



Real Estate Institute Alumni Newsletter

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Trivia Questions:

Q1: How many alumni of the Real Estate Institute are there currently?

Q2: Who was the founding Dean of the REI?

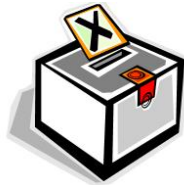
Q3: How many Monopoly Nights has the REI Alumni Association hosted, not including the upcoming event in November 2007?

40th Anniversary

This year, NYU's Real Estate Institute celebrates 40 years as a seminal force providing the real estate and construction industries with well-educated, skilled professionals. Today, the REI is recognized as one of the top graduate programs in the world in a growing field of competing programs.

The curriculum at REI is designed with industry input to keep professionals abreast of today's developments, and provide them with advanced technical and analytical skills and an in-depth understanding of the profession. A faculty and advisory board comprised of some of the most prominent leaders in the field ensures that course offerings address the key issues facing today's real estate and construction markets.

Board Elections



In June the call went out for alumni seeking a two-year term on the Alumni Association Board. There were 3 open positions from board members not seeking re-election and 6 candidates applied. Record voting resulted in the following new board members, though the tallies were all close:

Robin Barone ('03) Vice President, The CIT Group

David Eyzenberg ('98) President, Prodigious Capital Group LLC

Sean O'Shea ('06) Associate, Madison Harbor Capital LLC

Congratulations to everyone and we encourage all alumni to participate in upcoming events, and programs. Next year's elections will be held in May. The full 2007-2008 Alumni Board is as follows:

Jeff Carus ('03) President

David Eyzenberg ('98)

E. O'Brien Murray ('01)

Sean O'Shea ('06)

Robin Barone ('03)

Jo Hastings ('06)

Shane Neuringer ('00)

Jennifer Stewart ('05)

Many thanks to Carrie Lee, Stuart Penan and Mark Ross for their service on the Board!

Rechler event a hit

On June 26, alumni, students and friends of the REI came together to participate in a discussion with Scott Rechler, now CEO of Rexcorp Realty LLC at the Princeton Club. Coming from his role as CEO of Reckson, he was the perfect person to give the

talk, "From Public to Private: why do it?" Below is a picture and we thank Scott for his time and energy in giving this talk.



Scott Rechler speaks at REI Alumni Event, June 26, 2007

Alumni Reception & Dinner in London

On June 18, alumni organized its first ever dinner and networking event in London. About a dozen people participated and future International events are in the works. If you'd like to help coordinate, host or promote a future event for alumni outside of New York, please contact

8th Annual Alumni Cruise & Casino Night

A fabulous time was had by all aboard the Majestic Star at the annual cruise earlier this month. After several years on hiatus, the casino night table games were brought back, with funny money so no one lost their shirts. Sponsorship was generously provided by E. O'Brien Murray, First American Title, Roth-Schoetz LLC and Zenta. Pictures for your viewing pleasure below and soon to be posted on our website.





Alumni News

REI alumni remain at the forefront of the industry, no matter where we are located, in every specialty! Yoshio Nakayama ('00) was promoted to the head of Commercial Real Estate Credit for Deutsche Bank Japan. Mark Ross ('04) joined Bank of America in June in the Large Corporate Group working on asset financings. Seth Schumer ('90) joined ABN ABRO in London. Julie Chan ('04) was hired as Senior Associate by CIT in the hospitality group. Matt Ticknor ('05) Real Estate Capital Analytics recently relocated from NYC to San Francisco to focus on West Coast investments. Espen Thøegerson ('06) went to London to work for RREEF. Christopher Caltabiano ('07) was hired by AIG Global Real Estate.

Don't lose touch when you switch jobs, sign up for an "@alumni.nyu.edu" email.

Mentorship Program

The first alumni mentorship semester ends as the Fall semester begins. Carrie Lee and Sean O'Shea have done a wonderful job getting students and their alumni mentors together for this wildly popular program. Please consider volunteering to be a mentor – Fall Semester begins September 19 and we are recruiting new & returning alumni mentors. Contact Sean O'Shea to get involved – sean.oshea@madison-harbor.com.

Look for our upcoming release of the new website and alumni directory!

Upcoming Events

Keep your calendars free for the following REI associated events:

October 18, 2007 – REI Alumni Panel Discussion, moderated by Tim Zietara ('96), Managing Director of The CIT Group with panelists Michael Higgins, MD at CIBC, Sally Gordon, SVP at Moody's and Glenn Rufrano, CEO of Centro-US.

November 6, 2007 – Evening of Monopoly at the Puck Building, honoring Simon Ziff, President of Ackman-Ziff.

November 7, 2007 – Career Information Night at the Princeton Club for all current students. Alumni welcome. Networking after the alumni panel.

November 29, 2007 – Capital Markets Conference at the Waldorf Astoria

April 9, 2008 – Career Fair

April 3, 2008 – REIT Conference at the Pierre Hotel

June 24, 2008 – Urban Leadership Award Dinner

Et Cetera

Get Involved!

If you would like to contribute to an upcoming event, create a new one or just want to help the Association with your time and talents, please let any of the Board members know. Alumni Association President Jeff Carus can provide guidance if you don't know where to start – jeff.carus@credit-suisse.com.

Contact information

Send any alumni news to Jo Hastings ('06) at j.hastings.1@alumni.nyu.edu. Also contact Jo if you would like to contribute to the upcoming Alumni Newsletter.

Web links

The REI is getting its own new & improved website and alumni directory at long last. Stay tuned for specific information as it becomes available. Future and archived newsletters will appear on the website as well.

Trivia Answers

Q1: There are 3,020 alumni including May 2007 graduates, which numbered 349.

Q2: Norman Weinberg was the first dean when the REI began 40 years ago. He served for 27 years.

Q3: There have been 14 Evenings of Monopoly hosted by the REI Alumni Association so far and this November 6 marks the 15th Annual event during our 40 Year Anniversary. Come out and support and celebrate the Real Estate Institute!