



March President's Message



Greater Antelope Valley Association of REALTORS® has been hard at work these first three months of the year — and I want you to know your Board and Committees have not been sitting still.

Bylaws Update –

One of the biggest undertakings was updating our Bylaws. That was no small project. Between the Bylaws Committee, our CEO Diane Carlton, and our Board attorney, there were multiple meetings, detailed reviews, discussions, revisions, and more revisions. It was careful, methodical work — the way it should be. I'm proud to say we are in a strong place with our Bylaws. Solid foundation. Clear direction. That matters.

Education – Investing in Your Business

Our Education Committee has been busy lining up valuable Lunch & Learns, and you'll want to keep an eye on the calendar. These are practical, relevant, and built for today's market. Speaking of education — don't forget that GAVAR offers one of the best education rebate programs in the field. If you've been thinking about earning a designation and putting a few more initials behind your name, now is the time. Those initials aren't just letters. They signal professionalism, commitment, and expertise. In a shifting market, that matters.

MLS Committee – The Details Matter

Our MLS Committee has been working on several important issues already this year: Lockbox updates and information; Collaboration with the AV Area Advisory; Ongoing issues with altered listing photos; And several behind-the-scenes items that protect the integrity of our MLS. The small details protect the big picture. Professional standards are not optional.

Government Affairs – Staying Engaged

Jim Clark, our new Government Affairs Director, has hit the ground running. He's helping track bills coming out of Sacramento and preparing information that directly affects your business. He's also assisting with discussions involving future leadership running for Lancaster positions. Staying engaged locally and at the state level is how we protect private property rights and our industry. Advocacy isn't flashy. It's necessary.

Office Update

The board is working on updating Policy Manual. The GAVAR office recently said goodbye to Susan McGuire after 20 years of service. Susan retired on Friday, February 27th. You may have also noticed a new face in the office — Brandon. He's already been working on the GAVAR website, and it's looking great. Be sure to welcome him when you see him.

General Membership Meeting – March 11

Mark your calendar: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 | 8:30 – 10:30 AM. We will be welcoming Gov Hutchinson from California Association of REALTORS® as our guest speaker. When Gov comes, the room fills up. This is always one of our most well-attended meetings. Get your ticket early.

We are not trying to be flashy this year. We are working to be steady, responsible, and focused on what truly supports you and your business. Three months in — and we're just getting started. Let's keep showing up for our profession and for each other.

GAVAR Mixer- March 17

Join us for our St. Patrick's Day GAVAR Mixer on Thursday, March 17th from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at
Bravery Brewing Company
42705 8th St W, Lancaster, CA 93534.

We're trying something new this year with a daytime mixer designed to better engage our REALTOR® and Affiliate members. This is a great opportunity to connect, collaborate, and strengthen relationships within our local real estate community — all while enjoying a festive St. Patrick's Day atmosphere.

Chuck Linn, 2026 GAVAR President