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Allan “Dutch” Dechert, a REALTOR® from Avalon, New Jersey, is the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® liaison for Region 2, comprised of New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

A REALTOR® for 35 years, he is the co-owner and broker of Ferguson-Dechert Real Estate, Inc., in Avalon, New Jersey, where he specializes in resort and second home REALTOR® properties. He has earned the Resort and Second-Home Property Specialist certification (RSPS) and the Certified Real Estate Brokerage designation (CRB).

At the national level, Dutch has served on the Board of Directors since 2002. He served on the National Flood Insurance Program Presidential Advisory Group in 2013 and again in 2014. He has been a member of committees including REALTOR® Party Member Involvement; Land Use, Property Rights, and Environment; Public Policy; and, Resort and Second Home, which he chaired in 2008.

Dutch was the president of the New Jersey Association of REALTORS® in 2011. Over the years, he has been an active board and committee member, having served on committees for strategic planning, public relations, legal affairs, bylaws, legislative, budget and finance, land use, property rights, environment and public policy.

Dutch is a member of the Cape May County Association of REALTORS®. He has served as President of CMCAR and also served as a director and chaired a number of committees thru the years. They twice named Dutch their REALTOR® of the Year in 2001 and 1990.

Dutch supports his local community. He serves as a trustee of the Avalon Chamber of Commerce, and was their president from 2004 to 2007. He is an active member of the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce. Dutch earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from Franklin & Marshall College.

In his spare time, Dutch enjoys golfing and fishing. He and his wife, Karen, have two children, Eric and Melissa.

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