



GNAR'S COMMERCIAL COMMITTEE NAMES AWARD WINNERS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (February 27, 2009) – The Greater Nashville Association of REALTORS® recently announced its 2008 Commercial Awards of Excellence winners at a ceremony held at the association's office in Grassmere Office Park. Bill Hawkins, of Charles Hawkins Company and a member of the GNAR Board of Directors, as well as a commercial practitioner, presided over the event along with GNAR CEO Don Klein. Award levels included Platinum, Gold and Silver.

“In today's real estate market, it is truly a pleasure to recognize those who are succeeding in spite of circumstances,” said Hawkins. “These Realtors are truly leaders in the industry. We value their expertise and dedication to the industry, and we congratulate them on earning these awards.”

Platinum Award nominees must achieve at least \$5 million or more in net sales or leases during the calendar year. James Brakefield (Charles Hawkins Company), Anne Shockley (The Trendex Group), Robert Stout (Charles Hawkins Company) and Bruce W. Reed (Charles Hawkins Company) earned Lifetime Platinum Awards*.

Other Platinum Award winners for 2008 include Hiram Lewis (Charles Hawkins Company) and Thomas E. McArthur, Jr. (McArthur Sanders Real Estate).

Gold Award nominees must achieve at least \$2 million or more in net sales or leases during the calendar year. The recipients of the Lifetime Gold Award* include J.P.

Lowe (Charles Hawkins Company), Charles Robin (Robin Realty Company) and Monte Turner (Turner & Associates Realty). E. Dwight also received a Gold Award.

Silver Award nominees must achieve at least \$1 million or more in net sales or leases during the calendar year. R. Stephen Prather receive a Lifetime Silver Award*, and Michael Groow (Charles Hawkins Company) was also recognized with a Silver Award.

“GNAR is very proud of our commercial Realtors and their ongoing commitment to growth throughout Greater Nashville and Middle Tennessee,” said GNAR president Mike Nichols. “The local commercial and residential real estate markets are feeling the effects of the national economy. However, this area is in much better shape than other parts of the country. That is thanks, in part, to hard-working Realtors like these.”

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