

## 2020 ELECTION -- TCRA BOARD CANDIDATE BIOS

### **PRESIDENT ELECT 2021** (Three candidates for one position)

#### **President-Elect Candidate 1:**

**Alysha Brown,** Team Leader/REALTOR at Keller Williams South Sound

#### **REALTOR Designations: N/A**

##### **Professional Experience:**

- Team Leader 2020 - present Keller Williams South Sound
- REALTOR 2016-2019 John L Scott Lacey
- Agent Services 2015-2016 John L Scott Lacey

##### **Committee and Organization Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- TCRA Communications Chair 2020
- TCRA Young Professional Network Chair 2019
- TCRA Rookie Director 2018
- TCRA Softball Committee 2017-2019

##### **Education:**

- Bachelor of Science in Psychology & Communication with a journalism emphasis

#### **President-Elect Candidate 2:**

**Martin McElliott,** Broker, Van Dorm Realty

#### **REALTOR Designations: N/A**

##### **Professional Experience:**

- Century 21, 1997-1999
- Valentine Realty, 1999-2004
- Van Dorm Realty, 2004-Present

##### **Committee and Organization Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- Past Board Member, Boys and Girls Clubs of Thurston County
- Past President and Board Member, Lacey Chamber of Commerce
- Current Board Member of TCRA
- Certified Real Estate Instructor

##### **Education:**

- Graduate of Olympia High School, 1988
- Attended SPSCC
- Over 400 hours of Continuing Real Estate Education and Instruction

### **President-Elect Candidate 3:**

**Cheri Wilkins**, *Licensed Managing Broker, Van Dorm Realty*

**REALTOR Designations:** ABR, ASR, CRI, CRS, GRI, SRES

#### **Professional Experience:**

- I have been at Van Dorm since 2002 and became licensed as a managing broker in 2008.
- Washington State Certified Instructor – Real Estate 2020
- I started my real estate career at Century 21 Olympus Realty in 1996.
- I worked concurrently as Marketing Director at Garden Courte Memory Care Community from 2000 to 2004.
- Washington State Pharmacy Technician 1987 to 1996
- US Navy 1983 to 1987. Hospital Corpsman/ Pharmacy Technician

#### **Committee and Organization Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- Senior Action Network 2000 to present  
(Served as Secretary (2008-2011) and President 2011-2012)
- Lacey South Sound Chamber
- Edgewater Homeowners Association Board Member
- Deliver Homeless Backpacks to schools as a volunteer
- Served multiple terms over the years as a Board Member of TCRA
- Received TCRA REALTOR Community Service Award in 2013

#### **Education:**

- Managing Broker Licensure
- South Sound Community College Nutritional Therapy Certification
- Naval Pharmacy Technician Training
- Naval Corpsman Training
- The School of Hard Knocks

## **SECRETARY 2021**

### **Candidate:**

**Michelle Mewhinney-Angel**, Managing Broker, Windermere Real Estate/Olympia

**REALTOR Designations:** Certified Residential Specialist (CRS)

### **Professional Experience:**

- Licensed Assistant to Connie Nicholas, 1997-2014
- Business Partner with Connie Nicholas, 2015-2018
- REALTOR and Managing Broker at Windermere/Olympia 2018-present

### **Committee and Organization Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- Nominations Committee, REALTORS, 2018
- Interview Committee for REALTOR Endorsements, 2017, 2019, 2020
- Diversity Committee Chair, REALTORS 2020
- Secretary of the Executive Committee for the Tri-annual national convention of our church, 2011
- Secretary for our Women's Auxiliary, 2003-present
- Secretary for the PTA, Hansen Elementary, 1998

### **Education:**

- BA, The Evergreen State College

## **TREASURER ELECT 2021**

### **Candidate:**

**Necia Leach**, Escrow Officer/LPO, Thurston County Title Co.

**REALTOR Designations:** N/A

### **Professional Experience:**

- 22 years, Escrow Officer, Thurston County Title
- 3 years, Assistant to Mortgage Lender, Heritage Bank
- 15 years, Personal Banker (started as a teller back in 1980 and worked my way up), Rainier Bank which became Security Pacific, which became Bank of America

### **Committees' and Organizations' Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- 2013 TCRA Affiliate of the Year
- Past Treasurer TCRA
- Past Affiliate Director TCRA
- Past Treasurer MLSA 2014

### **Education:**

- Bachelor's Degree in Office Management

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Designated Broker/Owner Position 2021** (Three candidates for one position)

**DB/Owner Candidate 1:**

**Chelsea Bamrick**, Co-Owner/Managing Broker of Better Properties Dupont, Lacey, and Yelm

**REALTOR Designations:** MRP, RENE

**Professional Experience:**

- 4+ years of being a Full Time WA Licensed Real Estate Broker
- Owner and Managing Broker of a firm with multiple branch offices for 3+ years

**Committee and Organization Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- Volunteer in Military Spouse organizations for units/community
- Volunteered in orphanages for 2 years while living overseas
- Member of Thurston County Chamber of Commerce

**Education:**

- Associates Degree

**DB/Owner Candidate 2:**

**Mark Gillispie**, Designated Broker/Owner, Wise Realty Inc.

**REALTOR Designations:** ABR, CRS, GRI, RMM

**Professional Experience: 33 years total**

- September 2004 to present, Designated Broker Owner, Wise Realty Inc.
- November 2009 to November 2017 Principal Owner, Wise Realty Inc.
- January 1989 to October 2009 Principal Broker, Pete Anderson Realty, Tillamook, Portland, OR
- May 1987 to December 1989, Real Estate Broker, Century 21 Coos Realty, Coos Bay, OR

**Committee and Organization Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- REALTOR Member, Olympia Area, since September 2004
- Tillamook County and Portland Board of REALTORS, January 1989 to November 2009
- Tillamook County REALTOR Board President, 1991-1992
- Professional Standards Chairman, 1986-1987
- Coos County Board of REALTORS, Member 1987-1989

**Education:**

- Bachelor of Science Degree, Business Administration, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR
- Associates Degree, Linn Benton Community College, Albany, OR
- HS Diploma, Middleton, ID

**DB/Owner Candidate 3:**

**Jessica Poulos**, Designated Broker, Owner, REALTOR – Northwest Home Team Realty

**REALTOR Designations:** N/A

**Professional Experience:**

- REALTOR since 2004
- Owner of Northwest Home Team Realty since 2015
- Managing Broker since 2015
- Designated Broker since 2017

**Committee and Organization Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- Involved in various fundraisers (food drive, Community service day, softball tournament)

**Education:**

- River Ridge HS Graduate
- 2004 Central Washington Graduate – Public Relations, Business Administration

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Commercial Director Member – 2021-2022**

### **Candidate:**

**Tracie Choate**, Vice President – Agent Services, Branch Manager – RE/MAX Northwest Realtors

**REALTOR Designations:** N/A

### **Professional Experience:**

- Vice President – Agent Services, Branch Manager – 3 Years – RE/MAX Northwest Realtors
- Managing Broker – 13 Years – RE/MAX Northwest Realtors
- Senior Commercial Property Manager – 7 Years – Lincoln Harris CSG

### **Committee and Organization Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- Citizens for Support of Yelm Community Schools, Chair
- Chamber of Yelm, Board Member – Current Executive Board Secretary
- PTO President in the Yelm Community Schools for 9 years collectively
- Relay for Life Organizer/Volunteer

### **Education:**

- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- WA State Managing Broker License
- Real Property Administrator Designation

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS – AFFILIATE Member – 2021-2022** (Three candidates for one position)

**Affiliate Candidate 1:**

**Judy Frank**, Account Executive, Old Republic Home Protection

**REALTOR Designations:** N/A

**Professional Experience:**

- Account Executive, Old Republic Home Protection, 2019-present
- Licensed Real Estate Broker WA State, 2007-2019
- Mortgage Lending Professional, 2001-2007
- Human Resource Director and Technical Recruiting, 1996-2001
- Manager of Interpreter Services, Harborview Medical Center, 2008-2000
- Business Owner-Creator, Nite-Eze No Sweat Sleepwear, 2001-2006 (got a phone call from HARPO Studios)!

**Committee and Organization Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- President, UWT Alumni Association ,1997
- President, Letip International Burien Chapter 2002
- Committee Member, TPCAR Affiliates 2020
- Member and Gold Sponsor, Women’s Council of Realtors Tacoma Pierce & South King County 2019-present
- Affiliate Member, Thurston County Association of Realtors 2019- present
- Affiliate Member, Tacoma Pierce County Association of Realtors 2019-present
- Membership Committee, TPCAR 2019-present
- Member, NAR 2015-present

**Education:**

- M.A. Organizational Leadership, Chapman University, Orange CA, December 1998
- B.A., US and International Studies, University of Washington, Tacoma WA, June 1995
- Graduate Certificate; Human Resource Management, Chapman University, Dec. 1998
- Certified Integral Coach Training, New Ventures West, SFO 2000
- Advanced Leadership Training, Klemmer & Associates, 2016-2018
- Exceptional Sales Performance, Wells Fargo Bank, 2007
- Advanced Training; Consumer Protection- Old Republic Home Protection, January 2019
- Certified Real Estate Continuing Ed Instructor, WA State ,2019-present



## **Affiliate Candidate 2:**

**Chris Lester**, Business Development Manager, Thurston County Title Co.

### **REALTOR Designations: N/A**

#### **Professional Experience:**

- Thurston County Title, Business Development Manager, 12/16-Current
- The Tailgate BBQ, Owner/Pitmaster, 8/12-Current
- Chris Lester Insurance Services, Owner/Agent, 2/98-8/14

#### **Committee and Organization Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- Thurston County REALTORS Association, Member, 1/17-Current
- Thurston County REALTORS Association, Affiliate Director, 2019-2020
- Thurston County REALTORS Association, RPAC Committee Member, 2018, 2019
- Thurston County REALTORS Association, Softball Committee, Chair, 2018, 2019, 2020
- MLSA Thurston County, Member, 1/17-Current
- MLSA Thurston County, Affiliate Director, 2018, 2018, 2020
- Homes First, Board Member, 11/17-Current
- Salvation Army/Catholic Community Soup Kitchen, Volunteer, 2/20-Current
- Olympia Master Builders, Member, 2/17-Current
- Thurston Chamber of Commerce, Member, 9/15-Current
- Lacey South Sound Chamber, Member, 2/98-Current
- Lacey South Sound Chamber, Board Member, 2006-2010 & 1/2018-Current
- Lacey South Sound Chamber, BBQ Festival Committee Member, 2010-2012 & 2018
- Lacey South Sound Chamber, Golf Committee Member 1999-2008
- Lacey South Sound Chamber, Audio Visual Volunteer, 2005-Current
- Lacey South Sound Chamber, Auction Committee Member, 1999-2008
- Homeless Backpack Substitute Delivery Driver 2014 & 2015
- Tumwater Rotary, Rotarian, 1998-2008
- Tumwater Chamber of Commerce, Member, 2/98-12/06
- Yelm Chamber of Commerce, Member, 2/98-12/06
- Black Lake Fire Department, Volunteer Firefighter, 12/01-5/02
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Thurston County, Big Brother, 9/92-95

#### **Education:**

- Bachelor of Science, Central Washington University
- Graduate, Timberline High School

**Affiliate Candidate 3:**

**Barbara Whitlow**, AVP, Residential Relationship Manager / Olympia Federal Savings - OlyFed

**REALTOR Designations:** N/A

**Professional Experience:**

- 1984 – Present Olympia Federal Savings - OlyFed
- 1982 – 1983 Klickitat Valley Bank, White Salmon WA
- 1975 – 1982 Heritage Bank (formerly Thurston County Fed Savings)

**Committee and Organization Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- Previously Served 3 Years on TCRA Board – Treasurer Elect and Treasurer
- Currently Serve on TCRA Education Committee
- Currently Serve as Olympia Master Builders Executive Board Secretary
- Supported many TCRA and Community events over several decades via OlyFed

**Education:**

- Institute of Finance Education, Banking and Lending Certificates
- Olympia High School / Centralia College

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REALTOR Member – 2021-2022** (Five candidates for two positions)

**REALTOR Board Candidate 1:**

**Sherelyn Bentley** – REALTOR, John L Scott

**REALTOR Designations:** N/A

**Professional Experience:**

- 1-1/2 yrs, REALTOR
- 1-1/2 yrs, Owner, J&S Home Solutions
- 2 yrs, Owner Superior Cutting Tools
- 4 yrs, COO Carbide Processors- marketing & operations

**Committee and Organization Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- TCRA Membership Chair
- TCRA Communications Committee
- TCRA Flag Day Committee
- TCRA Work Party Committee
- TCRA Softball Committee
- Community Youth Services Volunteer
- Union Gospel Mission Volunteer
- Salvation Army Bell Ringer

**Education:**

- Associate Business Administration

**REALTOR Board Candidate 2:**

**Cecilia Felix** – Broker, RE/MAX Northwest

**REALTOR Designations:** N/A

**Professional Experience:**

- 14 years as Broker with RE/MAX Professionals

**Committees and Organization Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- MLSA (past president) (installment committee)
- TCRA (golf committee) (baseball committee) (communications committee)
- Raising my son!
- Olympia Master Builders (government affairs committee)
- Lacey Chamber
- Thurston County Chamber (ambassador)
- Avid volunteer

### **REALTOR Board Candidate 3:**

**Bobbi Kelly**, Real Estate Broker at RE/MAX Northwest

**REALTOR Designations:** CBA,ACP, Managing Broker License 2014

**Professional Experience:**

- 1979-1982 Real Estate Agent with Maricopa Realty in Mesa, AZ
- 2012 Keller Williams
- 2016 -Current RE/MAX Northwest

**Committee and Organization Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- Realtor Treasurer or Treasurer Elect 2014-2017
- MLSA Member since 2012
- 11th Hour Volunteer, Hospice Volunteer with Providence
- Wild Grief founding member

**Education:**

- BA in Criminal Justice

### **REALTOR Board Candidate 4:**

**Garrett Lafferty**, Managing Broker, John L Scott Olympia

**REALTOR Designations:** CRS

**Professional Experience:**

- 2009-2013, Agent with Shorewest REALTORS, Wisconsin
- 2014-Present, Broker & Managing Broker, John L. Scott

**Committee and Organization Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- Thurston County REALTORS Association Board Member 2018-Present
- Thurston County REALTORS Association Membership Committee 2018
- Washington REALTORS Operations Committee 2019

**Education:**

- Bachelor of Science, Business Administration - Marquette University
- Master of Divinity, Trinity International University

## **REALTOR Board Candidate 5:**

**Anya Myer**, Managing Broker, RE/MAX Parkside Affiliates

**REALTOR Designations:** ABR, CNHS, RCC

### **Professional Experience:**

- 20+ years at RE/MAX Parkside Affiliates

### **Committee and Organization Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- Past TCRA board member
- Founded the partnership between TCRA and the Puget Sound Blood Center (now Bloodworks)
- Committee member of the Poster Contest Committee, Softball Committee, Elections Panel and Grievance Committee
- Active participant and advocate for all TCRA events including but not limited to WR Hill day, community service day, softball, and golf days
- Past Board Member (Treasurer) of the East Olympia Fire District
- Past Board Member (Vice President and Secretary) of the East Olympia Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization
- Past Board Member of the Advisory Panel to the Puget Sound Blood Center

### **Education:**

- WA Real Estate Salespersons License 1998
- Bachelor of Arts, Business 2003
- WA Real Estate Managing Brokers License 2007

**TCRA STATE DIRECTOR FOR WASHINGTON REALTORS** (Three candidates for two positions)

**State Director Candidate 1:**

**Tonia DeBeaux**, Managing Broker, Keller Williams South Sound Realty

**REALTOR Designations:** ABR, CRS, SRES

**Professional Experience:**

- 17 years total residential real estate, Coldwell Bank Koetje, ReMax Acorn Properties, Better Homes & Gardens, Keller Williams Realty
- 2 years, Designated Broker/Branch Manager, John L Scott DuPont, Lacey, Olympia
- 1 year, Government Affairs Director, Thurston County Association of REALTORS®

**Committee and Organization Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- North Puget Sound Association of REALTORS®, Education Committee, RPAC Chair
- Washington REALTORS®, various committees, 2013 Treasurer, Education Trustee, 2020 VP of Membership
- Thurston County Association of REALTORS®, various committees, Education Chairperson, 2018 President
- National Association of REALTORS®
- Women's Council of REALTORS®, State Secretary, Northwest Washington Chapter Treasurer, President
- Oak Harbor School District, various committee, Chairperson of Levy Oversight, Chairperson of District Parent Advisory Committee
- Rebuilding Together Thurston County, Board of Directors
- SideWalk Homeless Services

**Education:**

- Accounting, Business Administration
- Various Real Estate Classes, clock hours, certifications

**State Director Candidate 2:**

**Kevin Gordham**, Broker, Keller Williams South Sound Realty

**REALTOR Designations:** N/A

**Professional Experience:**

- REALTOR for 14 years
- 6 years with Exit Realty NW
- 8 years with Keller Williams South Sound.
- General Manager, Mell Chevrolet Co., 1990-2006

**Committee and Organization Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- TCRA RPAC Committee Co-Chair

- RPAC Major Investor
- TCRA Government Affairs Committee and Chair
- TCRA Golf Committee
- TCRA Board member 2014-2017, President Elect 2018, President 2019, Immediate Past President 2020
- TCRA Nominations Committee Chair
- TCRA State Director for Washington REALTORS
- Co-Chair Olympia Wooden Boat Festival
- Relay for Life Team Captain for 11 years

**Education:**

- Olympia High Graduate
- Several sales and management courses.

**State Director Candidate 3:**

*Susan Wise*, Broker, RE/MAX Northwest

**REALTOR Designations: CRS, GRI, VAMRES**

**Professional Experience:**

- 22.5 years Real Estate Associate (8.5 with RE/MAX; 14 with Coldwell Banker)
- 30 years with the State of Washington, mostly with Department of Natural Resources

**Committee and Organization Involvement (REALTOR and Community):**

- TCRA Director, 2005
- President Elect TCRA 2006, Political Affairs Chairperson 2006
- President TCRA 2007
- Business Practices Core Committee 2007-2008
- Forms Task Force 2007-2008
- State Director 2010, Alternate 2011
- Washington REALTORS Mediator 2015-2017
- State Director 2015-2020
- Code of Ethics Enforcement Task Force 2016
- State Professional Standards Committee 2016-2018
- State Professional Standards Committee 2020-2021
- Credentialing Special Committee, 2019-2020
- Chair, TCRA Grievance Committee (2015 to present)
- Grievance Committee member (2004-2014)
- Volunteer in REALTOR Activities/Committees, Sidewalk, Rebuilding Together
- RPAC Major Investor since ???

**Education:**

- MANY hours of continuing education
- Graduated from Olympia High School