



2024 Board of Directors Nominee Bio

Name: Sharon Castles

Tell us a little bit about yourself and your philosophy.

I started working at 7 years old, doing door to door sales. My parents helped me get my work permit when I was 10 years of age and I have been working ever since.

I started in Commercial Real Estate right out of college and was licensed in 1989. A few years later, I moved into Residential Real Estate. Due to health reasons, I went part time in real estate to work fulltime in IT/Telecom for a Fortune 100 company. I moved up the ranks into Regional Sales and Customer Service Management. In 2002, I took a position as Sr VP with a large title company. I became a licensed title agent and in 2004 opened my own title company which I co-owned until 2007, when the 3rd largest underwriter in the USA bought us out. I honed my expertise in foreclosures & short sales as a National Sale Director over REO for Stewart Corporate until 2011. I moved to Oklahoma in 2012 and started back in Residential Real Estate, June 2013. By end of 2016, I was selling over \$10M a year. In 2017, we started our Brokerage, Castles & Homes. I am the Managing Broker with 14 other agents, yet still active as a REALTOR® as well. Over the past few years, I have helped several colleagues who reached out to start their own brokerages. I am so happy to see them succeed!

I have been a foster parent since 2004, Event chair for 7-8 events per year to fundraise \$5M+ for 4KIDS of SFL 2004-2011, public speaker on radio and large events to raise awareness for Foster Children, a CASA in OK since 2012, and am actively involved in fostering dogs, supporting rescues, and helping adopt out pets to others.

My philosophy:

I strive to be a blessing to each person I meet.

I believe in treating others as well as I want to be treated.

I hope to make a positive difference in others' lives.

Please list your involvement in NAR, OAR, OKCMAR and MLSOK:

Received the 2014 Rock Star Award from Oklahoma Association of REALTORS®

Leadership Academy Graduate 2022

What sparked your interest in serving on the OKCMAR Board of Directors?

Giving back to an organization and industry that has been a blessing to me and my family.

And being inspired by friends who have served, such as Steve Reese, Becky Karpe, and many others.