

MEET THE CANDIDATES

It is with great pride the Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS presents the 2017-2018 Officer and Board of Directors Candidates for election by you! These members, your peers, have chosen to put forth their professional and personal credentials in an effort to serve the association helping guide the future of the local real estate industry! We appreciate all of our volunteer leadership and members for all they do and strongly encourage you to take part in this important process in deciding the future direction of our association.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or thoughts on this or any matter please feel free to contact me or any of the staff at your association office!

Thank you!

GGAR Staff



President

Mark Massey

Mark Shamalian Massey, is a graduate of St. Louis University. He began his career in real estate in 2005 and joined his family in the business, to continue the dedication and hard work of serving the public in real estate.

Mark serves on various committees and elected positions, with the GGAR. He has served on the Finance Committee, a past Director and Vice President and is a Major Investor with RPAC. On the state level, with Illinois Realtors, he serves on various committees, such as Business Issues/License Law Forum Committee and Public Policy & Governmental Affairs Committee.

He is licensed in Illinois and Missouri and works for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Elite Properties in Edwardsville, Illinois and Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Alliance Real Estate in Clayton, Missouri. Mark and his team have continuously won the Chairman's Award with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices (formerly Prudential Real Estate) for over 20 years.

Prior to Mark's career in real estate he worked in HR Benefits and Compensation for 10 years, creating benefit and compensation plans for corporations.

Mark is a lifelong resident of the area and lives in Edwardsville.

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President-Elect

Laurie Moore

For Laurie Moore, giving back is what it's all about. Integrating community service with real estate has been a completely gratifying experience for me.

I currently am the Vice President for the Greater Gateway Association of Realtors where I stay up-to-date on topics of real estate and fighting for property rights that affect our community and my fellow realtors. I served two years on the GGAR Board of Directors before taking the vice president position. I am also on the Realtor Political Involvement Committee at the state level and on the GGAR Finance Committee. Not only do I donate a portion of my commission from each closing to Children's Miracle Network and the Susan G Komen Foundation, but I also am a Co-chair on the Community Involvement Committee that raises money for local food pantries and a variety of building and home refurbishing programs. I look forward to continuing on this journey for myself and all of the GGAR members

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Vice-President

Rick Lauschke

Rick Lauschke began working in real estate full time as a Broker for Paul R. Lauschke & Associates, Inc. in Alton. He served on the SIR/MLS board in 2010 and another year as chairman of the board. He most recently was the Chairman of the A/E search committee and currently serves as the Chairman of the Finance Committee for GGAR.

Outside of real estate, he has served on the Hayner Public Library board as a Trustee for 16 years. He has also been involved with the Wellspring Resources board where he serves as Director and Treasurer, as well as having been involved with the Riverbend Growth Association, United Way Campaign and Allocations committees, Riverbend Rotary and the Alton Education Foundation.

Rick grew up in the Alton/Godfrey area where he currently resides.

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DIRECTOR

Jeb Blasingame

Jeb Blasingame is the managing broker and owner of Star Realtors in Granite City. Licensed in the states of Illinois and Missouri for the last 15 years, Jeb led the company to new heights in 2015, as Star became the #1 team in the St. Louis Metroplex and was ranked as the #31 team nationally in number of homes sold, as reported in Real Trends/The Wall Street Journal.

This past year Jeb was appointed to the Board of Directors to serve one year. During his term he was on the RPAC committee. This is also his second year being a major investor in RPAC. In 2017 he successfully completed the Leadership Academy.

Raised in Granite City, Jeb was an All-State soccer goalie on the South High School Warriors state championship team in 1982. He graduated from Western Illinois University with a business management degree after serving as student body vice president and interning with Illinois State Representative Sam Woolf.

Jeb is looking forward to the opportunity to serve this association for an additional term as Director

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DIRECTOR

Chad Davis

I relocated to the metro-east in 2009. My background includes prior experience as a claims adjuster for State Farm and a real estate appraiser in San Antonio, TX. That experience has exposed me to many different types of residential real estate.

I currently reside in Troy, IL and serve as the President of the Troy/Maryville/St. Jacob/Marine Chamber of Commerce. I obtained my real estate license in 2013 and have been with Coldwell Banker Brown Realtors in Troy, IL since 2015. I am a member of the Troy/Edwardsville Shriners Club and President of the BNI Chapter in Troy, IL.

In my spare time I enjoy officiating football and giving back to the community through volunteer efforts.

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DIRECTOR

Kris Dempsey

Kris Dempsey earned her real estate license in 2004 and currently works with Equity Fifty-Five Realty, LLC. as a REALTOR®. Her true passion is found in serving and educating her clients as they navigate the home buying and selling process.

Kris was selected for Leadership Academy in 2016, and went on to serve as a mentor for that same academy in 2017. She has also served on the Awards Banquet committee and the Community Involvement Committee. In addition to her passion for her clients and fellow REALTORS®, Kris serves in her own community, through local events, community groups and international missions work overseas as well as stateside.

Kris is a lifelong resident of the area, currently residing in Highland with her husband Bill, daughter Olivia and two grown sons Nathan and Jon.

Kris' great ambition is to serve her clients and others well as she continues to grow as a real estate professional.

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DIRECTOR

Judy Morrissey

I hope to serve on the GGAR Board of Directors because I believe in real estate as an investment. From my first purchase in 1988 to now, I have seen increased values in each of my personal transactions. I also believe every client, whether acquiring basic shelter or a fantasy dream home, deserves to be met with competence and professionalism from our industry. I want to help our members become more important to the benefit of the clients we serve and those that are underserved. I am a graduate of the 2016 Leadership Academy and currently serve on the RPAC and Community Involvement Committees for GGAR.

I graduated from SIU-Edwardsville with mass communications tv/radio and journalism degrees. After an eight-year radio sales career I ran a freelance marketing business while starting my family. I oversaw 75 residential and commercial properties in several Riverbend communities for a local investor. I managed tenant relations, remodeling/maintenance crew and performed marketing and business management. Since joining RE/MAX Alliance in 2015, I have enjoyed working with buyers, sellers and investors sharing both sales and property management expertise.

In my spare time, I support the booster club efforts of my son's various sports teams and attend endless wrestling matches, football games and track meets. I love to cook, garden, bicycle ride and travel and have served on foreign mission teams to Belize, South America and Reynosa, Mexico. My family attends First Baptist Church of Maryville and supports an adopted child in Zambia through African Vision of Hope. I have three endlessly talented sons: John Paul 23, Jackson 19 and Jacob 15 and live in Glen Carbon with a backyard view of rolling hills and beautiful horses.

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DIRECTOR

Elaine Rhodes

Elaine Rhodes, CNE, GRI, SFR, SRES, SRS is Managing Broker/Owner of Property Professionals of Illinois Midwest Division, LLC in Godfrey.

Elaine has been awarded the Illinois REALTORS® Ruby, Silver and Bronze awards throughout her real estate career. She also serves on various committees with Illinois REALTORS® and the Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS®. She is an active Board member of the Alton Area Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and supports 5 A's Humane Society in their efforts to find pets a New Forever Home.

Elaine has lived in the River Bend area for over 40 years and resides in the Fosterburg area with her husband Jim.

In her spare times she enjoys visiting with her two daughters and spoiling her wonderful grandkids

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Make Your Vote Count for GGAR's Leadership

Annual Meeting and Election

Online voting will open on August 10, 2017 for the board of director candidates

Thursday, August 17, 2017

N.O. Nelson Center, LeClaire Room

600 Troy Road, Edwardsville (parking in rear)

\$20 per person

Doors open – 11:30 a.m.

Lunch & Presentation – noon



Leadership Academy Candidates will be Honored

Legal update with Betsy Urbance

Sorling Northrup Attorneys

Illinois REALTORS® Director of Legal Services

Legal Hotline Attorney for Illinois REALTORS®

Catering by Bella Milano: Chicken Milano, a chicken breast topped with a creamy provol cheese sauce with fresh mushrooms and green onions, Loaded Mashed Potato with bacon, cheddar cheese & green onions, Vegetable Medley with seasonal veggies & Milano Salad.

Register at www.navicamls.net by August 8 or general@gatewayrealtors.com

No reservations will be accepted after this date.

Reservations cancelled after August 8 will be charged in full.