

As we're now approaching the second half of 2021, my first term on the RRAR Board of Directors is coming to a close and I'm eagerly seeking re-election. I was only three months into serving as a director when COVID struck and turned this role into an incredibly unique experience. We found ways to make it work, and I thoroughly enjoyed serving in this position.

In addition to serving on the board, I also had the honor of being the 2021 Triangle Realtors Leadership Academy (TRLA) Dean, the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) committee Vice Chair, serving on the RFOWC board, and participating in the Communications Committee. I didn't originally intend on serving in this many capacities, but the TRLA & DEI positions were both opportunities which presented themselves around this time last year and I'm very passionate about the work being done with those groups.

Working in these various roles has allowed me the opportunity to truly get a thorough look into the inner workings of the association. There's still a ton I have yet to learn, but I feel my experiences have given me the necessary insight to really have an impactful role on the board of directors. I knew it would require some time before I was used to participating and making my voice heard. And having to do 90% of the meetings virtually definitely didn't help. However, I've since been able to find a rhythm and the best way to effectively contribute.

It's no secret the Triangle has quickly become one of the most competitive real estate markets in the country. With the tremendous level of growth and record numbers of agents entering the business, it's imperative for us to have strong leadership within the association. Real estate is a unique industry in that it requires us to cooperate with our competitors on a daily basis. The importance of us finding ways to work together cannot be understated.

We need an effective, strong-willed board of directors to lead the charge in providing the resources, tools, and support our association members need to offer quality service to the community. I'd be honored to earn your vote in continuing to help these goals come to fruition!