



~*~*~MEET A MEMBER MONDAY!~*~*~

Meet Maike Jacobi who recently joined IREM even though she was aware of IREM since she entered the industry in 2018. Maike states, "Many of the people I admire hold credentials through IREM and I've looked into certification many times, but the opportunity was never right. The companies I've worked for have had CAA affiliation, so I got involved there, including participating as a committee member for Professional Learning & Development and celebrating achievements

at the CAMMES, but I wanted to be a member of IREM for myself as an individual, so here I am!"

Maike is looking forward to networking and meeting all the inspiring members of our IREM Chicago Chapter as well as volunteering to give back to the communities in which we serve.

Maike shares what drew her to join IREM, "My own development in becoming a leader for our industry. My entry into property management was through a company that prides itself on being an "Industry Outsider" and while I wouldn't trade my time there for anything, I am proud of our Industry, and I want to invest the energy into myself to ensure I've got the foundation I need to accomplish my goals. I'm also excited about growing my network and meeting IREM members."

Maike also shared what inspired her to join the Property Management industry in the first place, "I'd had a very successful career in retail sales but was concerned with the future of brick-and-mortar stores. My passion for sales, merchandising, team building and customer service, along with my unwavering grit, transitioned well into Property Management and I've been incredibly fortunate to operate spectacular properties alongside exceptional teams. I've worked with incredible leaders and couldn't be more grateful for the mentorship I've received."

FUN FACTS about MAIKE:

- 1) She was born in Berlin, Germany and has dual citizenship.
- 2) She moved a lot as a child and attended 11 schools before the 5th grade.
- 3) She has lived in Chicago since 2000 - longer than anywhere else!
- 4) She loves photography and gardening.
- 5) Her dog, Mochi, is my shadow and doesn't leave my side when I'm at home.
- 6) I have my MFA in Acting and have auditioned for SNL and several sitcoms and films. I was the second runner up for "Mike and Molly", losing out to Melissa McCarthy in the final round!

Maike's energy is contagious be sure to stop and say give her a HUGE WELCOME when you see her at the next IREM event.