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NEW USPAP 7-Hour Update
Course in Tucson

December 13, 2019

Friday, 8:30a-4:30p (Check-in at 8:00 am)

\$185 for Chapter Members <REGISTER Here>

Stephanie Coleman, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS, AI-RRS

Does NOT include the USPAP Book.
University of Phoenix,
300 S. Cravcroft Rd.

Report on the Leadership & Development Advisory Council by Sara Baker, MAI, SRA

In May, I was honored to represent the Southern Arizona chapter for my third year at LDAC, the Leadership and Development Advisory Council. This is my favorite Appraisal Institute event, and I am saddened that participation is limited to three years so I cannot attend again. At LDAC, there are four small group discussions that participants rotate through. The topics are different each year, but focus on topics relating to the future of the Appraisal Institute and the profession in general. Participants discuss these issues together and look for opportunities to improve and ensure the profession and Appraisal Institute continue to remain strong in the future. This year's topics include: Chapters, specifically looking at what chapters can do to maximize value to the members; Al Education- what we are doing well, and what we can do better; Changes in the appraisal industry, including appraisal alternatives, waivers, and hybrids; and finally, How do we stand apart, looking at both the appraiser and appraisal.

Throughout the discussions, AI national staff and officers circulate around, listening for suggestions and practical ideas that the Appraisal Institute can enact in the future. One recent change, the implementation of the Capstone Program that allowed so many to be designated, was first brought up at LDAC.

Another part of LDAC is lobbying our members of Congress on behalf of the Appraisal Institute. This year, we were lobbying on behalf of the modernization of Appraisal regulations. I met with staff members for Senators McSally and Sinema, as well as Congresswoman Kirkpatrick, to speak with them on these issues. Both of the staff members for our Senators provided strong support for this, and Al national staff is following up with them on this issue.

Finally, LDAC provides an opportunity to meet and get to know people from throughout Appraisal Institute, including other members, staff, and national officers. Attendees are able to speak with other appraisers, learn what is going on in other parts of the country, and to learn about other types of practice. Many friendships come out of LDAC. Once again, I am honored to have attended and represented our chapter at this event. If you have any questions on what we discussed in the four discussion groups, please let me know and I will be happy to discuss this with anyone.



The Southern Arizona Chapter of the Appraisal Institute is pleased to announce the 2019 offering of the Sonny Solot Education Scholarship.

The scholarship is funded by voluntary donations by the local appraisal community and other generous sponsors, including Alliance Bank of Arizona, Diamond Ventures and your Southern Arizona Chapter. The scholarship is to be used for qualifying education of Appraisal Institute (AI) approved classes, towards AI designation by chapter members and affiliates.

This year, we will be offering two education scholarships from the fund. The general parameters for the scholarship are:

- Scholarship amounts are for the cost of the course and materials only (travel, food and lodging excluded.) Recipients will receive the amount of the fees for one course.
- Scholarship Winners will be determined by the Committee, and scholarship recipients will serve on the Committee in the following year.
- To apply for the scholarship, interested parties will provide the following to a Committee member (Gordon Wicker):
 - A 500-1,000 word essay on why you are interested in the appraisal profession, why
 you are specifically interested in the Appraisal Institute, what you hope to gain by being
 an appraiser, and how you plan on becoming integrated in/giving back to the local
 appraisal community, etc.
 - o A copy of your current Curriculum Vitae
 - o The anticipated time frame for your Certification and/or Designation.
 - o Please specify the class and the dollar amount requested.
 - Deadline for 2019 applications is June 30, 2019. Recipients will be notified within 30 days.

Good luck!

Applications may be submitted to Gordon via email at: <u>GWicker@QualityValuationInc.com</u>