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**The SIOR Foundation Elects New Officers and Trustees**

**August, 2017—WASHINGTON, DC** — The Society of Industrial and Office REALTORS® (SIOR) Foundation has recently appointed its 2018 officers. Their one-year term will begin on October 23, at the SIOR 2017 Fall Word Conference in Chicago.

SIOR Foundation's current President-Elect, Bill Ginder, SIOR, CCIM, Caldwell Companies, Houston, TX, will assume office as SIOR Foundation's President. The current Vice-President, Aaron Barnard, SIOR, CCIM, Cushman & Wakefield | Northmarq, Minneapolis, MN, will become President-Elect.

Chris Curtis, SIOR, Nugent Curtis Real Estate, Kankakee, IL, has been elected as SIOR Foundation's Vice-President. Stan Kleweno, Transpacific Investments, Lake Oswego, OR, will continue his two-year term as Treasurer.

The SIOR Foundation also announces five new SIOR members who have joined the SIOR Foundation Board of Trustees for a three-year term to begin on October 23, 2017: Patti Dillon, SIOR, Colliers International, Las Vegas, NV; Chris Garcia, SIOR, Lee & Associates, Minneapolis, MN; Kraig Heeter, SIOR, Kidder Mathews, Seattle, WA; Ted Konigsberg, SIOR, Infinity Commercial Real Estate, Miami Lakes, FL; and Gary E. Marsh, Pipkin Marsh Advisors, San Francisco, CA.

The mission of the SIOR Foundation is to promote and support initiatives that Educate, Enhance, and Expand the commercial real estate industry. Over the years, the SIOR Foundation has promoted and funded programs that advance the real estate profession through educational scholarships, critical research projects, publishing and development of real estate curricula for higher education, and professional development for practitioners. Because of the SIOR Foundation, deserving students who could not otherwise have studied on the college level have graduated in real estate-related fields, bringing new energy and excitement to the community. Many others, experienced practitioners in the field, have found their lives truly enriched by the experiences and opportunities afforded them through the Foundation's support.

**About SIOR Foundation**

SIOR Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization that solicits and accepts charitable contributions, which are tax deductible for income estate and gift-tax purposes. Established in 1962 as the Society of Industrial REALTORS® Educational Fund (SIREF), the organization's original purpose was to publish the industry's first graduate-level textbook on

industrial real estate. When the Society was expanded to Society of Industrial and Office REALTORS® in 1985, the Fund became the SIOREF. In 2006, the SIOREF broadened its scope to provide future support to SIOR members and communities. At that time, it also adopted a new mission and changed its name to the SIOR Foundation. As the Foundation recently celebrated its 55th anniversary in 2017 it continues to develop and promote educational initiatives, as well as working to enhance and expand the commercial real estate community in a variety of ways.

Future plans envision an endowment sufficient enough to attract the brightest minds to the community by offering full scholarships at every college with an accredited real estate program, to create endowed real estate chairs at accredited universities, build an SIOR Foundation research department, create the industry standard for ethics and accountability, and increase funds for research and community programs.

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