



The Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM[®]) and the IREM Foundation, aided by financial support from Yardi Systems Inc. and the REALTORS[®] Commercial Alliance (RCA) of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS[®], funded professional development grants for 17 U.S. veterans who attended a one-week IREM course on “Successful Site Management” (RES201), presented in Chicago February 2-6.

The grant included transportation to and from Chicago, lodging sponsored in part by Swissôtel Chicago, and one year of IREM Associate Membership dues. The course addressed all aspects of managing residential properties, including affordable and student housing, and will provide participants with the skills they need to get jobs as residential site managers, leasing agents, and assistant property managers.

Seasoned IREM faculty members Joe Greenblatt, CPM[®] San Diego Chapter No. 18, and Marlene Dau, CPM Chicago Chapter No. 23, conducted the course. On Thursday, February 5, IREM Officers Pam Monroe, CPM, 2009 IREM President, Randy Woodbury, CPM, 2009 IREM President Elect, Ron Goss, CPM, 2009 IREM Secretary/Treasurer, and IREM Foundation Vice President Ed Boudreau CPM, joined the attendees and IREM staff at a networking dinner funded in part by Harry Caray’s Restaurant. Grant recipients shared with the officers their personal experiences about how this grant will provide opportunities for them to develop new careers in the real estate management industry. In a version of IREM “speed dating”, the officers rotated among the tables to share career planning tips and to answer questions about growing in the industry.

IREM and the Professional Housing Management Association (PHMA) partnered to help to publicize and identify candidates for the grants. The IREM Foundation, through its Grants and Scholarship Committee, then selected recipients. During the next month, grant recipients will join a chapter and begin to become involved in local activities.

Grant recipients included:

- Jackson Berry, Grand Jct., CO
- Blaine Cleckley, Key West, FL
- Victoria Diggs, Bossier City, LA
- Curtis Evans, Brighton, MI

- Salvador Gracia, Fajardo, PR
- James E. Lord, Jr., Waynesville, MO
- Teresa Nelson, Detroit, MI
- Henry Gene Pauling, Killeen, TX
- Greg Peterson, Moore, OK
- Jimmy Scott, Evans, GA
- Fred C. Tressler Jr., Fort Leonard Wood, MO
- Albert (AL) Williams, Prince George, VA
- Michael-Jerome Williams, San Antonio, TX
- Lolita J. Worthy, Ft. Leavenworth, KS
- Wayne Grajczyk, Murrita, CA
- Anthony Arrington, Moreno Valley, CA
- Priscilla Harris, Eaton Rapids, MI

The IREM Foundation is proud to welcome these new members to the IREM family!