services.

#### **STRATEGIES**

- 5A1. MetroTex provides products and services for our members.
- 5A2. We use segmentation to target specific membership groups.
- 5A3. Establish a value proposition.
- 5A4. Ensure the communication flows from NAR and Texas REALTORS.
- <u>5B. External</u>: The public benefits from the vast assortment of information channels we provide, and they pursue the expertise of a REALTOR®

#### **STRATEGIES**

- 5B1. **Extend** the new REALTORS® Brand "That's who we Are" efforts on the local, state, and national level.
  - o "That's Who We R" national branding/"Here We R" local branding
- <u>5C. Delivery Methods</u>: We deliver a wide array of media and modes of communication, ensuring our varied audiences get what they want, when they want it, and can easily choose how it is delivered.

- 5C1. Strategically define/market our points of differentiation
- 5C2. Define types of communication
- 5C3. Evaluate trends for appropriate channels of communication

• <u>5D. Messaging and Branding:</u> We manage the messaging and branding to personify the REALTOR® value proposition.

#### **STRATEGIES**

- 5D1. Focus REALTOR® message/branding on REALTOR® value
  - o Extending NAR and Texas REALTOR® messaging
  - o Extend our value proposition
  - Market our points of differentiation
- <u>**5E. Talent-Member Database:**</u> We capture relevant data about our members to better utilize their talents and experiences.

- 5E1. Capturing data needs to be front of mind for leadership and staff
- 5E2. Easy for both staff and members to utilize
- 5E3. Utilize data to improve member experience and engagement.