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RICK SAWICKI OF SAWICKI REAL ESTATE IN AMHERST NAMED REALTOR® OF THE YEAR BY THE REALTOR® ASSOCIATION OF PIONEER VALLEY

Springfield, Mass. June 19, 2018 – Rick Sawicki of Sawicki Real Estate in Amherst was named the 2018 REALTOR® of the Year by the REALTOR® Association of Pioneer Valley (RAPV). The announcement was made at the association's annual awards dinner held on June 14, 2018 at The Log Cabin in Holyoke.

REALTOR® of the Year is the highest honor given to a member of the association and is bestowed upon a single individual who demonstrated outstanding service and devotion to the 1,700-member organization during the past 17 months in the areas of association activity, community service and business activity.

A REALTOR® since 2005, Rick served as President of the association in 2017. He is currently the Immediate Past President and serves on the Building, Executive, Finance, Government Affairs, President's Award, Professional Development and Strategic Planning Committees, as well as the Candidate Endorsement Work Group. He has participated in the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS® (MAR) annual REALTOR® Day on Beacon Hill and is a major investor in the REALTORS® Political Action Committee (RPAC). Rick has been featured on the *Real Estate Minute* segment of WWLP-Ch. 22's *Mass Appeal* program intended to educate the public about real estate and the role of REALTORS®.

Rick has given back to the community through activity with the Rotary Club of Amherst and Turners Falls High School Logo Task Force and is a member of the Amherst Chamber of Commerce. He is actively involved in state initiatives and activities such as MAR Professional Standards Training and REALTOR® Party Training, along with being a MAR RPAC Trustee.

Rick is a member of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) Public Policy Coordinating Committee. He is a regular attendee at the NAR Mid-Year Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo and the NAR Convention & Trade Expo. ■



Rick Sawicki (left) of Sawicki Real Estate with Ben Scranton (right), Chief Executive Officer of REALTOR® Association of Pioneer Valley

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About the REALTOR® Association of Pioneer Valley:

Organized in 1915, the REALTOR® Association of Pioneer Valley is a professional trade organization with more than 1,700 members. The term REALTOR® is registered as the exclusive designation of members of the National Association of REALTORS® who subscribe to a strict code of ethics and enjoy continuing education programs.

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