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HRRRA installs 2022 leadership, honors member service

CHESAPEAKE -- The Hampton Roads REALTORS® Association (HRRRA) honored member service and swore in its 2022 Board of Directors during an Installation and Service Awards Luncheon held Dec. 10 at the Chesapeake Conference Center. The gathering also offered attendees the opportunity to reconnect, enjoy the traditional passing of the gavel, and celebrate 2021's accomplishments.

Barbara Sgueglia, founder and principal broker of Hampton Roads Military Relocation Team in Chesapeake, was sworn in as chairman of the board, succeeding 2021 Tanya Monroe with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Towne Realty in Chesapeake. The mantra for Sgueglia's leadership year is "Elevate!", building on HRRRA's successes achieved in 2021.

A Hampton Roads native and resident of Chesapeake, Sgueglia is active in both local and state politics, dedicated to charity work, and has been an award-winning REALTOR® in the Hampton Roads real estate market for nearly two decades. She has served on the Hampton Roads REALTORS® Association Board of Directors since 2018, previously served on the Virginia REALTORS® Board of Directors, the National Association of REALTORS® Board of Directors, and was honored as HRRRA's 2017 REALTOR® of the Year. Sgueglia is a major supporter of the REALTOR® Party.

Committed to worthy causes, especially those supporting veterans and the local homeless population, Sgueglia is founder of VetNoise. She serves several deserving local charities and is an active member of Chesapeake's CERT Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT.

Sgueglia and her husband also own and operate Collision Repair Center of Norfolk, as well as several group homes, which provide housing for homeless veterans, and Kapers Restaurant in Chesapeake.

Sgueglia studied Organizational Leadership and Management at Regent University, is a graduate of the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia, the Virginia REALTORS® Virginia Leadership Academy and the FBI Citizens Academy. In 2017, she was honored as a Top 40 Under 40 by Inside Business.

During the luncheon, Sgueglia received the Omega Tau Rho medallion. Since 1950, state and local REALTOR® associations have inducted members into this honorary fraternity, which recognizes exemplary service and dedication to the REALTOR® organization.

Also installed as 2022 leadership were the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

Executive Committee:

- Chairman-Elect – Jeremy Caleb Johnson, Long & Foster Real Estate;
- Vice Chairman of Finance – Jay Mitchell, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Towne Realty;
- Immediate Past Chairman – Tanya Monroe, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Towne Realty; and,
- Executive Committee At-Large – Linda Bass, Weichert, REALTORS®; Alan Thompson, Lucky Homes; and Rob Waring, South Beach Realty.



Council Directors (One-Year Terms):

- Affiliates Council – Carrie Williams, Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group
- Appraisers Council – Christopher Perry, CMP Appraisals
- Commercial Council – JC Wynkoop, Wynkoop Realty Group, RE/MAX Alliance Commercial Division
- Property Management and Leasing Council – Phil Kazmierczak, Atlantic Sotheby's International
- New Homes Council – Monique McClellan, Rose & Womble Realty
- Owners/Managers Council – Mia Roberson, Creed Realty
- Resale Council – Tim Vohar, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Towne Realty

Board of Directors (Two-Year Terms):

- Mary Ross Ellsworth, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Towne Realty
- Gladys Fain, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Towne Realty
- Sherry Maser, Howard Hanna Real Estate Services
- Remona Murmillo, Rose & Womble Realty, Chandler Property Management

Board of Directors (Two-Year Terms, serving second year of two-year term):

- Lee Cross, Cross Realty
- Linda Harrison, Howard Hanna Real Estate Services
- Jimmy Jackson, Rose & Womble Realty
- Jon McAchran, AtCoastal Realty

Several awards for exceptional service to HRRA in 2021 also were presented.

Sandee W. Ferebee, ABRM, CRB, GRI, of Norfolk was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, which is only given to a member in good standing who has been with the association for a minimum of 25 years. Recipients must also have demonstrated continued dedication and service to the REALTOR® community. Fittingly, her late husband, O.B. Ferebee, was the first recipient of HRRA's Lifetime Achievement Award in 1998.

Ferebee has been a HRRA member for nearly 40 years and served as board chairman in 1985. Over the past four decades she has chaired many councils and committees, and rose through the ranks to serve the REALTOR® organization at the state and national levels, including Virginia REALTORS® president in 1990. In 1994, she was named the statewide REALTOR® of the Year and, in 2007, was inducted into the Virginia REALTORS® Hall of Fame as a charter member.

Ferebee also served the state as a Virginia Real Estate Board/Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation director from 2010 to 2018, including six years as vice-chair. Her commitment to helping the community extends to the world community as well. With her husband, Erik Van Strien, the two serve on board of the nonprofit ministry Tree of Lives, which provides clothing, education and food for children of Kenyan field workers and supports Joy Village children home, Holy Family Center at Nazareth Hospital and Women of Worth mentorship program.

Additional service awards were presented to:

- Affiliate Member of the Year – Christie Woytowicz, loanDepot



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- Broker/Manager of the Year – Cindy Hawks White, Keller Williams Realty
- Chairman’s Award for Outstanding Service – Mary Ross Ellsworth, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Towne Realty; Gladys Fain, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Towne Realty; Karen Gaskins, Rose & Womble Realty; Cindy Hawks White, Keller Williams Realty; Sherry Snyder, Rose & Womble Realty; Aaronetta Stewart, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Towne Realty; and Rob Waring, Beach South Realty
- Code of Ethics Award – Jimmy Jackson, Rose & Womble Realty
- REALTOR® Volunteer of the Year – Kimberly Plourde, EXIT Realty Central
- Rising Star of the Year – Phil Kazmierczak, Atlantic Sotheby’s International

REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC) 2021 Major Investors were also recognized, and Cindy Hawks White was presented the Omega Tau Rho medallion. New chairman Sgueglia was installed by mentor Jo Cross, 2020’s Lifetime Achievement recipient, and officers and directors were installed by Ann Palmateer, a past HRRRA chairman and past Virginia REALTORS® president. Wes Coons led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Sen. John Cosgrove sang the National Anthem. The invocation was led by Dr. Will Lankford.

The nearly 5,000-member Hampton Roads REALTORS® Association is an organization of REALTORS® and Affiliates whose mission is to enhance the ability of REALTORS® throughout Eastern Virginia to achieve business success in an ethical and professional manner, and to protect and preserve private property rights. REALTORS® are real estate agents and members of the National Association of REALTORS®. For more information, visit www.hrra.com.

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