

Rochester Area Chapter NYSCAR  
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**Make Your Commercial Real Estate Award Nominations NOW!**

**\* Deadline is October 26 at 5:00 p.m. \***

Each November, RAC NYSCAR honors and recognizes members who are Brokers, Salespersons, and/or Affiliates for outstanding accomplishments in Commercial Real Estate and community activity in 2026 through Award Nominations made by our RAC NYSCAR members.

Our Awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Gala on November 19, and all are welcome to attend. All members are encouraged to make a nomination. *Nominations will close on October 26, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.*

**Awards Criteria and Nominations:**

- Any RAC NYSCAR member in good standing may nominate a colleague for an award. See the criteria required for each award by downloading [Awards and Detailed Criteria](#).
- Nominations are open. [Click here to make your nomination](#).

If you have any questions, [please contact Tom Latta, Awards Chair](#).

**Register to Attend via Eventbrite!**  
**RAC NYSCAR's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Gala November 19, 2026**

Our Annual Awards Gala is our premier event of the year! Come celebrate with us on November 19 at the Harro East Ballroom as we present our Awards to honor colleagues in our Rochester community who have achieved exceptional successes in Commercial real estate this year.

[Register via Eventbrite to attend](#).

**Ticket Information:** Tickets purchased now through October 31 are \$150.00. "Last Chance" tickets purchased from November 1-9 will be \$175.00.

**Sponsorship Information:** [Download the Sponsorships List](#). To secure a sponsorship, [please contact Pete Gillett](#).

**Next Luncheon Event is on October 8**

## Co-Hosted by Gallina Development Corporation & Harris Beach Murtha

Mark your calendars! We're excited to have Gallina Development & Harris Beach Murtha co-hosting on October 8 at Prive at the Metropolitan in Downtown Rochester. Registration will be required and is free for NYSCAR members and guests. Additional details and registration information will be forthcoming.

## Notification of the Slate of Officers for Broker Vote for the 2027 RAC NYSCAR Board of Directors

In case you missed the Outlook email sent to all RAC NYSCAR members on September 17 ...

### **From the Desk of Christopher McCarthy, RAC NYSCAR Nominations Chair:**

*As a courtesy, RAC NYSCAR Affiliate members are being copied on this for their information.*

In accordance with the Rochester Area Chapter NYSCAR By-Laws, this serves as notice that a Broker vote will take place to vote in our 2027 RAC NYSCAR Board of Directors at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Gala, which is our Annual Meeting, on November 19, 2026 at the Harro East Ballroom. Please review the Slate of Officers and Directors below and be prepared to vote at the Gala. For any questions, [please contact me](#).

### **Slate of Officers:**

Colleen Wightman, President -- Term expires on December 31, 2030  
Thomas C. Latta - Vice President -- Term expires on December 31, 2027  
Nick Torpey - Treasurer -- Term expires on December 31, 2027  
Rob Jones - Secretary -- Term expires on December 31, 2027

### **New Directors:**

Allyson Adam-Anderson -- Term expires on December 31, 2029  
Melissa Regna -- Term expires on December 31, 2028  
Damaris Rivera - Term expires on December 31, 2028

Director term for Courtney Janto expires on December 31, 2027, and Director term for Justin Merriam expires on December 31, 2028.

We would like to welcome new Officer, Nick Torpey as Treasurer, and new Directors, Allyson Adam-Anderson, Melissa Regna and Damaris Rivera.

We want to thank our departing 2026 President, Pete Gillett, 2026 Treasurer, Adam Rooney, 2026 Secretary, Laura West, and Director, Andrew Gearhart, for their fine service during their tenure on the RAC NYSCAR Board.

## Interested in Hosting a Lunch in 2027?

**Utilize this Opportunity to Showcase Your Space, Projects or Expertise to a Vibrant Community of Commercial Real Estate Professionals**

### **From the Desks of Laura West & Colleen Wightman, 2026 Events Co-Chairs:**

**RAC NYSCAR Lunch Series 2027**

### Why Host a NYSCAR Lunch?

- Present your available space, current projects, services or industry insights to fellow members.
- Spotlight your work and enhance visibility for your business or organization.
- Build stronger relationships and expand your professional network.
- Support our tradition of education and collaboration.

### Hosting Format

As the lunch Host, you will have the opportunity to deliver a brief presentation (15 minutes) on your chosen topic, whether it's a new development, innovative service or unique industry perspective. We also encourage people to feature a local non-profit during the lunch to help spotlight organizations making a positive difference in our community.

### Ready to Host?

If you are interested in hosting a RAC NYSCAR lunch or would like more information, please [email](#) or [call](#) Laura West.

Thank you for your continued involvement and enthusiasm! We look forward to seeing your projects and ideas take center stage at our lunches in 2027!

## STILL FREE Education for CE Credits! Professional Development Classes Offered Online by NYSCAR

**Education Opportunities Are Still Free!** Take advantage of NYSCAR's online **FREE** Education offerings to earn your CE credits.

Courses can be found on the [RAC NYSCAR website under Resources & Tools/Professional Development](#) for the latest classes.

For a list of CE requirements and a chart to track your CE hours, [download this CE Credits Requirement document](#).

## Don't Forget to Update Your Profile on the RAC NYSCAR Website

If you're a new member or an "old" one, be sure to update your [RAC NYSCAR website](#) profile to confirm all your information is correct. It's a good practice to ensure the State has your contact information correctly. You may also download a photo and bio. [Click here for step-by-step instructions to update your Member Profile](#).

Please forward our Newsletter to any professional in the Commercial Real Estate Community.  
New members and guests are always welcomed and encouraged.



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