



## Policy Handbook

### 1) Membership

Membership is open, subject to payment of membership fees. Memberships are not transferrable or refundable, and dates will not be adjusted because of missed meeting attendance.

#### a) Annual Memberships

Membership duration is one year, except where the member enrolls in a monthly plan which is billed to the member's credit card.

#### b) Monthly Membership plans

Member will pay an initial fee and a smaller monthly fee thereafter, and that fee will be automatically billed to their credit card each month. Monthly memberships cannot be paid by check or cash, but can only be enrolled online with a credit or debit card. Non-payment of monthly plan membership when due will automatically cause the membership to terminate, and in order to re-enroll, the member must catch up past missed payments or pay the initial higher fee again.

#### c) Renewals

Renewal membership may sometimes be offered at a lower discounted rate than initial memberships, although these offers are subject to change at any time. Monthly membership plans are not subject to renewal discounts.

### 2) Attendance at meetings and events

Non-members may attend monthly meetings. Monthly meeting fees are \$25. Non-members may attend events by paying a higher non-member fee than members. Some events are limited to Members Only, and may not be attended by non-members.



### 3) Benefits

Benefits of membership, and discounts for members are made available when offered by or negotiated with third parties. These benefits are provided by both National REIA and BostonAREIA, but may be discontinued at any time. Most discounts and benefits are accessed from the “Members Only Discounts” page once you have logged in.

#### a) Bareia Bucks

Bareia bucks are given to members upon joining, and can be used for any meeting attendance, product, seminar or event. They may not be used for payment of membership at any time. Bareia bucks are also awarded to volunteers for their service. Bareia bucks are tracked electronically in your member profile.

#### b) National REIA

BostonAREIA is a member of National REIA, and each member of BostonAREIA is automatically eligible for free membership in National REIA for the duration of their BostonAREIA membership.

### 4) Board of Advisors

The BostonAREIA Board of Advisors is comprised of national and local professionals and service providers in the real estate investing arena. The makeup of the Board is subject to change, and Board members may or may not be available at meetings for direct consultation. Links to Board members websites for direct contact are provided on our Board of Advisors page.

### 5) Networking

Networking opportunities are provided before, after and sometimes during each meeting. We encourage all attendees and members to connect with people to grow their business. BostonAREIA does not screen attendees so due diligence should be conducted before committing to an investment.



## 6) Disclaimer

### a) Meetings and Speakers

- i) BostonAREIA does NOT render legal, accounting or other professional advice. It is your own responsibility to seek professional advice for any specific transaction or investment from those licensed to render such advice. If you require specific legal, tax or accounting advice, seek the advice of a qualified professional.
- ii) BostonAREIA does not in any way operate or control the information, products or services of any third-party speakers or sponsors. BostonAREIA does not in any way endorse any such third party speaker or sponsor and does not warrant or make any representations regarding the use of any information received from any third party speaker or sponsor.
- iii) Any member or guest that attends a BostonAREIA meeting, whether it be monthly or not, in any capacity, hereby accepts and adheres to the following stipulations in relation to videography. Any individual in attendance at a meeting gives permission to BostonAREIA to utilize videos and/or photos that may contain images of themselves. Such media will be used strictly for/by BAREIA and will, by and large, be utilized for marketing or electronic membership.

### b) Website Terms of Use

This agreement governs your use of BostonAREIA'S website. As part of our service, BostonAREIA agrees to supply you with information and other services subject to these "Terms of Use."

By using the services at BostonAREIA, you agree to the terms and conditions listed on this page. If you do not agree with the rules contained in this agreement, do not use BostonAREIA's website.

#### i) Editorial Content

- (1) The information on this site is for educational purposes only. By publishing this information, BostonAREIA does NOT render legal, accounting or other professional advice. It is your own responsibility to seek professional advice for any specific transaction or investment from those licensed to render such advice. If you require specific legal, tax or accounting advice, seek the advice of a qualified professional.

#### ii) News Groups, Chat Rooms, Public Forums

- (1) **Posts By Others** BostonAREIA encourages the open exchange of information and ideas. But we cannot and do NOT review every posting in these public posting areas. BostonAREIA does not control the messages or information in these postings. We do not



necessarily support, endorse, agree with or guarantee the accuracy of any such posting. Use your own good judgment and seek the advice of a qualified professional before using or implementing any such information.

- (2) **Your Use of Public Forums** The following are conditions of your use of the news groups, chat rooms and other public forums. Violation of any of these conditions may result, without warning, in termination of your access to the services on BostonAREIA.com. No advertisements or solicitations. You agree not to use the BostonAREIA site to advertise to or solicit anyone to buy or sell products or services, or to make donations of any kind. All advertisements and solicitations are deleted.

No spamming. You agree not to gather the email addresses of users who post in our public forums for the purpose of spamming or for any other purpose.

No obscene, vulgar, threatening, abusive, false or defamatory posts. Any and all such posts will be deleted.

No copyright violations. By posting material on the public forums, you are representing that you are the owner of the material. Submitting material that is the property of another, without consent of the owner, is a violation of this agreement and may also subject you to legal liability for infringement of copyright or other intellectual property rights.

No off-topic postings. Each public forum clearly indicates the TOPIC for that forum.

Posts that do not comply with the specified topic area will be deleted.

- (3) **Editing or Deletion** We do not edit or delete postings on the basis of content, even if we disagree with the poster's opinion. BostonAREIA reserves the right, but undertakes no duty, to review, edit or delete any material posted in the public forums.

iii) Third Party Sites

- (1) BostonAREIA has provided links to other internet sites maintained by third parties. BostonAREIA does not in any way operate or control the information, products or services on these third-party sites. BostonAREIA does not in any way endorse any such third party site and does not warrant or make any representations regarding the use of any third party site.

7) Code of Ethics

The following Code of Ethics is posted on all meeting attendance signup forms and all members and attendees, at checkin, sign and agree to the following:

"I understand that the Boston Area Real Estate Investors Association (BAREIA) is dedicated to education, networking, motivating and promoting professionalism in real estate investing. I Agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and the following Code of Ethics: I agree NOT to make promises that I cannot keep; I agree to keep the promises that I do make; and, I agree to be fair, honest and to maintain integrity in all of my business dealings."