



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

Today we are featuring IREM Chicago chapter past president and current chair of the chapter membership Committee, Stephen Schimmel, CPM® Director of Property Management at The Missner Group.

Steve shares that he was introduced to IREM through his boss when he first started out in the RE industry. “Dale Nusbaum, was a former Chicago Chapter President and RVP. He encouraged me to start attending local chapter meetings. Additionally, Angela Aeschliman, who was involved in the local chapter, encouraged me to get involved with the executive leadership of the chapter. The push from my boss and the invite to join something bigger than just attending meetings was all it took to start getting involved.”

Steve also shared his career path that led him to where he is now and some of the struggles along the way... “I began in property management after college, joining a brokerage & management firm. Property Management wasn't what I planned to do, but the position was interesting and different every day. I obtained my CPM which opened doors to become the Executive CPM of McLennan Property Management. I was later promoted, becoming the EVP, then a Partner & President of McLennan. After 17 years with McLennan, in 2022 I joined an IREM colleague at The Missner Group as the Director of Property Management.

Property Management can be isolating, working with many of the same people daily. I felt stuck as it relates to meeting other professionals. IREM was an opportunity to meet professionals and grow my network. I knew that if I ran into an issue that I couldn't solve, one of my IREM colleagues could. Frequently I found this to be true, and I was able to reciprocate the same for others. This experience showed me the value of IREM prompting me to get more involved.”

Thanks for letting us get to know you a little better Steve!