From the Archives

This year the Library and Archives celebrates 100 years of serving the information needs of NAR’s members and staff. As part of the celebration, stories from NAR’s history will be highlighted throughout the year.

To kick things off, let’s stick close to home for a little background on our beloved REALTOR® Building as we round the corner on the reveal of the beautiful new lobby and redesign of many of its floors.

From 1964 to 1975, NAR’s Chicago Headquarters were at 155 E. Superior. Wander just a few blocks north, and you’ll find 155 E. Superior is still standing and looks very much the same as it did in when NAR called it home. In December 1975, NAR purchased 430 N. Michigan Ave. and renamed it the REALTOR® Building.

Over the next year, staff was gradually relocated to our current home on Michigan Avenue as the last of the renovations were completed. At the time, Uptown Federal Savings & Loan occupied the lower level, lobby, and mezzanine. The building was 10 stories and 77,000 sq. ft. of space. It had 6 elevators, air conditioning and heat (major luxuries at the time!), and the exterior looked very different from the one we see today.

The Association was experiencing very rapid growth because of the transition of REALTOR®-Associate salespeople to full REALTOR® membership status. The Association went from just under 135,000 members in 1974 to nearly 500,000 in 1975. According to 1975 NAR President Art Leitch, “the increased growth of the association’s membership required that it obtain a larger building to house its headquarters staff and to provide a greater range of service to its members.” The building was also occupied by many of the NAR affiliates, just as it is today.
**about the realtor's building**

There are 31,000 square feet of office space in the building available for occupancy. See the diagram on the next page for a floor plan and floor-by-floor list of availabilities. The National Association of Realtors has been leasing the building since 1970. The building was converted in 1965 for use by the Association.

The building has four elevators — three passenger and one service. A total of 600,000 square feet is leased in the building. There are some additional parking spaces. The building was constructed in 1965. It is owned by the National Association of Realtors in 1970.

First occupancy occurred in 1969 on the 17th and 18th floors. The building was completed and occupied in 1970.

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**occupancy**

1st Floor
- General Office
- Accounting
- Mailroom
- Human Resources
- General Counsel
- Finance
- Facilities
- Communication
- Membership
- Digital
- National Office Services
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2nd Floor
- National Association of Realtors
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3rd Floor
- National Association of Realtors
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4th Floor
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5th Floor
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6th Floor
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11th Floor
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The REALTOR® Building’s official dedication for members took place at the Midyear Meetings in Chicago on May 1, 1977.
The 11th and 12th floors weren’t added until the 1990s. And, in 1999 the lobby and façade were renovated and the building took shape into the one we know today (pre-renovation, that is!). You might even see some familiar faces in the ribbon cutting ceremony photos!

Once again, the REALTOR® Building is preparing for the future. The current renovations began in 2019 with the addition of the Sky Level and re-designed spaces for staff to work and meet with members, cementing the REALTOR® Building as the best on Michigan Ave.!