



CRC News & Updates

President's Message:



Season's Greetings! In warm appreciation of your association with CRC during the past year, we extend our very best wishes for a happy holiday season to you on behalf of the entire CRC Board. CRC is celebrating another successful year and the Board looks forward to serving you and all CRC members in 2018. We hope that you'll take a moment to review the updates below while embarking on your holiday journey with family and friends, whether far or near.



My own journey as 2018 CRC President started with quite a memorable surprise—well, for me at least. If you attended our annual members meeting at the Brookfield Zoo last month, you'll recall that my election address to the membership featured a guest appearance from my wife Kelly and my 15 month-old daughter Hazel who, unbeknownst to me, were secretly invited to drop by! It was a great honor and a pleasure to personally introduce my family to so many

of you as close friends and colleagues that I've met through CRC over the years. It is my goal as President to help us pass on the comradery that we have with each other as members so we can continue growing the value this organization represents for mobility professionals.

As you read through these updates, I encourage you to reach out to any of the CRC Board Chairs to confirm your interest and learn more about becoming a member of their committee, or please pass this on to the person who you know would like to become more involved. We are only an email or phone call away! You can also expect to receive a survey in the new year and I hope that you will provide your feedback, as we want to ensure that we are meeting your expectations as an organization. And my personal thanks to the many of you



who have already dedicated your time and efforts to CRC.

Finally, we are proud to welcome everyone back to McDonald's Hamburger University in Oakbrook on February 8th for our Charitable Causes Meeting. Registration will open the first week of January, so be on the lookout and we'll see you soon!



Enjoy the Solstice!



Evan Miller
President, Corporate Relocation Council of Chicago



Membership

Chair: Jim Rybarczyk

As we approach 2018, let's take a moment to reflect on our awesome organization made up of some of the best talent in the industry. Here are some stats that show the strength of the CRC:

- CRC has 325 members that represent 65 companies:
 - 71% are service companies (47)
 - 29% are corporate companies (165)
 - 75% of actual member totals reflect service members (255)
 - 25% of actual member totals reflect corporate members (80)
- In 2017 we added 12 new member companies (5 corporate & 7 service):
 - Ingredion (corporate)
 - USPS (corporate)
 - Pinnacle Furnished Suites (service)
 - FIS (corporate)
 - Joyce Pugh Enterprises, LLC (service)
 - Johnson Controls (corporate)
 - Everbank (service)
 - Huntington National Bank (service)
 - Mango Languages (service)
 - Orientations (service)
 - US Bank (corporate)
 - VIP Corporate Housing (service)
- 98% was our renewal rate in 2017
- Membership renewals have already gone out for 2018
 - Membership rates will remain the same as 2017 rates
 - Please log-in to your company record and update it as soon as possible

If you have any membership related questions, please reach out to me at jimr@bergerrelo.com or 630-705-2406.

Thanks to each of you for making our organization the best regional relocation group in the country! Cheers for a wonderful holiday season and a great start to 2018!



Sponsorship: Thanks for a great year!

Chair: Suzanne Sichz

As I wrap up my three-year term as Sponsorship Chair for CRC, I am overwhelmed by the generosity and support of our members. Thirty-three of our member companies sponsored meetings in 2017 for a grand total of \$22,550! We had 13 website sponsors - a record! Those sponsors know that a website sponsorship is a great way to have your company information on the website year-round for only \$450. CRC will have 4 meetings to sponsor in 2018, February, June, September, and November. I encourage you to visit the [website](#) to see which sponsorships are right for your company next year.

As I move into the Chairperson role for 2018, I hand the sponsorship baton over to Bridget Ritchie. Bridget brings a wealth of knowledge and board experience to this position. Welcome back Bridget, so happy to have you joining the board for 2018!

Suzanne Sichz

For more information about sponsorship, click [here](#). I can be reached at suzanne.sichz@wellsfargo.com or 630-620-0027.



Charitable Causes

Chair: Julie Sujack

Thank you to those who served on the Charitable Causes Committee in 2017!

We had a successful year and are looking forward to an equally exciting 2018!

Sign up and be a part of the committee in 2018, please be sure to let me know, my email is julie.sujack@themigroup.com. We need a lot of volunteers to help at the beginning of the year soliciting donations and coordinating the auction for our February 2, 2018 meeting.

We enjoyed supporting Working Bikes for the past two years and are looking forward to another year of supporting Chicago Run. Thank you to everyone who submitted suggestions for charities for us to support. We are narrowing down the list and will begin meeting with them to select a new partner. We will keep our membership updated!

Thank you to all who supported our drive to collect money for hurricane relief! Please see the thank you note from Peggy Smith and Johnny Haines from Worldwide ERC below:

On behalf of the Worldwide ERC® Foundation, we want to thank you and the Corporate Relocation Council (Chicago) for your generosity and compassion to this fall's hurricane victims. We are pleased to note that the total of the funds raised for donation is \$30,588. The donation will be submitted to the Greater Houston Community Foundation (GHCF).

As you know, areas impacted by storms frequently receive much attention in the early days of a crisis, and as the news about the area wanes, the support ebbs, even though the need for funds is just as critical. It feels good to join forces with you to bring another wave of financial assistance at such an essential time.

Please pass our thanks to your group for stepping up so generously to help our fellow citizens, and for helping to make the difficult days many families and individuals are facing a little easier.

Best regards,

Johnny Haines
Chairman, Worldwide ERC® Foundation
Deloitte Services LP

Peggy Smith, SCRIP, SGMS-T
Executive Vice President/CEO Worldwide ERC® Foundation
President and CEO, Worldwide ERC®

All the best for a wonderful holiday season!



Planning Update

Chairs: Jennifer Breen and Elizabeth McGrath

The Planning Committee needs you! Please volunteer to assist with the logistics and content of future CRC meetings. Please email Planning Co-Chairs Jennifer Breen at jen@suitehomechicago.com or Stephanie Lewin at slewin@balglobal.com to assist. February planning is underway!

Tentative 2018 Meeting Dates:

- February 8 – Charitable Causes Meeting – McDonald's Hamburger University Oakbrook IL
- April 10–11 – Midwest Relocation Conference (MRC) – St. Louis, Mo
- June 21 – CRC Summer Meeting
- September 19 – Joint WiERC/CRC Meeting– Grand Geneva
- November 15 – Members Meeting

Please refer to the CRC [website](#) for additional meeting dates for other regional organizations.



Chair: Amanda Elrich

It was a very successful year with the CRP review class. Out of the 11 mobility professionals that sat for the test, 9 of them passed and can proudly display “CRP” after their name. Congratulations to all.

The review class will be held again in 2018. Details will be sent out shortly.

Scholarship information has been sent out to all the high schools and many companies in the area. The deadline for submission is January 2. In 2018, CRC will again be submitting one essay to The Foundation for Workforce Mobility for a matching scholarship. The winners will be announced during the 2nd quarter of 2018.

Communications



Communications Chair: Kayla Kozak

The photos from the annual members meeting last month have been posted to the CRC Facebook page! Please click [here](#) to view them. You all looked fabulous!

If you have additional photos to share, please feel free to email me at Kayla.Kozak@whrg.com.

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