

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



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Dear SIORs,

Recently, while attending an industry event in Dallas, my good friend and fellow SIOR Steve Berger came up to me and, upon seeing my new pin, said, "So that's the new pin? Wow, OK, I'd wear that!" This is the reaction I've been getting by SIOR's wherever I am traveling. Change can be difficult and sometimes it can take a while to warm up to a new look, but the overwhelming feedback and results of the new look have been truly outstanding. As you first saw in the latest issue, *SIOR Report, The Industrial and Office Magazine*, is sporting a new and cleaner look with even more great content. I can't imagine a better way to celebrate our 75th anniversary than by introducing first class new benefits to our membership.

This issue highlights just some of the fun we had at the Spring World Conference in San Diego, which was by all accounts a huge success. Make sure to check out some of the photos on page 56. The speakers and conference content was super and the party on the U.S.S. Midway was the best party of my 25 years in SIOR. This was the most attended spring conference since Boca Raton 10 years ago. Great locations like San Diego, Chicago, Nashville, and Scottsdale have contributed to our recent great success at conferences. I'm looking forward to the same great results at our upcoming conferences in New York, New Orleans, Austin, and Denver.

Speaking of New York, we will continue our big 75th anniversary celebrations in the big apple and everyone should have this on their calendar, October 20-22. Bring your spouses/significant others; you won't want to miss this one by any means.

Our very first European Regional Conference in London was a huge success. How far we have come in the last 10 years building up our membership in Europe! And not to be outdone, Mexico recently had a joint meeting with ULI in Queretaro, Mexico. It was also very successful with great attendance. Our international growth efforts will especially benefit those of us that occasionally need an expert in markets where perhaps our own companies don't have someone. I know it's helped me on several occasions.

New Governance

I'm so pleased to report that the new Governance set sail in San Diego. The new Member Coalition Council led by Geoff Kasselmann, SIOR, LEED AP, and Del Markward had its first meeting. Three new Board members were elected and will take office in New York: Peter Whatmore, SIOR; Mark Duclos, SIOR; and Pat Sentner, SIOR. Robert Thornburgh, SIOR, CCIM, CPM, will begin his term as vice president in the fall as well. We have a great group of members ready to serve and I'm excited about having these folks join our Board.

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We also filled positions of five new Regional Directors. The following Regional Directors were elected for a two-year term on the Chapter Leadership Council: Central Regional Director, Christopher R. Fox, SIOR, CCIM; Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, Jeffrey A. Deitrick, SIOR; Northwest Regional Director, Michael A. Jeppesen, SIOR, CCIM, LEED AP; Southeast Regional Director, J. Bryan Rudisill, SIOR; and Southwest Regional Director, Albert M. McNeel, SIOR.

Next spring we will have several positions open for election, so there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved. Ask me how! We will certainly need members willing to serve in the position of Regional Director, and it's one of the best positions in SIOR. It's also a great way to get to travel to the other chapters in your region and get to know a lot of people.

Diamond Tour

Another exciting event that's helping to celebrate our 75th anniversary is happening right in each of the SIOR Chapters – The SIOR 75th anniversary Diamond Tour! A torch is making its way through all 48 chapters, including Mexico, Canada, and even London, as part of the Diamond Tour event. Each chapter has the opportunity to receive the torch, hold a special event, share memories, and make new ones along the way. The torch will finish its journey

in New York at the FWC – yet another reason to make sure you're there!

Find out what's happening in your area and follow the torch at www.sior.com/sior-diamond-tour (#SIOR75Tour). I would also like to send a special thanks to Scott Martin, SIOR, and Bill Burgess, SIOR, for organizing this exciting effort.

I am thrilled with how things are going this year in SIOR, and am always available for a phone call or email with your thoughts and suggestions. See you in New York!

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