

**Elkhart County Board of REALTORS®**  
**Local RPAC Trustee Policies**

The Elkhart County Board of REALTORS® supports the general objectives of the Indiana Association of REALTORS®. Those objectives seek to guide the Board in effective political action in support of candidates who understand and support free enterprise and the REALTOR® platform. To identify candidates who support preserving private property rights and a positive business environment for real estate practitioners in Elkhart County and Indiana.

The Elkhart County Board of REALTORS® shall have a maximum of seven and a minimum of five RPAC Trustees appointed by the President. The terms shall be staggered as follows: three year, two year and one year terms. A Chairman and vice chairman shall be elected from among the trustees at their first meeting. The President will appoint members to fill any unexpired terms.

**Criteria for Trustee Position:**

Must be at least a \$99.00 contributor

All Trustees must be registered to vote

All Trustees must sign a conflict of interest Affidavit annually that will be kept on file by staff

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**RPAC Trustee Candidate Selection Process**

Three RPAC Trustees shall constitute a quorum

The staff shall obtain a list of all Democratic and Republican candidates from the county courthouse or party headquarters for the primary and general elections. This list will be provided to the trustees at their first meeting. The staff will also provide to the trustees the amount of funds available for Elkhart County.

The trustees will have an organizational meeting to review the issues developed by the Governmental affairs committee and to determine which races they want to address. Members are welcome to attend these meetings and participate in the discussion but they shall not have the right to vote. The staff will send a cover letter and questionnaire to all candidates running in the selected races.

Trustees will review the questionnaires and on key races may call candidates in for personal interviews on specific issues. The staff will set up all personal interviews.

The trustees will select the candidates to support and submit a report to the Board of Directors in advance of the election, for their information only. Only in exceptional situations should an endorsement of a candidate be given. Any candidate considered for an endorsement must be interviewed by the trustees. The staff will fill out the proper forms, to be signed by three trustees, to request the funds from the state association. The checks will be sent to the Board office.

Checks will be delivered by mail or by the RPAC Trustees with a letter explaining that these funds shall not be considered an endorsement, unless otherwise stated. Checks may be mailed to candidates only with the permission of the RPAC Trustee's Chairman.

A list of the candidates supported will be given to the Board of Directors and printed in the newsletter. A win/loss report will be presented to the Board of Directors.