

2021 GSAR Board of Director Elections

We have 3 openings for the 2022-2025 GSAR Director positions. Please read through the information and get to know our 6 candidates so that you can vote for the ones you feel are most qualified to represent you! Voting will take place electronically through your member portal beginning August 26 and goes through September 1, 2021



Jennie Chapin

I am a licensed associate broker and own my own brokerage. A REALTOR® for more than 30 years, I am a past Greater Syracuse Association of REALTORS® (GSAR) president and director. My extensive real estate experience also includes being a top-producing agent, small-community broker, and New York State Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) Chapter President. I have served in national CRS positions including regional vice president and executive board. I am also a two-term Central New York Information Services (MLS) director. Active on the state and national levels, I have served on NYSAR and NAR committees including the NAR Commitment to Excellence Committee. I am a longtime RPAC supporter. All of these positions me to help advance our association and industry as a GSAR director. I love volunteering and feel it is important to give back to your association by sharing your knowledge, experience and time. Working together, I believe we can continue to shape the future of real estate in Central New York. I feel strongly that I have more to give our association, our industry and you, my REALTOR® colleague. I hope you will give me the opportunity. It would be an honor to serve. I have been married 34 years and have three grown children and 10 grandchildren.

I am so honored and humbled to have been nominated for GSAR's Board of Directors. I have been a proud member of GSAR since 2002 and have loved every minute of it! I am consistently among one of the top agents in Central New York and with my company. From the City of Syracuse, to the beautiful lakeside community of Cazenovia, to Hamilton, home of Colgate University, and everywhere in between I have been a leader in the area by providing the best online presence for real estate advice, supporting local businesses, or sharing personal happenings and home listings. I know that my experience will be an asset in this position and look forward to bringing your ideas, comments and concerns directly to the board. I currently serve on the Grievance committee and have since 2019. My community means a lot to me and I try to give back as often as I can. Recently I volunteered for the nonprofit, Cazenovia Preservation Foundation, and currently volunteer with St. Joseph's auxiliary. I am very much into sports and am a two-time all-American athlete at Ithaca College. I also had the privilege of playing professional softball in Italy. I am a life-long resident of Central New York, growing up in Hamilton and residing in Cazenovia since 2000 with my husband, Mike, and our two children, Jack and Will and our beloved golden retriever, Gracie Bell.

Don't forget ...you should vote Nicki!



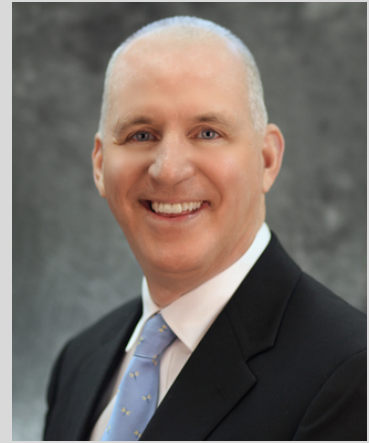
Nicole Donlin



James Gamble

I have been a member of the Greater Syracuse Association of REALTORS® for 17 years. I proudly served on the board of directors from 2017 – 2020 and on the Grievance committee from 2014 - 2016. Throughout my real estate career, I have brokered hundreds of transactions, representing both retail buyers and sellers, involving both existing real estate and new construction. I also embarked on commercial transactions early in my career which allowed me to gain expertise in various business-related transactions such as interfacing with planning, zoning, code enforcement, and much more. While no transaction is the same, I have the insight and understand the intricacies of real estate and the challenges agents encounter every day. I successfully conquer any challenges by working together with other agents to complete complex transactions focusing on a positive outcome for all parties involved. As members of GSAR, the association involves all of us. I feel that we all need to take time to give back to the association and its members. I am honored to be nominated to be on the board of directors. Thank you for your consideration. I trust that I would, once again, be an excellent representative for the members if elected for this role.

Hello My Fellow GSAR Members! Recently I was informed that I was nominated for the GSAR board of directors. Needless to say, I am honored to have been asked to run for this important position and after thorough consideration, I have decided that there is no better time than the present. Your board of directors should endeavor to support you and continuously find ways to ensure that our board delivers the best quality of service and training opportunities to enable you to grow your real estate business more efficiently, thereby assisting you to be more productive. I served as co-director of the Central New York Police Academy at Onondaga Community College where I was responsible for the training of hundreds of police officers. This led to my appointment as an executive board member of the New York State Law Enforcement Training Directors and as such, I worked closely with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in the development and implementation of innovative policy changes for every law enforcement agency statewide. In addition, I have also served on the Syracuse University Rape Crisis Executive board and am currently serving on GSAR's RPAC committee. I have taught REALTOR safety to our members for "Raising the Bar" and at present I am President for the Signal Hill Homeowners Association. I wish to bring my experience, education and common-sense approach to our board of directors while always staying true to the best interests of the members of our association.



Tim McCarthy



Patrick O'Connor

I have been an active member of the Syracuse and Central New York real estate community for the past twenty years. Throughout this time, I've had the great pleasure of working with many Central New York REALTORS®. I started as a salesperson in 2001, in 2007 I obtained my broker's license and founded my own company in 2008. I feel that my business is a boutique real estate firm that serves the Syracuse and Central New York marketplace. Prior to working in real estate, I served as Executive Director of The Redhouse and oversaw the development of its original facility in Armory Square. I acted, directed and produced more than fifty theatrical productions for Contemporary Theatre of Syracuse and other local theater companies. I earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Syracuse University. In the community, I served as a board member for the Cultural Resources Council of CNY and am currently a Trustee of the Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church and the Finance Chair for the Manlius UMC. As a GSAR member I have served on the Diversity & Fair Housing and Grievance Committees. I have two grown children, Meghan & Matthew and live in Fayetteville with my wife, Sandra and dog, Lilly.

I am Scott Spriggs and I am humbled to have been nominated for a position to the GSAR board of directors. Real estate is in my blood, as my father was a builder/broker in the 50's & 60's and my mom was a successful REALTOR® from the mid 70's to the mid 90's. It was interesting during that time to watch how hard they worked yet how much they loved the real estate business. I saw them get so much satisfaction in helping others achieve or exceed their needs or dreams. I am a lifetime resident of Central New York and a proud graduate of Cicero High School and SUNY Brockport. After college I chose to break from tradition and follow a corporate path eventually working in National and International sales management. But, after 25 years I could not resist the temptation to go back to where I began and have now been a licensed realtor for over 9 years and an Associate Broker for the last 6. I am currently serving my second term on the Grievance Committee and have achieved numerous production awards for sales achievements in both my corporate and real estate careers. I deeply care about the perception of our industry and regularly strive to maintain a level of professionalism that enforces a positive view of our profession, one client at a time. I look forward to the opportunity to work with everyone to meet and address the challenges that face our business in the coming years. I also look forward to preserving the right to homeownership and to help others achieve that goal, the way my parents so enjoyed doing and the reason I am here today.



Scott Spriggs