



UPCOMING EVENTS:

MEETINGS & EVENTS:

June 14, 2017
Chapter Meeting & Baseball
Dunkin Donuts Park
Hartford, CT

CONFERENCES:

October 26 – 28, 2017
2017 Fall World Conference
Palmer House, a Hilton Hotel
Chicago, IL

Connecticut Chapter of SIOR PRESS RELEASE

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SIOR Chapter Members Make Mark at SWC in New Orleans

New Orleans, LA: Six members of the Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Chapter of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors attended the Spring World Conference recently held at the Sheraton Hotel, in New Orleans' French Quarter.

During the conference, a new slate of officers to serve the Society was elected. The Chapter is proud to announce the election of two of its members to national positions. Mark Duclos, SIOR was elected as Vice President. After serving a one year term as Vice President, Mark will serve as President Elect for a year before stepping into the Global Presidency of SIOR in the Fall of 2019. Additionally, Frank Hird, SIOR was elected to a two-year term as Regional Director of the Northeast Region.



Chapter Members at the Conference L to R: Jeff Ryer, Frank Hird, Art Ross, Tom York, Mark Duclos and Nick Morizio

General Session speakers included Mary Matalin and James Carville, political advisors and pundits who provided an entertaining and candid discussion, in a session moderated by Geoff Kasselmann SIOR Global President. Married and from opposite ends of the political aisle, the two provided their views of today's American political landscape, particularly the growing polarization of the two parties. Matalin a lifelong conservative talked about her decision to recently change her party affiliation to a libertarian. They also spoke about their decision to relocate away from Washington, and Carville the self-described Cajun "River Rat" returning to his roots teaching political science at Tulane.

Mike Robbins, motivational coach, business advisor, and book author was another keynote speaker who talked about a number of life lesson concepts he's developed; from appreciation, recognition, eliminating self-righteousness, and suggesting we should be grateful for what we have.

The closing General Session featured Dr. Mark Dotzour, a real estate economist and retired professor from Texas A & M University who provided mostly optimistic comments on the economy, particularly in the area of commercial real estate. Saying he chooses to avoid endorsing leaders from both political parties, his updated market data particularly job creation numbers and increasing wages is influencing his economic predictions for the foreseeable future.

The Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Chapter is one of forty-eight chapters of the prestigious international organization, the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors. Commercial real estate professionals must meet rigorous requirements to earn the SIOR designation. SIOR, based in Washington, DC and founded in 1941, has more than 3,160 members in 680 markets located in 36 countries. SIORs are top producers who are required to complete an educational recertification program every three years. This assures those who need the services of a commercial real estate agent that the SIOR has achieved continued excellence.

Please visit the Chapter's website (www.siorct.com) to find additional information on the Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Chapter, Chapter members, and upcoming events. Should you have questions or interest in the requirements and benefits of becoming an SIOR and joining the Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Chapter, please contact Stephen Press, SIOR at 203.288.1900 or John Reed, SIOR at 860.987.4788.