## **CHAPTER - BYLAW LANGUAGE**

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**Authorization** – The Board of Directors of the REALTORS® of Central Colorado may authorize the establishment of Chapters within geographical limits, such Chapters to continue at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. In addition, Chapters shall at all times be governed by and conduct their affairs in accordance with the Bylaws of the REALTORS® of Central Colorado. Chapters can be an invaluable tool to growing the association and serve the profession in ways the Association cannot due to personnel and geographical limitations.

Chapters may not speak on policy issues on behalf of the REALTORS® of Central Colorado without specific authority from the REALTORS® of Central Colorado Board of Directors.

**Geographical Chapters** – The Board of Directors may define, redefine or divide the territorial jurisdiction of any Chapter, as it may determine in its absolute discretion.

Geographically based chapters allow associations to provide advocacy and consumer outreach within the specific territorial jurisdiction.

**Chapter Name** - The official name of a Chapter will be identified by the geographical area of the Chapter of the REALTORS® of Central Colorado (Example: Alamosa County Chapter of the REALTORS® of Central Colorado)

**Membership** - An individual shall be required to be a member in good standing with the National Association of REALTORS® and the REALTORS® of Central Colorado as a prerequisite for active member in a Chapter. An active member of the Association is under no obligation to participate in a geographical Chapter.

**Chapter Expenditures** – The REALTORS® of Central Colorado shall determine an equitable amount of funding for the Chapter based on advocacy and consumer outreach activities within the Chapter's jurisdiction.

Advisory Council - There shall be a Chapter Advisory Council made up of one representative from each Chapter within the REALTORS® of Central Colorado. The Advisory Council serves to advise the officers and Directors at their request on matters of concern within the geographical Chapters. Each Chapter should report to the Association at least once a year. The relationship between the REALTORS® of Central Colorado and Chapters can be beneficial to both; but constant communication is essential, both to keep everyone working toward the same ends and to avoid misunderstandings.