

PRESIDENTIAL

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NEWSLETTER



THE POWER OF INCLUSION



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PRESIDENT LETTER:

Dear IREM Family,

Happy spring! I hope everyone is enjoying the transition to a new season signifying renewal, growth, and fresh energy!

I want to take a moment to thank our members and industry partners for your continued dedication, leadership, and commitment to our chapter community. Your passion strengthens our profession and inspires the momentum that carries us forward and makes us the chapter of choice!

I would like to reflect on the progress we've made so far this year. Several members attended Property Con connecting with colleagues worldwide and hearing inspiring messages on resilience and perspective from keynote speakers Jon Quinones J.R. Martinez.

Our chapter is growing, too- 20 new members and active students have joined us, and 9 members recently earned their ARM credential! That's the power of inclusion and forward movement.

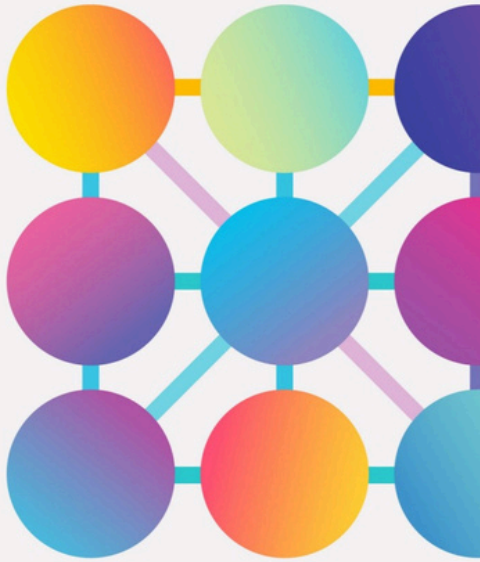
We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming book talk, volunteer opportunities, and educational and networking events. If you are interested in being paired with a mentor, please reach out to Amy Lindsey or me.

Thank you for your commitment—looking forward to all we'll accomplish this year.

Sharón



THE POWER OF MATTERING



COMPANION WORKBOOK
By Zach Mercurio

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IREM MD BOOK CLUB

The Power of Mattering by Zach Mercurio

- A meaningful read that explores how making others feel seen, valued, and important can transform both personal and professional relationships.
- 1st Meeting is on May 20, 2026 at 11:00 AM
- If you are interested in joining, please email alindsey@mmhaonline.org.

IREM SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to our scholarship recipients this quarter! Your dedication to growing in the real estate management industry is inspiring.

We're proud to support your journey and look forward to your continued success.

Learn more about scholarships:

IREM National: <https://www.irem.org/scholarship>

IREM Maryland Chapter:

<https://www.iremmd.org/scholarships>

IREM Scholarship Recipients:

Sheri Levine

Robert K. & Gladys M. Beal Legacy Scholarship

Lisa Taylor

IREM Foundation Diversity Scholarship

Jameil McMullen

Donald M. Furbush, CPM, IREM Foundation Scholarship

WELCOME NEW STUDENT MEMBERS

- Tanejha Lilley
- Marvin Parker
- Jaden Afedi
- Ai-Keem Brown
- Destiny Stephens
- Jesse Misericchi
- Devin Easley
- Yvonne Renee Queen
- Nnaemeka Neboh
- Makala Brent



SPRING AWARENESS

PRIDE 2026 DID YOU KNOW?

By: Trevor Ankeny, Kimco Realty

Pride celebrations in 2026 will bring together communities around the world to honor LGBTQ+ history, visibility, and advocacy. Observed primarily during Pride Month in June, these events trace their origins to the Stonewall Uprising of June 1969, a pivotal moment that sparked the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement. Today, Pride serves both as a celebration of identity and a reminder of the ongoing pursuit of equality and inclusion.

In the United States, major cities such as New York and Washington, DC have confirmed large-scale Pride events. New York City's Pride March will take place on June 28, 2026, while Capital Pride in Washington, DC will run from June 12–21, featuring a parade, festival, concerts, and extensive community programming. [nycpride.org], [capitalpride.org].

Closer to home, Baltimore Pride will be held June 8–14, 2026, celebrating its 51st year as one of the nation's longest-running Pride events. Hosted by the Pride Center of Maryland, the week-long celebration includes a downtown parade along North Charles Street, a two-day Pride Festival in Druid Hill Park, youth and family-focused events, cultural programming, and a fundraising gala supporting year-round LGBTQ+ services. Baltimore Pride typically attracts more than 100,000 attendees, reflecting the city's strong tradition of community-driven Pride. [baltimorepride.org], [misterbandb.com].

Internationally, Pride celebrations continue throughout the summer in cities such as Toronto, Berlin, and Stockholm, highlighting the global reach of the movement. In 2026, Pride remains both a joyful celebration and a powerful platform for visibility, solidarity, and connection worldwide.



NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

By: Kara Permisohn, Minkoff Company, Inc.



With twenty-two different Arab Nations the Arab America Foundation (AAF) initiated the national observance in 2017. Only as recently as 2021 did President Biden officially recognize April as National Arab American Heritage Month (NAAHM) at a national level. As of 2025 not all fifty states have adopted NAAHM officially. The purpose is to highlight Arab American contributions in fields such as science, technology and fight stereotypes.

Historically the United States has had an inaccurate image of Arabs. The AAF offers an educational curriculum kit to promote a more positive depiction of Arab history, religion, culture, and diversity training in the Arab community. There are approximately 4 million Arabs in the U.S. and the AAF's mission is to connect them despite their diverse Arab backgrounds.

Culturally this is significant to offer younger Arab Americans the opportunity to take pride in their heritage. The AAF has also engaged teams of volunteers in 21 states to approach their political representatives on local, state, and federal levels to enhance initiatives such as National Arab American Heritage Month. Arab communities celebrate family, unity and heritage with the goal of supporting Arab-owned businesses and enjoying cuisine such as hummus, falafel, and coffee. Celebrate this year by attending a cultural event, museum or school that promotes Arab American culture. For more information visit www.arabameircafoundation.org

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

By: Dani Bressler, Toepfer Construction Co., Inc.



Mental Health Awareness Month, established in 1949 and observed each May, is dedicated to raising awareness, reducing stigma, and promoting resources for those affected by mental illness. It highlights the importance of emotional well-being, encourages open conversations, and supports early intervention and treatment. Organizations, communities, and individuals use this time to share education, advocate for better mental health care, and remind people that seeking help is a sign of strength.

The theme for Mental Health Awareness Month 2026 is, “More Good Days, Together,” emphasizing the importance of collective support and shared responsibility in improving mental well-being. It encourages individuals and communities to reflect on what a “good day” looks like for them and to work together to create more positive, supportive experiences.

The unfortunate fact remains that although mental health is a significant part of a person’s overall health, seeking treatment when mental health troubles arise isn’t as common as it should be. The truth is that seeking help is not a sign of weakness, despite the stigma that still exists. Each person can help decrease that stigma by practicing self-care, talking openly about their own struggles, and supporting others when they face these challenges. For more information visit

<https://www.samhsa.gov/about/digital-toolkits/mental-health-awareness-month>

or

<https://mhanational.org/news/more-good-days-together-2026-theme-announcement/>



20 NEW MEMBERS SINCE 1ST QUARTER OF 2026! (355 TOTAL MEMBERS)

1ST QUARTER DESIGNATIONS

Alfredo Hilasaca Muro - ARM

Tanya Kauffman - ARM

Carisa Beasley - ARM

Becky Allen - ARM

Terrell Corbin - ARM

Brittany Davenport - ARM

Ivy Gloster - ARM

Keedah Vazquez - ARM

Papa Samba Seck - ARM

Latosha Dukes - CPM

Sant'ea Taylor - ARM

Michael Queen - ARM

Yensy Realegeno - ARM

Tammy Green - ARM

Alexa Dewitt - ARM

Lauren Reid - ARM

Vanessa Cabezas - ARM

Kristal Sutton - ACoM

Gloribel Henriquez - ARM

Ahshante Branch - ARM

Jordan Fewster - ACoM

Daniel Futrell - ARM

Jasmine Leach - ARM

Kendall Barnard - ARM

Juley Morel - ARM

Katie Teta - ARM

Stephanine Krupnik - ARM



Collaborative Excellence Award

The Collaborative Excellence Award recognizes a management company that truly exemplifies the spirit of collaboration—one that understands the value of leveraging the talents, services, and insights of our industry partners to elevate performance across their portfolio.

This award will go to the management company that engages the highest number of industry partners, demonstrating not only a commitment to inclusion, but also a strategic approach to building meaningful, productive relationships.

Their efforts reflect a deep understanding that collaboration drives better outcomes—for their teams, their residents, and our industry as a whole.

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The strength of IREM Maryland Chapter No. 16 is built not only by our members, but also by the outstanding commitment of our Industry Partners. Their continued support helps us deliver meaningful education, valuable networking opportunities, and impactful programs that strengthen the real estate management profession across our region!

We are grateful for the trusted expertise, collaboration, and dedication they bring to our chapter and to the properties and communities we serve every day!

On behalf of our leadership and membership, thank you to all of our Industry Partners for investing in the success of Institute of Real Estate Management and the future of our industry.

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