



## Michael McGuinness

For almost three decades, Michael McGuinness served as NAIOP NJ's Chief Executive Officer, leading the organization's growth to more than 800 members statewide including scores of Rutgers and Monmouth University students. He oversaw tremendous growth in the association's Developers Political Action Committee, helping it become among the most influential PACs in New Jersey.

Mike McGuinness championed and advanced our industry's interests as a member of the Council on Port Performance, as a founding member of the Smart Growth Economic Development Coalition, as a trustee and past environmental chair of the New Jersey Society for Environmental, Economic Development, as a co-chair of the Economic Competitiveness Committee for the North Jersey Sustainable Communities Consortium, and as a member of the New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission, the Governor's Corona Virus Task Force and Governor's Commission for Restarting the Economy. All of this was done while simultaneously developing future association leaders and mentoring many long serving members and Chapter staff.

One of McGuinness' greatest and fondest accomplishments is the founding of NAIOP New Jersey's Community Action Committee. Over a 10-year period, the committee helped build parks and playgrounds in economically challenged areas, including Newark, Paterson, Trenton, Elizabeth, Perth Amboy, and Asbury Park.

Mike's career in government relations, advancing environmental and land use laws, regulatory reform, economic development, and other business resilience initiatives spanned 40 years.

He oversaw the Chapter's daily operations and programs, directed its government affairs effort, and managed the Developers Political Action Committee (DPAC). Prior to joining NAIOP NJ in 1997, McGuinness was acting director for Governor Christine Todd Whitman's Office of the Business Ombudsman in the New Jersey Department of State. In this capacity, McGuinness co-authored the 1995 and 1996 STARR (Strategy to Advance Regulatory Reform) Reports for Governor Whitman and her cabinet. The STARR Reports identified priorities for action and guiding principles to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of state government and enhance business activities.

McGuinness currently serves as a trustee for Isles, a member of the Greater Trenton Advisory Group, a trustee for the Our Lady of Sorrows School board and is a Rutgers Master Gardener candidate. He received a master's degree in Environmental and Forest Science from Yale University in 1982, and a bachelor's degree in Biology from Saint Peter's College in 1977. He resides in Hamilton with his wife Susan and his three daughters.