

## **STLREIA to Cease Operations in 2026**

SAINT LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 15, 2025 – The St Louis Real Estate Investors Association (STLREIA), a statewide leader in real estate investor education, advocacy and community outreach since 1977, announced (today) that it will cease operations (during the first quarter of 2026). The organization’s Board of Directors voted to sunset operations due to the evolving landscape of not-for-profits and organizational resources. The current environment has resulted in a loss of volunteer interest for critical officer positions to maintain operations.

Since its founding in 1977, STLREIA has reached thousands of Missourians and beyond who were looking to create a better tomorrow for themselves, their families and neighborhoods through real estate education and support programs. STLREIA is proud to have hosted **Monthly Main Event Meetings for over 45 years**, and even via Zoom during the COVID pandemic allowing our organization to remain strong when other groups shut down. While operations will cease after the February 17<sup>th</sup> Main Event Meeting, all remaining funds will be allocated to local not-for-profits. Current members will be receiving a pro-rated refund for their unused portion of their yearly dues.

John and Laura Lee, current board members, will be carrying on the popular Friday Networking Zoom sessions and will host occasional Special Events. We will also be continuing our Lunch at Applebee’s on the First Monday of each month.

The State of Missouri requires the general membership of the group to vote on the dissolution plan proposed by the Board of Directors. This plan will be shared in a coming email and in the [January Newsletter](#). The plan approval will be voted on by current members at the January 20<sup>th</sup> Main Event Meeting.

“Thanks to the dedication of our members, volunteers who served on our board and our vendor partners, we are proud to say that we equipped thousands of investors with knowledge that can change lives,” said Lloyd Alinder, President of STLREIA. “Our work has supported investors across the Metropolitan St. Louis area and beyond in lasting and meaningful ways.”

Board Members are hopeful that the organization’s legacy will live on through the thousands of people who have been educated, supported and inspired by its programs.

“We extend our deepest gratitude to our founding members Larry Dees, Keith Elliot, Ruth Hollander Elliot, as well as our past and present members, volunteers, speakers, business leaders and vendors who made this group possible for over 45 years,” said board member Jim Heisserer. “Together, we helped support new and experienced investors, share knowledge and resources to make the power of real estate investing more accessible to countless individuals and their families.”

STLREIA encourages community members to continue networking, and supporting organizations and investors across the area who remain committed to building strong communities.

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