

## **J.T. Tsighis Awarded the Arthur G. Crozier Distinguished Service Award**

The Arthur G. Crozier Distinguished Service Award, which was recently renamed after the passing of our esteemed colleague, Arthur Crozier, has become an integral part of recognizing excellence in service to the real estate industry. The award has been bestowed on a variety of outstanding Arizona Association of REALTORS®(AAR) members, including the first recipient, Pat Loven, and last year's recipient, Jim Brodie. This year, the award was enthusiastically presented to J.T. Tsighis, ABR, CRB, GRI, of Realty Executives Southern Arizona in Tucson.

J.T. is a "renaissance" character, bringing expertise from a variety of arenas to his three decades of practicing real estate and leadership within our organization. Few people realize he once managed the Tavern on the Green restaurant in New York and that he's heralded as a phenomenal chef. J.T. blends all of his expertise from a wide variety of pursuits and contributes these skills to his many real estate-related positions. He's held leadership positions in both state and local associations. According to Rick Hodges of the Tucson Association, "J.T. is the guy we go to when we want the job done right! His meticulous attention to detail means that everything is a bit more polished when J.T. is involved."

When J.T.'s name is mentioned, most colleagues think of him as the risk management expert. He has dedicated countless hours to keeping our members and our industry on the safe side of potentially problematic issues. His talent in the field of dancing has assisted him in gracefully gliding our groups through the troubled waters of risk management, industry issues and issues of professional standards. Most recently he served on the Short Sale Workgroup.

People who serve with J.T. recognize that organizational efforts are more successful because of his contributions. While he sometimes appears rather serious in demeanor, serving with J.T. also brings an insight to his incredible sense of humor. He knows just when to add levity to tough moments. J.T.'s dedication to every element of his professional life is a clear characteristic that qualifies him for the Distinguished Service Award. We're pleased to extend our sincere gratitude, admiration and congratulations to J.T. Tsighis.