Greater Rochester Association of REALTORS® Timeline

Early 1900s -A "Wives of the Rochester REALTORS® Committee is formed until 1960.

Oct. 6, 1910- The Real Estate Assoc. of Rochester and, its charter, are adopted. W. H. Emery is first Board Chairman.

1917 - Real Estate Assoc. of Rochester changes name to Real Estate Board of Rochester. (REBR)

1921 - There are 87 active members and 181 Assoc. members.

1925-First Exec. Secy., Jack Knabb is appointed

1928 -W. Roy Wolf replaces Knabb as executive secretary.

Sept. 14, 1931 - Rochester Home Builders' Assoc. becomes new division of REBR. Forms its own association in 1934.

1933 - John Tighe appointed as exec. secretary

1939 - Average price of a home is $4,581.

1988- 2003 John R. Piper appointed exec. vice president.

1989 - Real Estate Board of Rochester becomes the Greater Rochester Association of REALTORS®

1995 - GRAR's public website - Homestead net.com is launched. First to provide local listing information online.

Sept 2003 - GENRIS converted to a completely computerized Internet-based MLS, known as TEMPO™.

2009 - New York State Alliance of MLS's formed, which includes Rochester, Buffalo, and Syracuse Associations.

1910 1920 1930 1940 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010 2020

June 11, 1912 -The local Association joins the National Assoc. of REALTORS®

1924 - First formal MLS is created.

1930 - The Board moves from Wilder Bldg. to Genesee Valley Trust Co. office bldg. Rochester REALTOR® Magazine is published.

1940 - Nora Shackleford is first woman elected to active membership

1945 - Democrat & Chronicle publishes "Bill Beeney's Realty Roundup" column.

1960 - Robert Elwell appointed exec. vice president.

2004-2007 Karen M. Wingender appointed chief exec, officer.

2008 Ryan J. Tucholski, RCE, appointed chief exec. officer.

2010 - New MLXchange system launched.