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NAIOP Mass. is now open for new committee member participation

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With almost 1400 members, NAIOP Mass. serves as the voice of the state's commercial real estate industry and represents the interests of companies involved with the development, ownership, management and financing of commercial and retail properties, as well as those companies providing services to this industry.

The chapter provides highly effective legislative advocacy, valuable networking opportunities and in-depth educational programs that allow members to make intelligent and insightful business decisions based on up-to-the minute information.

The success and strength of the Mass. chapter is the direct result of the efforts and support of its members. NAIOP Committees, reserved exclusively for members, meet on a monthly basis and provide participants with key networking and new business opportunities. NAIOP is now accepting new committee members for 2008. Members interested in building valuable business relationships should consider joining one of the following NAIOP committees:

Membership Committee - Help Build Greater Boston's Premier Forum for Commercial Real Estate Professionals

2008 Vice President - Membership - John Quintal - Citizens Bank

Offering direct contact with the top decision makers in the Massachusetts real estate community, this committee offers you a premier networking opportunity. Whether you join a special outreach task force or get involved in creative recruitment and retention activities, you will build your own business contacts while growing NAIOP!

Program Committee - Create Cutting-Edge Programs for NAIOP Members

2008 vice president - programs - David Stewart - Boston Properties, Inc.

Continue building NAIOP's proud history of providing cutting-edge programs tailored specifically for Boston's real estate professionals. Your creative thinking and contacts ensure members are challenged and inspired by a wide-range of NAIOP programs including Member-Only Lunches, our Breakfast Program Series, special seminars and our annual meeting.

Education Committee - Help Real Estate Professionals Stay Current in a Constantly Changing Industry

2008 vice president - education - Daniel Monger - Hinckley, Allen & Snyder, LLP

Knowledge is necessary - especially in the constantly changing world of commercial real estate. Your knowledge of current trends in the industry will help craft in-depth educational seminars targeted to real estate professionals.

Special Events Committee - Prove Commercial Real Estate Professionals Can Have Fun

2008 vice president - special events - Paul Scapicchio - ML Strategies

It's not all about throwing a great party - but if you have the gift, we need you. The annual

Distinguished Real Estate Award Gala, which publicly recognizes a deserving company for its significant contributions to the commercial real estate industry, remains a top priority. Committee members plan and implement the gala as well as other special events throughout the year.

Charitable Events Committee - Support NAIOP's Commitment to the Community

2008 vice president - charitable events - Garry Holmes - R.W. Holmes Realty Co., Inc.

Take an active role in providing members with the opportunity to demonstrate NAIOP's commitment to the community. Your help to coordinate and implement charitable activities for the chapter means NAIOP can continue its tradition of significantly supporting local charities. The Charitable Event Committee's premier event is the Annual NAIOP Golf Classic, a fabulous day on the links benefiting Shelter, Inc.

Bus Tour Committee - Design the Commercial Real Estate Market Tour of the Year

2008 chairman - bus tour- William Collins - Jones Lang LaSalle

A nationally attended event, the NAIOP bus tour provides the real estate community with a unique opportunity to view the newest buildings in Greater Boston and surrounding suburbs. Help design the tour and all the events and publications associated with this extraordinary day.

Developing Leaders - Plan Programs and Events for Commercial Real Estate Professionals Ages 35 and Younger

2008 vice president - developing leaders - Paul Mahoney - Anglo Irish Bank

If you are 35 or younger, join your peers on this fun and friendly committee that plans a variety of educational, networking, and social events tailored to the unique needs and interests of younger professionals. This is an excellent way to get involved in NAIOP and to prepare for other leadership roles - both within and without the chapter - all while building up your network!

Public Affairs Committee - Help Draft and Monitor NAIOP's Public Affairs Agenda

2008 vice president - public affairs - James Major - Allen & Major Associates, Inc. & Paula Devereaux - Rubin and Rudman

Public Affairs Committee members actively represent the real estate industry's interest in the State House while keeping members abreast of current legislation on Federal, State and local levels. Your legislative knowledge and insight will contribute to chapter meetings, NAIOP public affairs ALERTS and newsletters. The committee offers several subcommittees including:

*Environmental Committee: Members of this committee frequently provide comments on environmental regulations or legislation affecting commercial real estate including water issues, endangered species, and wetlands. They are often invited to represent NAIOP on issue specific working groups convened by DEP. Meetings are held on a monthly basis.

*Energy & Infrastructure Committee: This is a new committee which will focus on issues including transportation, infrastructure financing, and energy. Meetings are held every other month.

*Hazardous Waste (21E) Committee: The 21E Committee meets on a monthly basis and works on issues affecting the redevelopment of brownfields sites in Massachusetts. Committee members have shaped asbestos in soil regulations and revisions to the MCP. They frequently participate on task forces created by DEP.

*Growth Committee: This committee was instrumental in the passage of the streamlined permitting and appeals bill as well as the passage of Chapter 40R. The committee focuses on land use, housing, and zoning issues. Meetings are held every other month.

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