

Year in Review by Sam Medvene,
2025 DCAR President

Whew! What a jam-packed year it was! There was no shortage of activity in our city, and DCAR jumped right into it — navigating rough waters at every turn with elegance, precision, professionalism, and measurable results.

The year began with an extensive GAD Search Group that resulted in hiring a true rockstar: Shawn Hilgendorf, DCAR's third full-time employee. With his stewardship — along with the leadership of our DCAR Public Policy Committee (PPC) Chair, Hillary Nash, and Vice Chair, Brandon Scott — we championed and passed arguably one of the greatest legislative wins in DCAR's century-long history: the repeal of 2-4 Unit TOPA.

And the legislative victories didn't stop there. [To keep this brief, a full overview of our legislative wins can be viewed here.](#)

The 2025 Board of Directors (BOD) worked together to identify and build out the framework for DCAR's future through four separate PAGs, each aimed at reaching more members where they are, identifying new opportunities for growth and financial stability, and digging into the foundational pillars that will ensure our association continues to thrive for the next 100 years.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to the 2025 Board of Directors and Committee members for an outstanding year of leadership and service. Your time, expertise, and commitment were essential to DCAR's many accomplishments this year, and your collaborative efforts helped strengthen our association and position it for continued success.

DCAR's Young Professionals Network (YPN) and Global Business Alliance Committees (GBAC) also hosted almost a dozen impactful events across nearly every ward in the city — engaging members through timely topics, seminars, social gatherings, and more. Not to be overlooked, DCAR was also appointed by the National Association of REALTORS® as the National Global Partner to the Bolivian Association of REALTORS®.

In keeping with the spirit of brevity, serving as your 2025 President has truly been an honor and a pleasure. I remain eternally grateful for my family, the DCAR staff, the 2025 BOD, and all the members we serve. I cannot thank everyone involved enough. Looking toward the future, I could not be more confident or excited for the year ahead with Harrison at the helm. DCAR's momentum continues to build, and the value being delivered to each member becomes more evident each day.

Under Harrison's leadership and the 2026 Board of Directors (BOD), we will continue to excel, and I have no doubt DCAR will be stronger as a result. We are extremely lucky to have him and all of our volunteer leaders across the association.

Thank you again for the opportunity to play a small part in our state association's history. I'll see you all soon — hopefully! Cheers!

My heartfelt thanks,
Sam Medvene

A Night to Remember at DCAR!

On December 11, DCAR members, leaders, and partners gathered at the stunning Josephine Butler Center for the 2025 DCAR Annual Meeting & Installation—an unforgettable evening filled with celebration, connection, and inspiration.

The night was dedicated to honoring excellence across our association. We proudly recognized our **RPAC Investors**, celebrated **Stacey Barton**, the **2025 REALTOR® of the Year**, honored **Amy Fisher**, **2025 Recipient of the Lifetime Advocacy Achievement Award**, and officially installed our **new Board of Directors**. We were also thrilled to welcome **Harrison Beacher as the 2026 DCAR President**, as he begins his term of leadership and service.

None of this would be possible without the incredible support of our community. A heartfelt thank you to our sponsors, attendees, and members for making this evening — and our year — such a success. Together, we continue to strengthen DCAR and shape the future of our industry.

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