

FoundationPresident's Letter





MIKE OHMES, SIOR, CCIM, 2014-15 PRESIDENT, SIOR FOUNDATION CUSHMAN & WAKEFIELD, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Dear SIOR Friends,

On your behalf, the SIOR Foundation continues its work to support initiatives and programs that educate, enhance, and expand SIOR and the Commercial Real Estate Industry.

Thank You

We want to thank all of you for your support of the Foundation during the Fall Conference in Nashville and our recently completed 2014 Phonathon held in Dallas. Twenty-three trustees traveled to Dallas and another eight trustees called remotely from their home office. Thank you for taking our calls! With your support we can report this year's Phonathon was another great success. The money raised allows the Foundation to partner with SIOR and our local chapters in support of their important initiatives and programs.

Programs and Initiatives

This year, the Foundation will grant over \$35,000 to programs such as SIOR's Professional Report authors grant, the IAMC/SIOR White Paper project and to REALTORS University.

Local Chapters

We invite leaders from all Chapters to reach out to the Foundation and ask us how you can access funds to assist your chapter with educational programs, local initiatives, and scholarships. We would like to help you "Make a Difference" with your local chapter.

\$65,000 in Scholarship Funds Available in 2014 - 2015

Last year, 18 SIOR Chapters participated in this program, awarding \$62,250 in scholarships to 58 students and two professionals at 29 educational institutions around the U.S. and Canada.

\$21,000 in Education and Research Program Funds Available in 2014 – 2015

Last year, nine SIOR Chapters participated in this program receiving over \$18,584 in support for educational programs, speaker fees, and community research projects.

\$2,000 in Municipal Report Card Study Funds Available in 2014 - 2015

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Trustees

I want to thank the following SIORs who have stepped down from the Foundation Board as trustees. We greatly appreciate their service to the Foundation.

David B. Douglas, SIOR, CCIM

Christopher J. Pendroy, SIOR, CCIM

James B. Planey, SIOR

Sue Smith, SIOR

I also want to welcome our new Trustees who joined our Board in Nashville. They will serve a three year term and bring new energy and ideas to the Foundation.

James Boudrot, SIOR, CCIM

Robert J. Dikman, SIOR, ALC, CCIM, CRB

Mark P. Linsalata, SIOR

Matthew R. Olson, SIOR, CCIM

Jill Rasmussen, SIOR, CCIM

Terry E. Smith, SIOR, CCIM

If you have ever considered becoming a Trustee of the Foundation we would love to hear from you. You will make incredible new relationships, expand existing ones, and help all of us "Make A Difference." You can reach out to me directly or call Bob Staniforth, our immediate past president. who is responsible for recruiting new Trustees this year.

See you all in Scottsdale,

Mike Ohmes, SIOR, CCIM

