

2009 LEADERSHIP APPLICATION

Name of Candidate: **Jon SOINE, ABR, CRS, GRI, SRES**

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Local Association: WCAR-Whatcom County Association of REALTORS

I am seeking the position of:

Vice President of Government Affairs

Local Experience:

I have held the following positions on the local level:

- President [date] 2007
- Vice President [date] 2006
- Committee Chairman [list committee(s)] GA, LAND USE
- Local Director [date] 2005 to PRESENT
- Committee Member [list committee(s) GA, LAND USE; STRAT PLAN: EO & GAD Selection Committees, WCAR BOD.

State Experience:

In the last five years, I have served in the following capacity on the State level:

- Officer [date] VP-ELECT of GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS 2008
- Director [date] 2005 to PRESENT
- Committee Chairman [list committee(s) and date]
PROPERTY RIGHTS TASK FORCE 2006;
LEG STEERING 2004,
LAND USE RESOURCE 1992-1994;
TAX & FISCAL 1992-1993
- Committee Member [list committee(s) and date]
LEG STEERING 1991-Present
TAX & FISCAL 1991-present
HOUSING & FINANCE 1994-95
BUSINESS PRACTICES 1996
CRS 1996-97
REGIONAL GA PANAL 1996
WATER TASK FORCE 2000
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE 2000
PROPERTY RIGHTS TASK FORCE: 2006

Describe the nature and extent of your involvement in the practice of real estate within the last year.

I have been a full time REALTOR practicing Residential and Commercial Real Estate, and have been active at the State Level as an officer and member of the Executive Board as Well as on the Board of Directors at the local level where I am the Chair of the GA Committee. I have traveled to Washington DC during Hill Day to meet with our Legislatures and at the State Hill days meeting with our legislatures in Olympia on an ongoing basis.

Other experience, e.g., community boards and/or service groups, task forces:

I have been a member of my Church Trustees.

I have been a member of the **Board of Directors of the SHALOM CENTER at WWU**, leading them into future planning and endowments.

I am a member of the **Executive Board of WASHINGTON WILDLIFE & RECREATION COALITION** aiding them in meeting our goal of \$100 Million and then traveling around the state to dedicate parks and trails as I am explaining REALTOR's involvement to the Public as well as to our coalition partners of our role as a **QUALITY of LIFE** for our clients and customers.

I was appointed by the County Executive and Bellingham Mayor to serve on the **CHAT Committee (Countywide Housing Affordability Taskforce)** an 18 months commitment to meet weekly for half a day to represent REALTORS in addressing affordable housing for those up to 80% AMI for the next 20 years. We will continue as CHAT II to ensure all councils will implement our provisions.

What do you think is the most important aspect of the Strategic Plan?

This is the vehicle that allows us to plan where we are going and helps us measure when we get there. It is an essential part of any organization and critical for WCAR and WR due to the fluctuations of membership and issues that arise.

What do you see as strengths/weaknesses in the Strategic Plan?

The **STRENGTHS** allow us to plan for the future and not run by the seat of our pants and be on the defense.

The **WEAKNESS** is that if we do not follow it and implement it within all of our various committees as well as encourage our Associations to do the same.

The Nominations Committee will check with you Local Association Executive to broaden your background review. Do they have permission to contact your current broker/manager? Yes X

Please provide three (3) recommendations from within the industry, including one (1) from outside your local association.

Name: Mike Flynn Company: John L. Scott

Title: Past President-Washington REALTORS

Statement in support of candidate:

The legislative year following quadrennial elections is always difficult on the Hill. We will need to put the election-year behind us and work as a cohesive team to defend our rights and advance our causes. I have worked directly with Jon Soine since 2000 and he has never let the Association down. He was Chair of Legislative Steering the year I served as President (2004) and was always rock solid, someone whom we all could depend upon to do the work and make the hard calls. The real work of the VP of GA is done in the hallways, bringing Realtors together to work as a team to implement our GA strategies. Jon has been directly involved in developing those strategies for 2009. He has the experience and the knowledge and the ability. Let's put him to work.

Name: Tanna DeVisscher Company: _____

Title: Executive Officer-WCAR Contact: 360-671-5477

Statement in support of candidate:

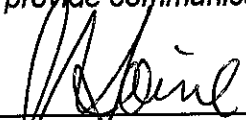
(See attached)

Name: Cheryl Ferrier Company: John L. Scott

Title: Former President Washington REALTORS

Statement in support of candidate:

I realize the position I am seeking will require me to spend additional time, effort and personal funds. At the very least, I shall be expected to attend all WR meetings, serve on at least one committee and provide communications between my local association and WR.

Signature:  Date: 8 Sept 2008

The completed application packet must include the following documents:

- 1) Application;
- 2) Questions;
- 3) Resume;
- 4) Photo

Resume Jon Soine, ABR, CRS, GRI, SRES

Jon Soine, a LIFE TIME Bellingham resident, has been a full time licensed REALTOR since 1979. As an Associate Broker since 1981, Jon has the following designations: ABR, CRS, GRI, SRES. Jon's practice at Windermere Real Estate is in residential & commercial real estate.

Jon was the owner of SOINE's Shoe Store, a family business spanning 50 years, founded by his father and located in downtown Bellingham. He was the first employer for hundreds of high school students including artist Jody Bergsma. They learned the free enterprise system on the job while in school and hundreds went on to own their own businesses.

Jon is a retired Navy Captain in the Supply Corps. He was a Project Manager for the site selection for Navy Base Everett as well as future Navy Bases. He also was a U.S. Naval Academy Information Officer for 19 years for all 26 High Schools from Seattle to the Canadian border. Astronaut Steve Oswald, the present Director of NASA, Houston Space Center, was one of his "first kids" recruited into the US NAVAL ACADEMY.

In addition he is a member of the Board of Directors on many civic organizations including Washington Wildlife & Recreation Coalition, the Campus Christian Ministry's SHALOM House at WWU, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Bellingham Terrarium and Naval Reserve Officer's Association. He also served on the county-city Affordable Housing Task Force.

On the national level he has attended many NAR Conventions in the last 29 years, and he has been on various select NAR and CRS committees.

Since 1988 Jon has served at the state level as a member and chair on many committees including Land Use, Land Use Resource and Legislative Steering. He has also served on the WR Executive Council, and many Task Forces. Jon recently served as the chair of Washington REALTORS Task Force to determine Washington REALTORS Policy Position on the Farm Initiative (I-933). He was elected as the 2008 VP -Elect of Government Affairs, and due to the restructuring he is now a candidate for the 2009 VP of Government Affairs for Washington REALTORS. Jon has also been a state officer in various positions as well as a director for the Washington State CRS Chapter.

As a REALTOR on the local level, he is active on many committees including Government Affairs, and was the 2007 PRESIDENT of Whatcom County Association of REALTORS where he instituted strat planning for future growth. He has been awarded REALTOR of the Quarter, numerous REALTOR of the Month awards, and Political Action REALTOR of the YEAR by WCAR. He has been a local and State Director of the REALTORS Association.

Jon is a widower after 33 years marriage. During their 5 children's growing years, they were school chaperones. His passion beyond fishing and motorhoming is his now 14 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Jon has a BA in Business & Radio Production from PLU. He was an early day sponsor/host of the RONALD REAGAN talk show. He is helping his daughter raise his 6 year old granddaughter Angelica. Recently he walked his granddaughter Sarah, who was our RPAC spokesperson and a teacher, down the aisle.

Emily Chadwick

Subject: FW: Jon Soine Application

From: Cheryl Ferrier [mailto:cherylf@johnlscott.com]

Sent: Monday, September 08, 2008 5:10 PM

To: Emily Chadwick

Subject: Jon Soine Application

To Nominating Committee

Because of time constraints -- I believe all letters are due into your office today -- this will be more informal than normal.

It is a distinct pleasure to recommend and reinforce Jon Soine's application to be the Washington Realtors Vice President of Government Affairs for 2009. I have had the pleasure of working with Jon for 20 years on local and state government affairs issues, task forces, and committees. There has never been a time when Jon has not dropped whatever he was doing to attend to Association GA business -- whether here in Bellingham or after a very quick drive to Olympia. He is knowledgeable on our issues, speaks well before the public and the legislature, and is completely devoted to the Realtor Quality of Life Program. He will be a very informed, professional spokesperson for us in anything that involves government affairs.

For years he was quite satisfied working locally and/or "behind the scenes", but has developed into one of the best representatives available on any level in our industry.

Please contact me if more specific information is needed.

Cheryl Ferrier, CRS
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September 9, 2008

Emily Chadwick
Washington Realtors
P. O. Box 719
Olympia, WA 98507

RE: Jon Soine
For Vice President of Government Affairs

Dear Ms. Chadwick:

I have had the privileged to know Jon Soine for the past 30+ years as my role of a WCAR Affiliate. My current role is Executive Officer of the WCAR.

I have found his management abilities to be invaluable as a leader in our community. His conscientious Effort and cooperation in doing professional, high quality work has always been appreciated.

Jon is currently WCAR Government Affairs Chairperson and in that position he has been efficient, innovative and responsive. He motivates his people with challenge and the opportunity for personal growth.

If you find that Jon's career objectives match your position description, I know of no reason you would be disappointed by his performance or personal habits. Please let me know if you require further information.

Respectfully,

Tanna DeVisscher
Executive Officer
Whatcom County Association of Realtors



September 3, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: REALTOR® Membership Status – Jon Soine
To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to inform you that REALTOR® member Jon Soine, (NRDS#874001224) licensed with Windermere Real Estate is a member in good standing with the Whatcom County Association of Realtors since joining in October 15, 1984

Jon has completed and fulfilled all of 2008 his membership orientation obligations.

Thank you for your time and attention to this most important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Tanna DeVisscher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

Tanna DeVisscher
Executive Officer
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