

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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My Fellow SIORs,

It is with great pleasure that I begin my term as your 2019 SIOR Global President. Our time in Denver during the Fall World Conference was an incredible way to commence. It was wonderful seeing nearly 900 attendees and experiencing the comradery that exists between our members.

This has been nothing short of an exceptional year for SIOR. We launched a new membership type that opens the door to younger, up-and-coming brokers who are already proving themselves as emerging leaders in their respective markets. This SIOR Member Associate program was only launched in June and has already received a high level of interest.

SIORs also demonstrated a deep respect for service as our communities have called on us. From packaging food for the hungry, to painting buildings with the Salvation Army, and most recently, supporting the relief efforts of Hurricane Florence, the limit to SIOR service has reached no end. Business and philanthropy must remain intertwined and I look forward to seeing our efforts and outreach increase in the years to come.

Serving on the Board of Directors since 2013 has given me an exclusive look into the dedication of both the leadership and the staff who give so much to SIOR. As I step into the role of president, I plan on continuing to grow the visibility of the SIOR brand around the world, as well as providing an avenue of welcoming the next generation of brokers to our fold.

SIOR has a rich history of leading our industry through charting ambitious, innovative changes while preserving the qualities that previously determined that same success. As part of a multi-year strategic planning process, SIOR will be positioned to play an even larger, more substantial role throughout the 21st century and beyond.

Before I sign off on my first letter as president, I want to extend a tremendous thank you to Del Markward, SIOR, and our board of directors for their incredible leadership over this past year. Please join me in expressing our appreciation to each of them for their tireless commitment to SIOR.

I look forward to the New Year with great enthusiasm and working directly with all of you as we continue to expand the reach and impact of this extraordinary organization!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Thornburgh', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert G. Thornburgh, SIOR
SIOR President