



Fall 2016

President's Message:

Hello all!

It's hard to believe that Fall is upon us already. What a wonderful time of year. The beautiful colors and crisp nights signal one of the things I love most about the Midwest - the transition between seasons.

Speaking of transition, it's almost time to elect new leadership of the Corporate Relocation Council. That's just part of the happenings at the upcoming CRC members' only meeting on November 17th. We hope you'll join us. A special thanks to our friends at Wells Fargo for hosting us for this exciting event.

Since I last wrote, our members continue to plan and execute wonderful events. In September, we co-hosted our annual Grand Networking Event with WiERC at Lake Geneva, WI. Following an opening address by Worldwide ERC CEO Peggy Smith, we were treated to 10 members laying-it-on-the-line to participate in the IGNITE educational presentations. I'm not so sure I could talk for 5 minutes, with 20 PowerPoint slides automatically transitioning every 15 seconds. Following the sessions and lunch, our 120 attendees wrapped up the day with their social activity of choice. A special thanks to Serendia Compton, our programs chairperson, and all who participated in planning this wonderful event.

On October 18th, corporate members and guests from Chicagoland and Wisconsin met at Takeda Pharmaceuticals for a corporate benchmarking event. It's always interesting to hear about the issues being

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tackled by today's global mobility managers, and the solutions being delivered by our industry.

Now, let's get back to November, because we need your help. I've talked all year about the importance of volunteerism to achieve our objectives, and keep our organization as the premier regional relocation group. That hasn't changed. As we prepare to vote on a slate of directors to lead CRC in 2017 and beyond, I invite you get engaged, challenge yourself, and submit your name, if you're interested in joining the board of directors. It's an exciting time in Chicago. And, CRC is right in the middle of the action as the host city of the Midwest Relocation Conference on April 4th & 5th, and Worldwide ERC's Global Workforce Symposium from September 27th through 29th.

It has been an honor and privilege to lead this organization. I've met many great people and strengthened friendships with those I already know. We may not have accomplished all we set out to do. But, I'm confident there are more great things to come. After all, to give back when you've received so many blessings, is one of life's great opportunities.

Be well!

Brian
Brian Fudenberg, CRP
President, Corporate Relocation Council of Chicago



Membership - We Continue to Grow!

Chair: Jim Rybarczyk, CRP, GMS



We welcome the following new members to the CRC!

- Channel Match
- Dyson
- Forward Relocation
- International SOS

Soon membership renewals for 2017 will be going out. Prior to that, please take a look at your company record on our website at www.crcchicago.org and make any necessary updates.

Please encourage your friends in relocation to join the CRC! Our members act as our best recruiters! We provide an excellent outlet & opportunity for corporate relocation administrators, human resource professionals, & service providers to share in educational, social, & charitable endeavors. New members are always welcome! Any membership questions can be addressed to our Membership Chairperson, Jim Rybarczyk at 630-705-2406 or email jimr@bergerrelo.com.

2016 and 2017 Dates

CRC's Annual Business Meeting, Members Only

11/17/2016
Wells Fargo
10 S. Wacker Dr., 14th Floor,
Chicago, IL

WiERC Holiday Meeting

12/8/2016
Maggiano's, Milwaukee

Midwest Relocation Conference

4/4/2017 - 4/5/2017
Drake Hotel, Chicago

Exciting details to follow soon!

Joint 2016 Meeting - September 15, 2016

Chair: Serendia Compton, CRP

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If you missed the September 15th WiERC & CRC Joint Meeting & Grand Event, then read no further. (You'll be sad to hear what a great event you missed!) It was a beautiful seventy degree day at the Lake Geneva Grand Resort, where attendees earned two CRP Educational Credits and networked with 128 members of the Wisconsin Employee Resource Council and Corporate Relocation Council of Chicago.

The day began with an interactive and thought provoking Industry Update from Worldwide ERC President & CEO, Peggy Smith, SCRIP, GMS-T. Peggy shared insights and challenged participants to share their own experiences related to business and technological trends. She inspired attendees with the direction ERC is headed with the importance of "RTF" - Re-imagining The Future - personally, professionally and as an industry.

Then as a fast and furious follow-up, Laura Henneberry lead a fifty minute IGNITE session. Ten different topics, covered by ten separate speakers, each with 20 slides, and only five minutes to share and shine! A very special Thank You to our courageous and ambitious IGNITE speakers, Gary Conerly, Maureen Longoria, Charisse Kosova, Dale Fisher, Sajjad Abadin, Lisa Burns, Pam Jacknick, Matt Tobel, Stephanie Lewin, and Deborah Benavides. All presentations are posted on the CRC website for member access.

The luncheon in the sunny resort golf pavilion re-energized attendees for afternoon activities. Afterward some participants enjoyed Spa services, while the small but mighty golf teams displayed fierce competition. Rumor is that the first year of the Cooking Class, held at the Lake Geneva School of Cooking, should remain a "best kept secret" - because everyone enjoyed the camaraderie, amazing food, and culinary skills of Chef John. Thank you to the planning team members that helped with the activity coordination: Carolyn Ferroly and Bridget Ritchie worked magic with the Spa registrations, Bill Rounds and Bill Werth kept the rain away and the golf teams on par!, and Deborah Benavides navigated our



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Upcoming Newsletters

***Communications Chair:
Matt Tobel***

Do you have any news you want to share with CRC in an upcoming newsletter? If so, we want to know! Awards, promotions, new hires, office openings or moves, etc., please send your news to Matt at MTobel@V-Suites.com.

novice Cooks through trolley departures, and amazing appetizer preparation.

At the end of the day, our evening networking reception was euphoric. Suzanne Sichz lead our first ever "Sponsor Raffle" - in which five lucky meeting sponsors (of a record number of 22 sponsors) walked away with fabulous prizes. In addition, over 100 raffle prizes were distributed to reception attendees.

Thank you to our sponsors for supporting this memorable meeting: Baird & Warner, Brook Furniture Rental, Quicken Loans, TRC Global Mobility, Bristol Global, Joseph A Riccelli, Esq., Suite Home Chicago, US Bank, Premia Relocation Mortgage, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Ace Worldwide, RAL Inspection Services, HomeBuyer's Preferred, Corporate Suites Network, New World, IOR Global Services, Hollander Storage & Moving Company, Safe Ped, WHRGroup, Altair Global, Nelson Westerberg International, and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage.

Click [here](#) for photos of the event.

Last chance to sponsor CRC in 2016!

Chair: Suzanne Sichz, CRP

Were you planning to be a CRC sponsor in 2016 and aren't sure where the year has gone? Good news, Silver Sponsorships for our November meeting are still available for \$250. We'd love to see your name up in lights on November 17th for the annual member's meeting.

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Thank you to all 22 of our sponsors for the September meeting! It was a great day in large part to your generous sponsorships - many thanks. We hope those who won the Portillo's chocolate cakes enjoyed them!!

Sponsorship questions can be directed to Suzanne Sichz at (630) 620-0027, or Suzanne.sichz@wellsfargo.com.

Charitable Causes

Chair: Laura Henneberry, SCRIP, SGMS-T



It's only October and already planning is underway for the 2017 endeavors of the Charitable Causes Committee of CRC. If you would like to be part of this awesome group of volunteers, please reach out to me at 630.942.6893 or lhenneberry@relocationdept.com.

Hephzibah Home has been within the hearts of CRC for two years. CRC supports two charities for two years each. This year will be the second year for Hephzibah Home and we will be sad to see our partnership end with them. CRC is looking for a new charity to support for 2017 and 2018. If you know of a charity that has a local presence, will afford our members with a volunteer opportunity, and who will feel the impact of our cash donation, please send the name of the charity, a contact name, and a website address to Laura Henneberry (please see above).

As of this writing, we are in the middle of a bike donation project for Working Bikes. One lucky winner will receive a \$50 gift card as a result of a donation. Keep your eyes open for an update in the next newsletter.

It is never too early to think about the February Silent

Auction. The meeting is planned for just before Valentine's Day so start saving your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars for those winning bids. If you, or your company, would like to make a donation to the auction, please reach out to anyone on the Charitable Causes Committee. Our donation calls will be starting in early January. Do you need some ideas? Sporting event tickets, show tickets, experiences, memorabilia always bring in the donations (and result in some fierce toe to toe bidding). CRC appreciates all donations.

Thinking about the CRP?



Thinking about earning the CRP Designation? Take a look at the below for a Step By Step Plan on how to do this:

The Certified Relocation Professional® is a highly regarded designation recommended for all those within the U.S. relocation industry who are dedicated to the successful mobility of employee transferees, and who consistently seek to better themselves, and the service they offer, through continuing education in this specialized field.

Earning the CRP® designation requires that interested candidates:

1. Meet eligibility requirements
2. Register for the multiple-choice question examination and submit all associated registration and/or membership fees.
3. Prepare for the examination (we recommend the purchase of a full set of exam source materials as used to create the exam questions).
4. Take the exam at one of the examination test sites on the test date.
5. Earn a passing score on the examination.

*Please note that steps 2 and 3 can be reversed - this is just a step-by-step plan for illustrative purposes.

The CRP® designation examination is held once a year in May. The next examination will be offered in paper-and-pencil format in Atlanta, GA on:

May 17, 2017

The exam will also be offered online through designated testing centers from:

May 17, 2017 - June 2, 2017

Specific 2017 CRP® examination information, including the application, source materials order form, and exam/program booklet will become available in early December 2016. Please email CRP@WorldwideERC.org if you would like to be notified when this information comes online.

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