

Profile of Founding Member ~ Marc Margulies, AIA, LEED AP



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Held on an empty floor of One Boston Place, the IFMA Boston Chapter's first event was organized by Marc Margulies, AIA, and a small group of real estate professionals. Working in his first professional role as a project manager at Fidelity, Margulies' boss had encouraged him to consider forming a local IFMA chapter and suggested several contacts who could be willing to participate. Margulies soon gathered five people who saw the need among themselves and their peers for a local facilities management association. When the group learned they needed ten people

to officially register the Boston Chapter, they quickly recruited the additional members and IFMA Boston was born in 1985.

Margulies soon became the chapter's first president and held the position for two-and-a-half years. After leaving Fidelity in 1988, he started his own firm—Margulies Perruzzi Architects (formerly Margulies & Associates)—and credits IFMA Boston and his Fidelity contacts with providing all of his firm's clients for its first five years in business. The annual IFMA Boston Golf Tournament was launched by Margulies' employees in 1990 and the firm's marketing staff submitted the chapter's first winning "IFMA Chapter of the Year" submission.

Now in its 21st year of operation, Margulies

Perruzzi Architects is one of Boston's largest architecture and interior design firms. The firm has designed more than 5 million square feet of space for the corporate, professional services, healthcare, research and development, and real estate communities. Consistently ranked as one of Boston's top architectural and interior design firms, the firm's clients include Manulife/John Hancock, Nuvera Fuel Cells, Covidien, Partners Healthcare, Massachusetts General Hospital, Hobbs Brook Management and Forrester Research.

Throughout this time, Marc Margulies has remained involved in the IFMA Boston chapter through his membership and sponsorships, and encourages his staff to become involved as well.