



IREM KC Insider

NEWSLETTER

Your access to all things IREM KC
September 2026

Welcome to the monthly IREM KC Insider Newsletter! As a valued member of IREM KC, you will receive this e-newsletter the second Thursday of every month. Learn about updates from the board, new member benefits, upcoming events, and other ways to get involved. Read on to learn more!

Annual Meeting Luncheon



ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON

Presentation by PortKC

Thur. Sept. 17 | Noon
Milburn Country Club

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The Future of Kansas City's Riverfront is Here! 🌊🏗️

We are thrilled to share some big updates from Port KC on how we are continuing to transform the KC Riverfront and drive economic momentum across our region. From groundbreaking developments like Current Landing and expanding public spaces to sustainable infrastructure and world-class streetcar connectivity, Kansas City's waterfront is officially a prime destination.

We will also be voting on our 2027 Board of Directors, so don't miss this exciting luncheon!

When: Thursday, September 17 | 11:30 am - Doors Open, Check-In & Networking, Lunch | 12:00 pm - Program

Where: Milburn Country Club, 7501 W 69th St. Overland Park, KS 66204

Early bird pricing ends Friday, September 11!

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2027 Board of Directors Slate

Dear Members and Industry Partners:

The Nominating Committee has selected the below slate for the 2027 IREM KC Board of Directors. Members will vote on the slate at the upcoming Annual Meeting Luncheon on Thursday, September 17 at Milburn Country Club. The 2027 Board of Directors will take their oath of office and assume their duties at the Holiday Party Luncheon on December 10 at J. Rieger & Co.

All members in good standing of membership in the Institute of Real Estate Management are eligible to vote. Industry Partners are not eligible to vote.

2027 Slate of Nominees to be Elected to a One-Year Term

Officers:

President: Susan Royster, CPM®, Kessinger Hunter
Vice President: Lisa Hale-Meindl, CPM®, ARM®, Greystar
Secretary/Treasurer: Todd Pike, CPM®, CBRE, Inc.

Board Members:

Education Chair: Kevin Maughan, CPM®, Newmark Zimmer
Membership Chair: Tracey Sadler, CBRE, Inc.
Programs Chair: Michele Antonopoulos, ARM®, Kessinger Hunter

Public Relations/Golf Chair: Colin Cosby, CPM®, Alexander Forrest Investments, LLC

Special Events Chair: Amanda Lopez, CPM®, CBRE, Inc.

Marketing Chair: Marla Worthington, Price Brothers Management

Immediate Past President: Patrick Flynn, CPM®, Curry Real Estate Services, AMO®

PM Level Up Recap



What an incredible day at PM Level Up: The Property Manager's Roundtable Expo!

Last month, we brought together emerging talent and established leaders from across the property management industry for a day packed with actionable insights, collaborative learning, and high-value networking.

From deep dives into drafting convincing RFPs to inspiring success stories from the field, the energy in the room was contagious.

We would like to thank our expert Industry Partners who generously shared their niche knowledge and helped elevate the conversation:

AI Distribution & Services • Beacon Contracting • Bevara Building Services • Delta Innovative Services Inc • KCR - KC Restoration • McConnell & Associates • Preferred Asphalt and Concrete • Rose Paving LLC • Schefers Roofing & Sheet Metal • Signature Landscape • True Moss Interior Landscapes

Events like this are only possible because of our dedicated community. Thank you to everyone who attended, engaged, and leveled up with us!

Nominate Today!



BEST OF THE BEST

Send us your nominations!



2025 CPM® of the Year,
Melinda Sissel, CPM(R)
of CBRE



2025 IREM Excellence
Award Winner,
Kelly Barton, CPM® of
Kessinger Hunter



2025 Industry Partner of
the Year, Chris Staples of
Schefers Roofing & Sheet
Metal

Now accepting nominations for our annual awards! Submissions are anonymous. The winners will be announced at the Holiday Party Luncheon on December 10 at J. Rieger & Co.

Please submit your nominations today!

CPM® of the Year

The CPM® of the Year Award is given to a property manager who has gone above and beyond as a CPM during the past year. CPMs are said to have “knowledge that transcends asset class”. The property management profession, and owners and investors, all trust CPMs for a higher level of expertise because of the sheer breadth of what they learn during their certification coursework, rigorous examinations, and their years on the job.

Congratulations to last year's recipient, **Melinda Sissel, CPM® of CBRE!**

ARM® of the Year

The ARM® of the Year recognizes an IREM® ARM (Accredited Residential Manager®) who has made a commitment to the residential real estate management profession and made valuable contributions to enhance its future. This award will be applicable year to year.

IREM Excellence Award

The IREM Excellence Award recognizes a real estate management professional who has demonstrated a commitment to the industry, made extraordinary achievements, and/or has had a positive impact on the communities he/she serves. Their accomplishments may include community service and volunteer efforts, educational, leadership, or professional development initiatives, and/or

their involvement in IREM at the national and/or chapter level. This award will be applicable year to year.

Congratulations to last year's recipient, **Kelly Barton, CPM® of Kessinger Hunter!**

Industry Partner of the Year

The IP of the Year Award is given by the IREM KC Board of Directors at the Holiday Party Luncheon to an industry partner member who has gone above and beyond in service to the chapter. This award is given to individuals, not their companies.

Congratulations to last year's recipient, **Chris Staples of Schefers Roofing & Sheet Metal!**

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Apply now to DISI Leaders Program

2027 DISI Leaders Program

Apply now to be a DISI Leader

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Why apply?

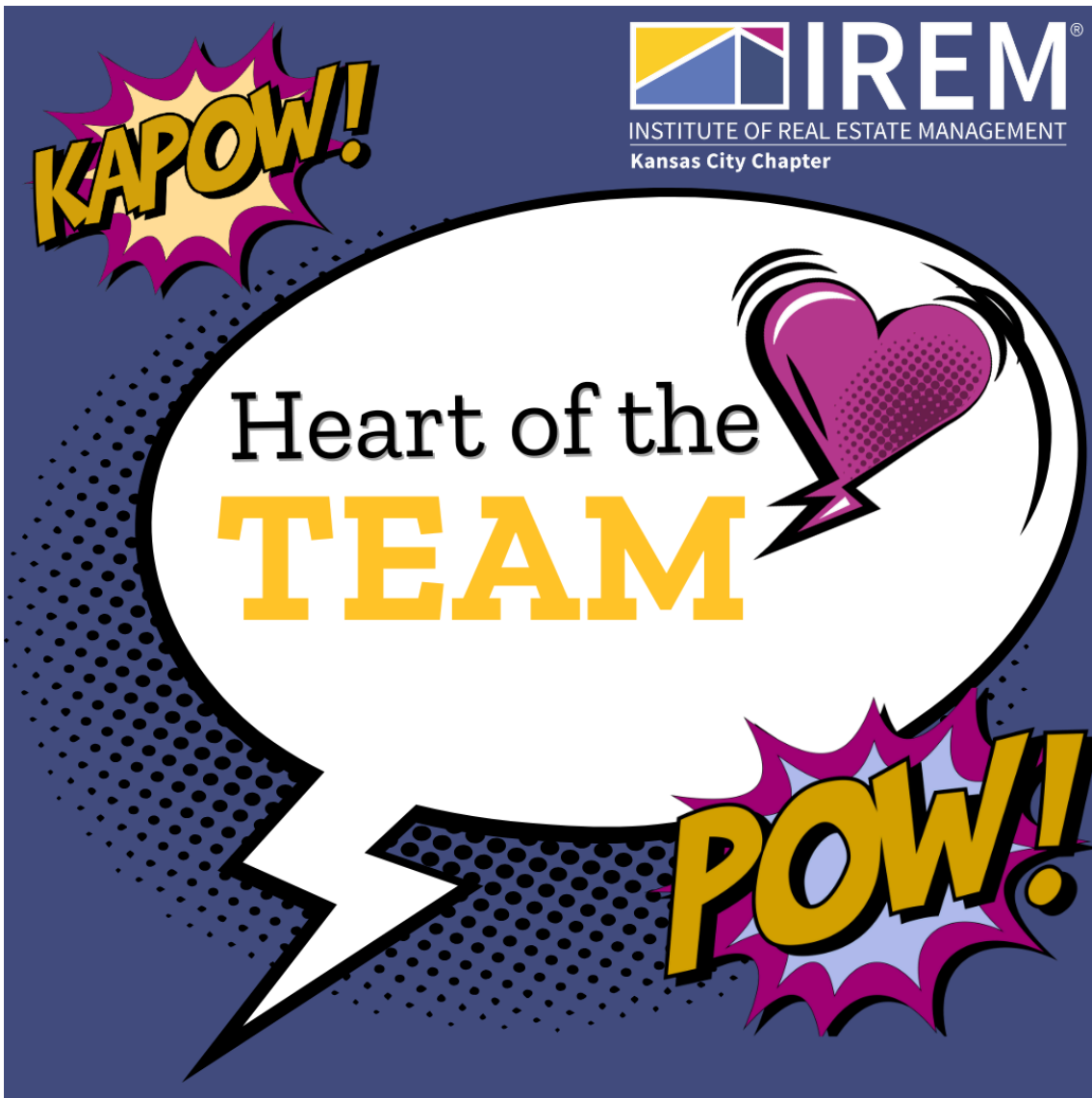
DISI Leaders will receive:

- Complimentary enrollment in a cohort only, Live Online ETH800 course (or Canadian Equivalent – REIC2600) to meet the Ethics requirement for IREM Certifications.
- Complimentary enrollment to a Skills on Demand course - Mentorship: How to Be a Great Mentor or Mentee.
- Comp CPM enrollment fee and CPM graduation fee for 2027
- Complimentary registration to PropertyCon in Seattle, WA, on April 13-15, 2027
- \$1000 travel allowance to attend an IREM education event.
- A curated "connection tour" that provides meaningful introductions to IREM members matched with participant's region, asset class, and career goals, to help participants grow a strong and diverse network.
- Recognition at IREM events, in IREM publications and on social media.
- Special invitations to networking and leadership building opportunities.

Our local 2026 DISI Leader, Tracey Sadler of CBRE, says, "This is a great opportunity as it includes a many great learning opportunities and cost savings on the pursuit of the CPM designation." Apply today!

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Heart of the Team



Do you know an IREM KC member or Industry Partner who deserves a shout-out?

Nominate them for our next spotlight by clicking "Nominate" below.

[Nominate](#)



Forecast Panel Luncheon



Forecast Panel Luncheon

Hear from Kansas City's leading real estate brokers as they
discuss exciting anticipated developments for 2027

Thur. October 15 | 11am-1pm | The View at Briarcliff
Register at iremkc.org



Austin Baier, CBRE, Inc. - Industrial



Erin Johnston, Copaken Brooks - Retail



Audrey Navarro, Clemons - Multifamily



Tommy Gentry - Newmark Zimmer - Office



Thomas Friestad, Kansas City Business Journal - Moderator

Join us for one of our most anticipated events of the year! Gain exclusive market insights from a panel of top-tier industry brokers as they break down the current trends, challenges, and future outlooks across the Office, Retail, Multifamily, and Industrial sectors. Whether you're looking to adapt your property management strategies or find your next big opportunity, this is the comprehensive market download you can't afford to miss.

Panelists:

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Come early to connect with fellow real estate professionals, catch up with industry partners, and enjoy a fantastic buffet lunch.

When: Thursday, October 15, 2026 | 11:00 am Doors Open & Networking, Lunch, 12:00 pm: Program

Where: The View at Briarcliff, 4000 North Mulberry Drive Kansas City, MO 64116
| Located inside the Courtyard by Marriott – Briarcliff

Reserve your seat today to stay ahead of the curve in the KC market!

Early bird pricing ends Friday, October 9!

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November Member Luncheon

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Dr. Chris Kuehl, Ph.D., Managing Director of
Armada Corporate Intelligence

Thur. Nov. 19 | Noon
Milburn Country Club

Register at iremkc.org



Get ready for an eye-opening look at what's ahead for the economy as we welcome **Dr. Chris Kuehl, Ph.D.**, Managing Director of Armada Corporate Intelligence, on **November 19!**

Dr. Kuehl will deliver his highly-anticipated economic forecast, breaking down real-world trends, sharp insights, and what to expect as we head into 2027. Known for his unique ability to make complex economic data both accessible and highly entertaining, his presentations are always packed with valuable takeaways and a healthy dose of wit.

Prepare your business for the coming year and catch up with fellow industry professionals at one of our most popular events of the season!

When: Thursday, November 19, 2026 | 11:30 am Doors Open & Networking, Lunch, 12:00 pm: Program

Where: Milburn Country Club, 7501 W 69th St. Overland Park, KS 66204

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Holiday Party Luncheon



It's time to celebrate an incredible year! Gather with your IREM KC community as we wrap up the year with great food, fantastic company, and a festive atmosphere.

This isn't just a holiday party; it's our chance to honor the milestones and outstanding leaders that make our chapter thrive. Join us for a special afternoon

where we will:

- Celebrate & Install: Officially welcome our newest Certified Property Managers (CPMs) during their formal installation ceremony.
- Applaud: Announce and honor the well-deserved winners of the CPM of the Year and Industry Partner of the Year awards.
- Give Back: Participate in our annual holiday raffle! Every ticket purchased helps raise crucial funds for our education scholarships, supporting the next generation of property management leaders.
- Party! Enjoy a delicious festive lunch, catch up with peers, and toast to the holiday season.

When: Thursday, December 10 | 11:00 am: Doors Open & Networking, Lunch, 12:00 pm: Program

Where: J. Rieger & Co. 2700 Guinotte Ave, Kansas City, MO 64120

Celebrate. Honor. Support. Party! Secure your spot today and help us close out the year in style.

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Raffle

			
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Raffle Items			
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Have some gift cards, wine or bottles of fine liquor, or sporting event tickets you would like to donate? We are seeking raffle items to help raise money for our ***education scholarship fund!***

If you would like to contribute, please fill out the brief form below so our emcee announces the correct information at the event. We will be raffling off all items at the Holiday Party Luncheon. Thank you in advance for your donation!

All registrants will receive an email with event details and the raffle donations prior to the event.

[Donate Raffle Item\(s\)](#)

Job Postings

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IREM HQ also has a national job board, posting openings from around the country. We encourage you to take advantage of these great member benefits!

[National Job Board](#)

Scholarships Available

IREM KC is currently accepting Chapter Scholarship Applications. These scholarships can be applied to both in-person and online IREM courses. Learn more and find out how to apply by clicking the link below.

[Chapter Scholarship Application](#)

 **Industry Partner of the Month** 



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Hi-Gene's Janitorial
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JR & Co
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MTS Contracting, Inc.
Pink's Windows Kansas City
ProTect, LLC
Pryor Mechanical LLC
Rainbow Restoration
Reliable Tree Service LLC
Servpro Team Bates/Hogan
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Veritiv Operating Company
WM (Waste Management)
Woodley Building Maintenance
Zipco Contracting

[2026 IP Brochure](#)

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The tentative 2026 calendar is below.

2026 Calendar

Month	Date	Details	Location
JANUARY	15	Monthly Member Luncheon	Milburn
FEBRUARY	19	Monthly Member Luncheon	Milburn
MARCH	5	Get to Know IREM Breakfast – PMs Only	TBA
	10	Social Event	Kelly's Westport Inn
	23-25	Capstone Course	Yarco
	26	Service Project	Marian Hope Academy
APRIL	7-9	IREM PropertyCon	Austin, TX
	16	Monthly Member Luncheon	Milburn
	22	Royals Tailgate with BOMA KC	The K Stadium
MAY	7	KC Commercial Real Estate Expo with BOMA KC	Union Station
	21	Monthly Member Breakfast	Milburn
JUNE	1	Golf Tournament	Milburn
JULY	16	Social	The Other Place in Overland Park
AUGUST	13	NextGen Focus (Reverse Expo)	Milburn
SEPTEMBER	17	Annual Meeting Luncheon	Milburn
	22-23	IREM Advocacy Impact Day	Washington D.C.
OCTOBER	15	Forecast Panel Luncheon	The View at Briarcliff
NOVEMBER	12	Service Project/Social	TBA
	15-18	IREM Leadership Forum	Chicago
	19	Monthly Member Luncheon	Milburn
DECEMBER	10	Holiday Party Luncheon	J. Rieger & Co.

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