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Washington DC Metro. Chapter

YEAR END MESSAGE

Dear Members,

In the midst of this busy holiday season, we would like to pause to thank all of our members for a truly successful year!

From our RE Update and Installation of Officers to our Heurich House Summer Event, we have had several opportunities to network with our appraiser friends and colleagues.

We were also able to bring back the AIDC Real Estate Conference in October, that had been on hiatus since COVID. This brought experts together to give topical data and unique perspectives on our local markets. This event was attended by several trainees, introducing them to AI education and professionals in the area. In true appraiser fashion, the event ended in a great happy hour!

We have continued to gain ground in attracting and empowering future appraisal professionals and leaders through our University Relations program and our William S. Harps Emerging Leaders Fund. Both of these programs are detailed more in this newsletter.

Lastly, the Chapter had excellent leadership with both Officers and Board Members engaging locally and on the Regional and National levels. This year's leadership priorities focused on planning needed education and networking events and strategizing the growth and impact of AI and the appraisal profession in the DC area. We are grateful for their time and efforts and we hope you will attend the RE Update and Installation on January 24, 2024 to thank the current team and welcome in our new 2024 Officers and Board Members.

On behalf of the entire leadership team, we wish you the most joyous of holidays and extend our wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous new year!!

Upcoming Education and Events:

Thank you to all of our Chapter members and supporters who attended our 2023 Educational offerings. We want to be your primary educational provider and are determined to bring new content and the best instructors to our educational program.

2024 AIDC Real Estate Update and Installation - January 24, 2024 **Maggiano's Chevy Chase**

AI President Elect, Paula Konikoff as well as other Regional and National representatives will be attending this event!

2 Hours of CE will be followed by a happy hour, Maggianos dinner, and the installation of officers. Education will include an economic update as well a full residential portion complete with Uniform Appraisal Dataset & Forms Redesign information!

We will also be inviting interested students from the surrounding universities. If you might be looking for an intern or trainee now or in the future, please be sure to attend and meet the next generation!

Early Bird Pricing is available until January 1!

2024-2025 7 Hour USPAP Update - January 25, 2024 MCEA Conference Center, Rockville, MD

Join AI President Elect Paula Konikoff for the updated 7 hour USPAP. There are several changes, so appraiser are encouraged to take this course sooner rather than later to make sure the new updates are incorporated into your work.

Registration for both of these events can be found at our Chapter Website:

www.appraisalinstitutedc.org

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2024 Education Survey: Coming Soon!

What education do YOU need in 2024? We want to know!!

In early January, we will be launching our 2024 AIDC Education Survey. This will let us know what you need for Continuing Education, Designation Education and Qualifying Education.

We would like to offer more Qualifying and Designation Education in the area, but must connect with the people who need it. We are asking for your help!

Often times trainees or certified appraisers are not AI members and are not on our contact lists. When the survey launches, we ask that members forward it to trainees or certified appraisers in their office or network so we can assess the demand and figure out the best combinations of classes, locations and dates to serve the needs of the DC area.

Be on the lookout and we thank you for your assistance!!

University Relations

Led by Ericka Simmons and Don Boucher, the University Relations Committee has been busy in 2023 with no plans to slow down.

As detailed in our last newsletter, Ericka has been teaching Basic Appraisal Principles at American University's Kogod School of Business. With great success with the first class, American will be offering Basic Appraisal Principles and Procedures in 2024 and looking to add the 15 hour USPAP in 2025!



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Members of the committee have also been representing AI and the appraisal profession at career fairs, including one at George Washington University in October. Current Board Member Peter Sullivan and 2024 Board Member Chad Corson (GW alumnus) were able to share about the profession and the path to appraisal careers with interested students and inform them of the FREE student affiliate program offered by AI.



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The committee will be having a ZOOM Meeting in January 2024 to discuss plans for the upcoming year. If you are interested in joining these efforts, please email Tiffany Lewis at info@appraisalinstitutedc.org for more information.

William S. Harps Emerging Leaders Fund

This year, AIDC was able to award funds to two deserving recipients.

The Washington DC Metropolitan Chapter is proud to offer this fund as a means for motivated individuals to further their careers and the appraisal profession. We seek to equip emerging leaders with the opportunities necessary to increase their engagement with the Appraisal Institute and make a lasting impact on the profession as a whole. We believe in giving back to the appraisal community and expect recipients to share this philosophy.

Named in honor of National Past President William S. Harps, MAI, William served as an AI instructor and contributor to educational materials, and paved the way for others to enter the field. He was an entrepreneur, innovator and visionary and we seek applicants who embody those qualities.



The most important legacy that Mr. Harps left was his dedication to breaking down racial barriers. AIDC is committed to continuing that legacy and removing barriers of entry that have traditionally impacted women and minorities.

While several educational scholarships are available at the Chapter, Region and National levels, we understand that there are other opportunities that can help advance one's designation path, involvement in the Appraisal Institute, or their overall leadership potential.

This fund can be used to help cover the extra costs that are associated with professional advancement. Examples of usage include but are not limited to necessary travel expenses for out-of-town designation education, conference registration fees (LDAC, National Conference), comprehensive exam fees, reimbursement for first time Practicing affiliate dues, etc.

**We want to award more funds in 2024 and need your help!
If you know of an individual who could benefit from this program, please reach out to Tiffany Lewis at info@appraisalinstitutedc.org, or check the chapter website for full details!**

