



**SIOR**

CT / WESTERN MA  
CHAPTER

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

MEETINGS and EVENTS:

**CONFERENCES:**

October 21 – 23, 2020  
Create 360 Virtual Fall  
World Conference



**PRESS RELEASE**

FROM: Art Ross, Director of Communications

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**Connecticut/Western MA Chapter  
Holds Annual Meeting**

Branford, CT

Twelve members of the Connecticut/Western Massachusetts chapter of SIOR recently held their Annual September meeting at Pine Orchard Yacht and Country Club, with another ten members joining virtually via Zoom connection. The main agenda business item was the election of chapter officers for a new two-year term. Art Ross, outgoing Chapter President presided over the meeting; and he announced the election of Michael Guidicelli, President, Phil Gagnon, Vice President, and Bryan Atherton, Secretary/Treasurer.

Following the business meeting, a few annual sponsors joined the members on Pine Orchard’s patio deck for a relaxing late summer evening dinner, overlooking Pine Orchard’s marina with the Thimble Islands scattered along the horizon.



*L to R: Art Ross, Outgoing Chapter President;  
Bernadette Blaze, Chapter Administrator, Michael  
Guidicelli, New Chapter President*



*Chapter Members safely enjoying each other’s  
camaraderie at Pine Orchard*

**Create 360 Virtual Fall Conference Scholarship**

The Connecticut/Western Massachusetts chapter of SIOR is pleased to announce its recipient of a student scholarship attending the upcoming Create 360 Conference, to be held virtually October 21 – 23, 2020. Stavros Filippidis, recent University of Connecticut graduate majoring in Real Estate and Urban Studies, will be attending the virtual event along with many other real estate students in the United States and internationally. The scholarship earned by Stavros is supported by the SIOR Foundation along with the Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Chapter.

As a networking think tank with high-profile speakers and strategic discussion, CREate 360 provides a high-level, 30,000-foot view of the industrial and office real estate landscape. It's where ideas transform into opportunities—and it's the must-attend *virtual* event for CRE professionals at all career stages. Featured speakers include Alan Mulally, former President and CEO of The Ford Motor Company; Condoleezza Rice; and Leslie Odom, Jr, Tony and Grammy award-winning artist and Hamilton's original Aaron Burr.

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, founded in 1941, has over 3,200 members in 685 markets located in 36 countries.

SIOR represents today's most knowledgeable, experienced, and successful commercial real estate brokerage specialists. The SIOR designation stands unchallenged for excellence in the performance of real estate services and is universally recognized as the prerequisite in the selection of a commercial real estate broker, agent, or consultant.

Please visit the Chapter's website ([www.siorct.com](http://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 John Reed, SIOR at 860.987.4788.