

Meet Your Candidate

Fred McClellan

I came to Bristol when I purchased a bankrupt chain of convenient stores in 1985. I survived the impact of NAFTA and the end of the steel, textile, and garment industries in Bristol. After owning and operating my businesses for 25 years, I sold those interests.

I co-founded the Birthplace of Country Music Alliance, "BCMA", in 1994 with Tim White and Leton Harding, which is known today as the Birthplace of Country Music "BCM". I served as the founding president and remained in a leadership role for the next 20 years. I lobbied Congress to pass legislation recognizing Bristol as the official Birthplace of Country Music with the passage of H.R. 214 in 1998. The BCMA became recognized as an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and I led a fundraising campaign to develop the BCM Museum.

In 2008, I became a Realtor and a member of the BTVAR. In 2016 I served as the association president. During that term, the BTVAR became a first-time property owner, expanded TransAction Desk to include VR forms for members with Tennessee and Virginia licenses, and petitioned NAR to expand our jurisdiction to include the unrepresented counties of Wise, Lee, and Scott.

I have served at the state association level in Tennessee and Virginia since 2016. I am a past Tennessee Realtors board member and served a term on the Commercial Forms Committee in TN. In VA, I am a past member of the Economic Advisory Board and currently a member of the 2024 Virginia Realtors board of directors and a member of the Public Policy Committee, since 2016.

These are difficult and challenging times in our industry. The NAR suit and settlement has impacted all of our associations, brokers, practitioners, and clients. How do we meet these challenges today? We meet these challenges head on, as we listen to all voices with respect for each other. We must work together to make our association stronger and continue to support our practitioners and the rights of property owners.

My presence is as a longstanding BTVAR member and past association president. In that capacity, I offer you my participation as we navigate our path forward. I ask for your vote to serve as the 2025 BTVAR president.

