A WDCAR Timeline

1900

1912
Real Estate Brokers Association of the District of Columbia (later known as Washington DC Association of REALTORS®) founded

1921
Hires its first full-time secretary and reorganizes into the Real Estate Board of Washington, DC. Works on standardizing contracts, education, and publicizing the necessity of using a REALTOR®.

1934
Federal Housing Administration (FHA) established

1936
Offers 8-week course in real estate practice at Southeastern University

1937
Real Estate Commission and licensing law established in DC

1941
Members buy $100,000 in defense bonds

1946
Washington Post headline: "Real Estate Booming here Despite Drop in Other Cities"

1950
In conjunction with American University, Board offers two 16-week courses on real estate practice and appraising

1954
Washington Board's Women's Council established

1957
DC Board requires agents to pass an exam before awarding membership in the organization

1963
DC Board endows a Chair of Real Estate at American University

1964
DC passes a fair housing ordinance banning discrimination based on religion, nationality and race

1968
Civil Rights Act passes including Federal Fair Housing Act

1973
Washington Board establishes its first MLS

1974
DC City Council approves rent control spurning the popularity of condo conversions

1981
Mortgage rates hit all time annual high of 17%

1997
WDCAR agrees to merge its local association with Montgomery County creating GCAAR. WDCAR continues as a state level association

2006
Association sponsors Habitat for Humanity house in Musician's Village in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina

2010

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