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## **President's message: Education is at the core of IREM**

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Education is an important part of becoming an IREM member as well as for members to remain current and a value to their property and employer. Education is at the core of the Institute of Real Estate Management both nationally and at the local chapter level. IREM and Greater Rhode Island Chapter 88 offer educational opportunities in a number of ways which keeps its members informed and equipped to continue the highest quality of property management. Here are some educational opportunities through the IREM organization.

The Greater Rhode Island Chapter 88 offers seminars throughout the year designed to meet the needs of the chapter members. These half day and full day seminars are offered to keep our members informed and ready to meet the challenges of property management. In February the Chapter will offer a seminar about HUD changes affecting Management Operation Review or MOR and other upcoming topics being considered are REAC preparation, fair housing, Rhode Island tenant law, maintenance solutions and tax credit certification. The chapter also offers speakers at its membership meetings on such topics as economic forecasts, Rhode Island's rental market, green technology, marketing, and building a management team.

IREM National offers webinar presentations delivered via their Web site and telephone covering timely industry issues and live demos of useful real estate management resources. These webinars are offered free to all members and are also available for non-members for a fee. Can't attend a live webinar? Download one from their library and view it at your convenience.

There are also a number of opportunities and approaches to attend classes either for property management designation or for professional development. If you like ongoing interaction and feedback from an instructor and other students there are courses offered in classrooms or if you want to take a course from home or the office you can join an instructor and other students in an on line course. Or you can choose a self paced home study approach that allows you to set you pace with the materials offered for the course.

So, enhance your organization's training and employee development program and incorporate IREM education and credentialing into your curriculum. Beyond our traditional delivery methods, IREM offers a variety of flexible solutions to meet your training needs and enable your employees to earn their IREM credential and to stay current, informed and a value to your company. It's a win-win for your company and your staff!

Select IREM courses provide continuing education (CE) credit for real estate professionals. Re-licensure credit can only be earned through state-approved IREM classroom courses and vary by state.

To learn more about Greater Rhode Island Chapter 88 call (401) 423- 1780 or visit [www.iremri.org](http://www.iremri.org)  
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