



# CONSENT TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER/DIRECTOR

RETURN TO: Address: Qualifications Committee, Orlando Regional REALTOR<sup>®</sup> Association  
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PLEASE NOTE: This form must reach ORRA by 5:00 p.m., July 1, 2015 Additional remarks may be attached.

1. Name James A. Batenchuk  
Volunteer service selection – please check only one ORRA Board of Director position:

2.  a. I WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION OF OFFICER:  
 President-elect  Treasurer  Secretary

For President-elect: I understand and have met the qualifications of this office as set forth in the bylaws:

(check all that apply):

- I am a REALTOR<sup>®</sup> member of the association in good standing.
- I am an active Florida REALTOR<sup>®</sup> director.
- I have no FREC violations on my record within the preceding five years.
- I have served on the ORRA Budget and Finance Committee.
- I have served on the ORRA Strategic Planning Committee.
- I have served at least three years of the previous five years as an ORRA director.
- I do not hold directorship or office in another association of the Florida REALTORS<sup>®</sup>.

For Treasurer or Secretary: I understand and have met the qualifications of this office as set forth in the bylaws:

(check all that apply):

- I am a REALTOR<sup>®</sup> member of the association in good standing.
- I am an active Florida REALTOR<sup>®</sup> director.
- I have no FREC violations on my record within the preceding five years.
- I have served on the ORRA Budget and Finance Committee.
- I have served on the ORRA Strategic Planning Committee.
- I have served at least two consecutive years as an ORRA director.
- I do not hold directorship or office in another association of the Florida REALTORS<sup>®</sup>.

b. I WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR:

I understand and have met the qualifications of this office as set forth in the bylaws:

(check all that apply):

- I am a REALTOR<sup>®</sup> member of the association in good standing.
- I have completed a leadership training course offered by the association (or its equivalent).
- I am a member of the ORRA Honor Society (or will be by the end of next year).
- I have served on an ORRA Committee, Task Force, or Forum for a cumulative amount of time of not less than two (2) years.
- I do not hold directorship or office in another association of the Florida REALTORS<sup>®</sup>.

3. Firm Name Charles Rutenberg Realty  
Address 1900 Summit Tower Blvd. Suite 220, Orlando, FL 32810  
Phone No. 407 622 2122 ex 2, Cell 407 252 7042
4. Position held - owner, broker, manager, salesman, other, etc. (please explain):  
Broker/Owner
5. Current profile of real estate activities (please explain):  
Manage and run our company 738 Agents
6. Member of any other real estate or professional association(s)?  Yes  No
7. Indicate other education/degrees/designations:  
Alumnus Ohio State University, Cuyahoga Community College, AS Applied Science Degree, Industrial Management , Magna Cum Laude
8. List ORRA awards or other recognition:
9. Have you contributed to RPAC?  Yes  No Are you a registered voter?  Yes  No
10. Interviews will be held on July 28, 2015. You will be advised of a specific interview time. Please indicate if you will be available, or if not, please indicate why:  
 Yes  No Reason:
11. QUALIFICATIONS: (Positions held, year, and principal services rendered in the past five years – you may attach a resume or additional information):  
2009- 2010 Grievance Committee, 2011-2015 Professional Standards,

LOCAL ASSOCIATION SERVICE:

Broker Council Chairman 2015, Professional Standards Vice Chairman 2015, General Services Large Brokers FAR, ORREN, Strategic Planning, MLS Task Force

FLORIDA REALTORS® AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® SERVICE:

General Services Committee Large Brokers, FAR Delegate

TRADE ORGANIZATIONS IN ALLIED FIELDS AND CIVIC SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:

Shriner's International we raise funds for the Tampa Shrine Hospital and Shrine Hospitals throughout the United States and Mexico

BUSINESS ACCOMPLISHMENTS (awards, leadership, and management positions):

Broker/Owner Charles Rutenebrg Realty

BUSINESS QUALIFICATIONS (non real-estate related background and experience):

Day to Day management of a large company.

12. What community issues should the association be addressing?  
Better Community involvement and recognition promoting our profession to the public.
13. In your opinion, what are the greatest challenges facing the industry today that ORRA should address?  
Controlling our Listings
14. What is your position on the issues of property taxes, insurance, and private property rights?  
Taxes and Insurance need controls on costs, Individual should have control of their property, outside sources should not influence or control their property.
15. If elected, what would you like to have accomplished by the end of your term?  
Help our board become a standard in the Industry.
16. You will be expected and/or required to attend the following meetings and functions listed below. Will you make this commitment?
- Yes     No    (If no, explain) \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Monthly ORRA Board of Directors meetings – one per month, plus preparation and reading time.
- b. Special board meetings - Although rare, can occur on short notice and can run two to three hours.
- c. Grievance/ethics/arbitration appeal panels – two to four occurrences, each running about one hour.
- d. Membership meetings and events – multiple Membership luncheons and events, one inaugural event, Great American REALTOR® Days visit to Tallahassee, one awards event, RPAC Auction
- e. State association meetings – one three-day meeting in January and one three-day meeting in August. These meetings are especially important if you are appointed a state director.
- f. Various meetings – committees, task forces, work groups, etc.
- g. Planning and training sessions (required) – one annual leadership training session and one strategic planning retreat (if held).
- h. Community commitment (the Chamber's Hob Nob, zoning meetings, etc.)

To my knowledge, the above information is true, correct, and complete.

Signed:  Date: 6-30-15  
 (Candidate)

Note: This completed consent-to-serve form will be posted on the ORRA website.



- A. **ELECTION PROCEDURES:** The ORRA Board of Directors will establish the election calendar for the year. Official consent-to-serve forms, policy and other information regarding the election process are available at the association. The following procedures will be followed:
1. The consent-to-serve form (available on [www.orlandorealtors.org](http://www.orlandorealtors.org)) should be typed, completely and accurately filled out, and signed by the candidate. In signing, the candidate is verifying that the information is complete and accurate. You can submit the form on-line, return the form by mail, or fax it to the association at 407.293.6380.
  2. All consent-to-serve forms are to be returned by **5 p.m. on July 1, 2015**, so that information packets can be compiled and distributed to the ORRA Qualifications Committee for review when the committee meets.
  3. Once the consent-to-serve form has been filed it cannot be amended or altered in any way. All consent-to-serve forms of qualified candidates are made available for viewing on the ORRA website. In addition, responses to selected questions on the consent-to-serve forms will be reproduced **EXACTLY AS WRITTEN** in *Orlando REALTOR®* magazine.
  4. All candidates must appear for an interview before the ORRA Qualifications Committee, composed of seven REALTORS®, to answer any questions concerning their qualifications. There will be no phone interviews. The committee will explain to each candidate the duties and responsibilities of each office and the commitment required for that office. The committee will then seek a commitment from each candidate. Interviews will be held all day on July 28 before the ORRA Qualifications Committee.
  5. The ORRA Qualifications Committee shall interview each candidate to ensure he/she is deemed qualified to hold the office he/she is seeking, and then a notice will be sent by **August 30, 2015** to all members announcing the names of all qualified candidates running for office.
  6. An electronic ballot will be transmitted via the internet to each member eligible to vote by **September 16**. The ballot will contain all of the officer and director candidates in alphabetical order and will also contain biographical information on each candidate for review. After the ballot review period, members are allowed to vote starting **September 21, 2015** and ending at **midnight on September 25, 2015**. Members will vote via the Internet. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes (plurality) in their respective position shall each be declared elected.
  7. The election results will be announced at the **October 2, 2015 Realtor® Expo**. (Location to be announced)
- B. **POLICY ON ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS** (See Article XI of association bylaws)
1. **Qualification for officers and directors**
    - a. Any REALTOR® who qualifies may run for office as an officer or director of the association. Any affiliate who qualifies may run for an affiliate director position. The qualifications are spelled out in Article XI, Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the association bylaws.
    - b. For officers: All officers shall be REALTOR® members of the association in good standing; be an active Florida REALTOR® director; have no FREC violations on his/her record within the preceding five years; and have served on the ORRA Budget and Finance Committee or on the ORRA Strategic Planning Committee.
      - (1) The President-elect candidate shall have served at least three years of the previous five years as an ORRA director.

(2) The Treasurer and Secretary candidate shall have served at least two consecutive years as an ORRA director.

- c. For directors: Directors shall be REALTOR® members of the association in good standing, have completed a leadership training course offered by the association (or its equivalent), and be a member of the honor society by the end of their first year on the ORRA Board of Directors. All Directors must have served on an ORRA Committee(s), Task Force, or Forum for a cumulative amount of time of not less than two years.
- d. No Director or Officer serving in the Association shall hold Directorship or office in another Association of the Florida Realtors®, and any Director or Officer currently serving in the Association who shall be elected and chooses to hold office in another Association of the Florida Realtors®, upon installation to such other office, automatically shall cease to be a Director (and if Officer, shall cease to be an Officer) in this Association and such vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of Article XI, Section 9.

2. Positions open for 2016

For the association's election year beginning January 1, 2016, the following positions are open (no more than 25 percent of the ORRA Board of Directors can be representatives of any one brokerage firm; this requirement shall be satisfied at time of qualification): President-elect, Treasurer, Secretary and four, three-year directors.