

# The “Millie” Award

*In Memory Of Mildred C. (Millie) Hanson, SIOR, A Pioneer for Women in Commercial Real Estate  
January 31, 1939 – December 21, 2007*

**Presented to an outstanding female SIOR, with a distinguished career of leadership, accomplishment, and productivity.**

## 2011 Recipient



**Helen Brooks, SIOR Retired  
Brokers' Exchange, Minneapolis**

Helen Brooks was the third female member of SIOR and the only woman involved in commercial real estate in the Minneapolis Area Association of Realtors in the '60s and '70s. She is a charter member of Women In Real Estate (WIRE) and is known for assisting women in the industry. She became an SIOR (formerly SIR) in 1979, and served as 1987 President of the SIOR Mid-Continent Chapter and 1990–1991 District Vice President. She has also been a member of the SIOR Professional Standards Committee and Chair of the New Member Committee. Helen was President of Brokers' Exchange from 1969 to 1977, Chair of the CI Multiple Listing Service in 1970, and Vice President of Sales & Leasing, Towle Real Estate, Colliers Towle, Colliers International from 1977 to 2003. She was a longtime member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Minneapolis Area Board of Realtors, and was on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Chapter of NAIOP. In 1986 Helen was awarded the NAIOP President's Award and in 1997 named Commercial Realtor of the Year by the Organization of Commercial Realtors. An active community leader, Helen was 2008–2010 Chair of Hospitality/Rituals/Education Committee, Temple Israel Sisterhood, and a 2009–2010 Volunteer with the Catholic Jeremiah Project.