

CCIM Connections President's Message

Greetings, MN/Dakotas CCIM Chapter Members!

That's a wrap on 2024! It was a great year for the MN/Dakotas CCIM Chapter. I'd like to start by thanking all the members of the board to helping make 2024 extremely successful. Throughout the year we have held numerous events including the CCIM Symposium that will be returning again this April with Dr. Dotzour as the keynote speaker. We held all four CI courses in person in Minneapolis this past year and will be doing the same next year so if your in need of completing a course for your pin please sign up.

I'd like to thank all of our Chapter Sponsors for 2024; Bauer Design Build, Caspian Group, Felhaber Larson, Mint Roofing, Metro Equity Management, Old Republic Title and Sunrise Bank. Your commitment to the Chapter is very much appreciated. We also had numerous event sponsors throughout the year the helped put on informative events. If any of your companies would like to sponsor for the 2025 year it's not too late please reach out if you have interest.



Throughout 2024 our local chapter was very active both locally and nationally we attended both CCIM Governance meetings through out the year held in Nashville, TN and Houston, TX, we welcomed four new designees to the chapter. There have been some important improvements at the National level including a new CCIM Certificate program and website. Feel free to browse through the new website and make sure your profile is up to date. Speaking of new website our local chapter has a new website as well don't forget to renew your chapter membership directly through our website for 2025!!! [Click Here to check out the new Website.](#)

For 2025 we have a lot planned already a Legislative Update is planned for January 15th from 8-9:30am via Zoom, a lot has happened in politics over the last few months that Roz Peterson and Blois Olson will touch on. Also in February we will hold a Chat GPT for CRE Professionals to learn how to utilize a powerful tool for commercial real estate. Finally, I'd like to thank the Chapter for the opportunity to be the President in 2024 your 2025 president Marc Basara will do a great job continuing to grow the chapter in 2025 and beyond!

Sincerely,

Greg Lamere, CCIM
2024 Minnesota/Dakotas CCIM Chapter President

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 15, 2025

Minnesota Legislative Update and its Impacts on Commercial Real Estate 2025 - [REGISTER](#)

February 11, 2025

Intro to ChatGPT for CRE Professionals - [REGISTER](#)

March 20, 2025

March Madness Happy Hour and Social Event - [REGISTER](#)

April 16, 2025

2024 Commercial Real Estate Symposium - [REGISTER](#)

We're regularly adding events to the calendar. Follow us on social media and check out the webiste regularly to see what's new. If you would like a full list please visit the [Minnesota/Dakotas CCIM Chapter Website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

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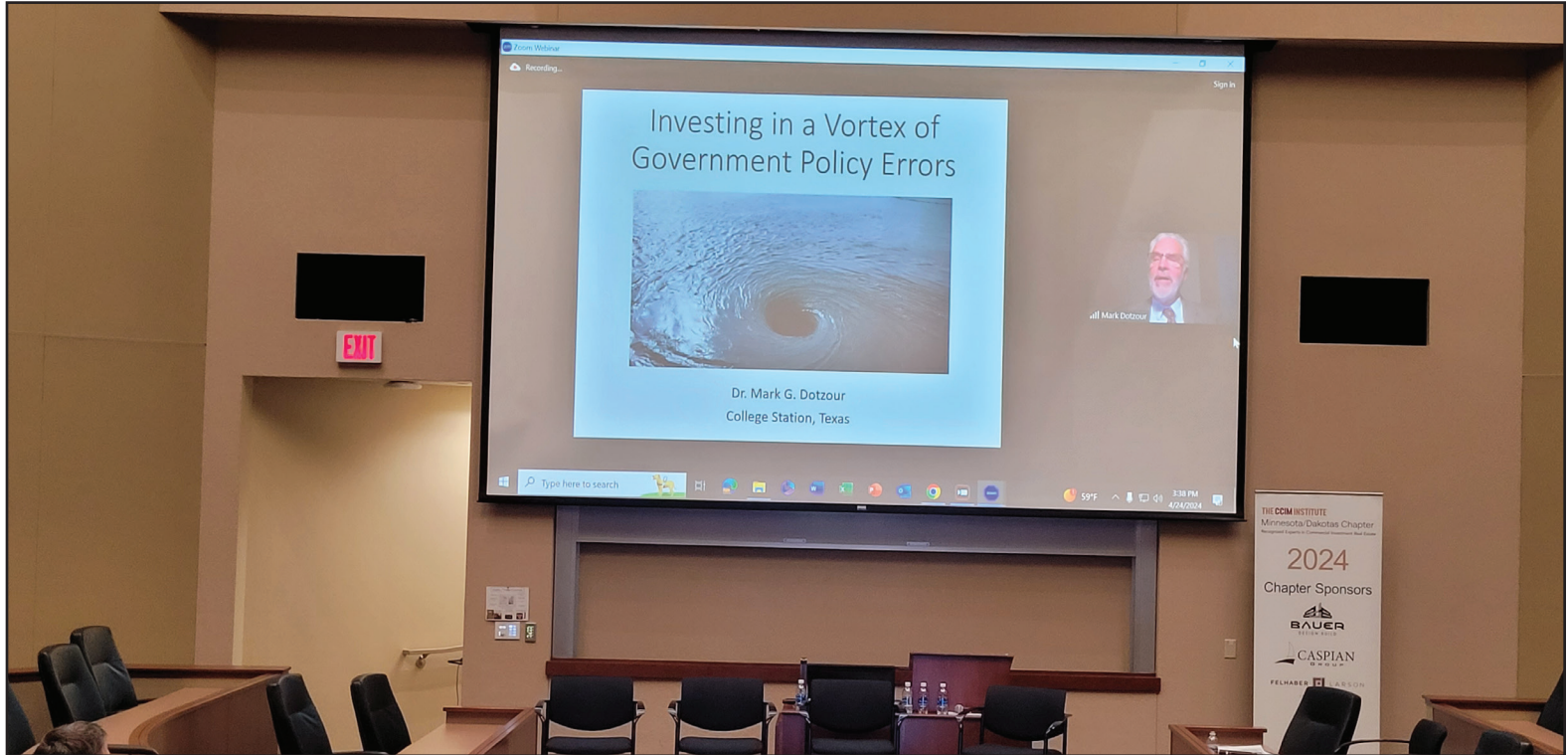
The images capture highlights from the recent CCIM holiday party. We extend our sincerest congratulations to Keith Sturm, CCIM, President and CEO of Upland Real Estate Group, Inc., for being honored with the esteemed 6th Annual Northwest Angle Award. Founded in 1995, Upland Real Estate Group, Inc., has consistently been recognized as a top commercial real estate brokerage firm by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal under Keith's leadership. Specializing in net lease sales, Upland has successfully completed over 900 transactions, totaling more than \$2.8 billion in national real estate investment sales. Keith's exceptional contributions have significantly impacted the CCIM Minnesota/Dakotas Chapter, and we deeply appreciate his dedication and outstanding service.



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The 2024 CCIM Symposium, hosted by the Minnesota/Dakotas CCIM Chapter, was a tremendous success, bringing together industry leaders for insightful discussions on commercial real estate trends and networking. With Dr. Dotzour as the keynote speaker, this highly anticipated event delivered great value to attendees. Plans are already underway for the 2025 CCIM Symposium, which promises to be just as impactful. We look forward to welcoming participants once again for another outstanding event in April 2025.



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In 2024, the Minnesota/Dakotas CCIM Chapter proudly welcomed four new designees, recognizing their achievement in earning the prestigious CCIM designation. The pinning ceremony celebrated their hard work and commitment to excellence in the commercial real estate industry. We look forward to honoring more designees in 2025 as they join this distinguished network of professionals.



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The Minnesota/Dakotas CCIM Chapter hosted an exclusive Jet 6 site tour event, offering participants a firsthand look at some of the region's premier commercial real estate developments. Attendees gained valuable insights into project planning, market strategies, and property management while networking with industry experts. Events like this continue to enhance member knowledge and engagement within the chapter.

