



**BOMA**  
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# Building Owners and Managers Association of Chicago

As the voice of Chicago's commercial real estate industry, BOMA/Chicago is ideally positioned to help our members meet the challenges and capture the opportunities facing our ever-changing industry. With our finger on the pulse of the city, we are able to anticipate, influence, and respond to a wide variety of critical issues and initiatives.

# The Voice of Chicago's Commercial Real Estate Industry

Our membership is comprised of a diverse group of commercial office, institutional and public buildings, as well as highly valued affiliate companies providing key building-related services. Their collective experience and expertise, combined with the capabilities of our professional staff, are devoted solely to the promotion of the commercial real estate industry in Chicago.

Our long-standing relationships with local and state policy makers have enabled us to effectively mobilize around legislative and regulatory issues to advocate for a competitive, business-friendly environment throughout the city.

In addition to advocacy, BOMA/Chicago is committed to professional development and networking, including a strong focus on fostering the next generation of commercial real estate professionals. Our programs and offerings provide BOMA/Chicago members with unique and rewarding opportunities to grow personally and professionally.

We encourage you to take a closer look at the array of benefits and opportunities our organization has to offer.

## Why Become a Building Member?

BOMA/Chicago's mission is built upon our core pillars of advocacy, networking and professional development. By becoming a member of BOMA/Chicago, you'll gain unparalleled access to industry information and resources, opportunities to generate revenue and savings, and build a network of experienced colleagues within the commercial real estate industry.

### ADVOCACY AT WORK FOR YOU

**Property Taxes:** Lead collaborative efforts with businesses and like-minded organizations to oppose burdensome tax legislation and unwanted expansion of special taxing districts

**Labor Relations:** Serve as collective bargaining agent for building members in negotiating cost-effective labor agreements with SEIU Local 1 and IUOE Local 399 for key service industries including janitorial, engineering and security, and assist in the resolution of grievances arising under those agreements

**Emergency Response & Preparedness:** Maintain close relationships with local, state, and federal emergency response agencies, assist those agencies in managing events and incidents that impact our building members, and support education and training in emergency preparedness and security measures

**Energy/Sustainability:** Work collaboratively with state and local government, utilities, and other stakeholders to promote market-based energy efficiency, sustainability efforts, and cost-saving opportunities

**Codes & Standards:** Educate and collaborate with local and state policy makers to foster a uniform, cost-effective regulatory environment and streamline permitting and inspection processes

### NETWORK WITH INDUSTRY COLLEAGUES

Engage with real estate executives at monthly networking events including our TOBY Gold Circle Awards Gala, and participate in various committees that guide the organization's advocacy, networking, and professional development programming.

### PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Expand your industry knowledge with our RPA/FMA designation courses, monthly Brown Bag seminars on current topics, programs and panel discussions with state and local officials, and unique seminars on new or changing regulations and practices; achieve recognition of excellence through our TOBY and Gold Circle Awards.



## Why Become an Affiliate Member?

Our Affiliate Members provide a network of products and professional services that are essential to the success of Chicago's commercial building industry. By joining BOMA/Chicago, you'll have access to exclusive opportunities to develop relationships with the office building decision makers and build your client base, driving the success of your business.

### NETWORK WITH INDUSTRY COLLEAGUES

Take advantage of numerous opportunities to cultivate relationships with current and potential clients at members-only networking and educational programs. Join one of our many committees where you can network with decision makers, contribute your subject-matter expertise, and engage with our Emerging Leader Network to connect with tomorrow's industry leaders.

### PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Share your expertise with our building members on important issues facing our industry by hosting one of our monthly Brown Bag seminars and attend the various educational events offered throughout the year. Participate in local, state, and national advocacy initiatives that benefit the entire commercial real estate industry.

### INCREASED BRAND AWARENESS AND VISIBILITY

Leverage sponsorship and advertising opportunities available online and at our monthly events including the annual trade show. Gain direct access to commercial property management teams with our online member directory and gain recognition through our Gold Circle Awards program.



## Who is BOMA/Chicago?

### ***We are the voice of Chicago's office building industry***

- Established in 1902
- Oldest BOMA local association in the world
- Diverse membership represents 234 buildings; 162 Affiliate Members
- 80% of total rentable building area
- 98% of rentable building space in Class A buildings

### ***Members are the economic lifeblood of Chicago's Central Business District***

- Our building members support more than 10,000 businesses/tenants and 350,000 tenant employees
- Chicago office buildings inject \$4.6 billion into the local economy

### ***Leadership team is comprised of proven industry veterans***

- 20 Board members
- Average 20 years of CRE experience
- Established record and deep understanding of the industry

### ***Advocates on core issues impacting our members***

- Property Taxes
- Labor Relations
- Member Education
- Sustainability
- Emergency Preparedness
- Building Codes



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