President's Message

Bruce Darata, MAI

First, please join me in congratulating our newly designated members:
   Adam Cline, MAI
   Alan R. Geerdes, MAI, AI-GRS
   Lauren Michelle Trilling, MAI

All your hard work has paid off and your designations will pay dividends for many years to come. Congratulations!

In January we kicked off the year with a fantastic installation dinner. It was good to reconnect with friends, old and new. Thank you, Sarah, for organizing such a wonderful evening! And Thanks Dave Binz for an easy and painless transition.

As I stated that night, this year’s theme will be let’s get together and network. Hopefully the worst of the pandemic is over, and conditions seem to be improving.
We have many social events planned this year. The first one is Whirlyball on May 4. Spots are filling fast. Please sign up! More events to follow.

We also have our first luncheon/chapter meeting scheduled for March 24 with Cook County Assessor, Fritz Kaegi. The last time he spoke for us, it was very informative. You have to eat lunch anyway, so why not come out, network, learn something and get credits while you’re at it?!

We also have our first homegrown seminar planned for April 20. The Valuation of Cannabis Facilities & Businesses seminar will delve into the weeds of a unique and interesting topic exploring the legal, real, personal, and intangible considerations in this budding industry. I believe that homegrown seminars are crucial to our survival and identity as a chapter. If you have ever had an interest in developing a seminar for the Chapter, please let me know. It’s a painless and very rewarding experience.

We also have the Midwest Easement Seminar coming up in Rockford on May 12th. Another interesting topic that many could benefit from.

Of course, we will be offering our usual assortment of classes including the USPAP update and qualifying and designation classes.

I am humbled and honored to serve as Chicago Chapter President in 2022. We want to continue to build on the past successes of my predecessors. My line is always open to suggestions. Thanks, and let’s have a great year!

Bruce
Thank you to everyone that attended the 2022 Installation Dinner at Ditka's in Oakbrook

Congratulations to the 2022 Award Winners

**Distinguished Service Award**
The Distinguished Service Award is given for a member or members of our chapter who have given countless hours of dedicated service to the Chapter. Awarded to Peter Helland, MAI, AI-GRS and Bruce Darata, MAI

**Skip Del Campo**
The “Skip” Del Campo Award is given in recognition of a Member who is judged to have “best exemplified Selfless leadership and positive influence on the equality, hospitality and good humor of Chapter activities during the past year”. This year’s winner is James Erik Smith, SRA

**Herman O. Walther Award**
Herman O. Walther Award is presented to a member or members of the Chicago Chapter who, in the Chapter’s opinion, best promoted its interests and those of the appraisal profession.

It is named in honor of Herman O. Walther, a Past President of both the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and of the Illinois Chapter I am proud to announce the recipient for this year’s award is Smedmore Bernard, MAI.
**AI News**

**Practicing Affiliate Scholarship** - Practicing Affiliates who are active in appraising and need financial assistance to take Appraisal Institute courses leading to the state certification. [Apply Now](#)

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**Don't Forget About These AI Benefits**

- **RESNET**
- **Dictionary of Real Estate Appraisal**
- **Framing Success**
- **Celebrating 30 Years**
- **Almancat**
- **Discounts for 2022 Now Available**
April 20, 2022 - Chicago
Valuation of Cannabis Facilities & Businesses
This seminar will be approved for 4 hours of real estate appraisal continuing education from Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. Topics will include a panel presentation featuring a review of how the recent legalization of marijuana has affected the real estate industry, market, financing, and regulations, along with the valuation considerations regarding the personal, real and business property of the cannabis industry.

May 12, 2022 - Rockford
Midwest Easement Seminar
Midwest Pipelines Corridor Easements – Aren't They All the Same? is a seminar addressing pipeline and corridor easements and their impacts on property value based upon the substantial number of pipelines and corridors crossing the Midwest.

Golf Save the Date
There has been a date change since the original email. The new date is June 29, 2022
Scholarships

$500 Diversity Scholarship
This scholarship program was developed to encourage and assist Minorities and Women who have shown intent to become a Candidate for Designation of the appraisal Institute or pursue the Appraisal Institutes SRA or MAI, AI-GRS or AI-RRS designations. Application due dates are March 1st or September 1st.
Application

$500 Real Estate Trainee Appraiser Scholarship
This scholarship program was developed to encourage and assist licensed Real Estate Trainee Appraisers who have shown intent to become a Candidate for Designation of the Appraisal Institute. Application due dates are March 1st or September 1st
Application

$500 Crommelin Scholarship
The Crommelin Scholarship is available to Candidates for Designation who belong to the Chicago Chapter of the Appraisal Institute that are pursing either the MAI or SRA designation. Jacques B. Crommelin was a Member of the Appraisal Institute, holding both the MAI and SRA designations. Mr. Crommelin believed in the value of education and had great respect for the education programs provided by the Chicago Chapter after completing his appraisal education in Chicago. The Crommelin Scholarship, funded posthumously, was established to assist in the efforts of the Chicago Chapter in continuing to provide quality education to appraisers and help associates along their designation paths. Application due dates are March 1st or September 1st
Application

$500 Schroeder Scholarship
The Schroeder scholarship program was developed to encourage and assist members of the Chicago Chapter of the Appraisal Institute who are Candidates for the MAI Designation. James J. Schroeder, MAI was a member of the Chicago Chapter who devoted many of his years teaching appraisers. During his tenure, he held numerous committee chair and officer positions including President of the Chicago Chapter in 1979. He also received awards for his excellence such as, the Heritage Award (1997), the Skip Del Campo Award (2000) and the Gregory Opelka Award (2003). The Schroeder Scholarship was developed to honor Mr. Schroeder in continuum. Application due date is March 1st.
Application
Education Schedule

March 2022

General Appraiser Site Valuation & Cost Approach
March 21-24, 2022

2020-2022 7-hr USPAP Update - Peoria
March 21, 2022

Luncheon with Fritz Kaegi
March 24, 2022

2020-2022 7-hr USPAP Update - Champaign
March 28, 2022

April 2022

Advanced Concepts & Case Studies
April 4-9, 2022

2020-2022 7-hr USPAP Update
April 11, 2022

General Appraiser Income Approach/Part 1
April 11-14, 2022

Appraising Condos, Co-ops and PUDs
April 25, 2022

May 2022

Midwest Easement Seminar - Rockford
May 12, 2022
Appraisers In the News

David Lehman, MAI

Mr. Lehman's son, Emery, competed in the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing. Emery won a bronze medal in the Men's Team Pursuit in speed skating.

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF SHERM SIEGEL, MAI

Sherwin Siegel, 78 years old, of Lake Forest passed away on February 4, 2022.
Beloved husband of Mary Schwartz Siegel; devoted father of Marty Siegel, Lisa (Ari) Mintzer, and Brad (Mandy) Siegel; proud grandfather of Ben Mintzer, Elly Siegel, Jacob Mintzer, Evan Mintzer, Brody Siegel and Teddy Siegel; loving brother of Louis (Shelly) Siegel and brother-in-law of Thomas (Barb) Schwartz; son of the late Jack and Belle Siegel and son-in-law of the late Harry and Hildred Schwartz; treasured uncle of many nieces and nephews.

For over 40 years, he founded and ran a commercial real estate appraisal firm, S. Siegel & Associates, Ltd., in Chicago and Deerfield. Sherm, as he was known by friends, had a deep love of the outdoors, fishing, jogging, sports and many rounds of golf as a member of Briarwood Country Club. His incredible sense of humor will be missed by all who loved him.
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
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Region III News

Earlier this year longtime National Board member and CCAI Instructor, Joseph Magdziarz, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS, AI-RRS decided to retire his post and Region III director. CCAI would like to thank Joe Mags for his service to AI, Region III and CCAI. Joe Mags will still be teaching for the chapter.

New Region Director

The Chicago Chapter would like to congratulate, Smedmore Bernard, MAI, on being named to the AI National Board of Directors. Smedmore was a Third Director and on Joe Mags retirement, he was named Region III Vice Chair. He was installed to the AI Board at the February Board meeting.

Region III Nominating Committee – Call to Service

2023 Positions for Consideration
The Region III Nominating Committee seeks qualified individuals for the below listed elected positions.

Positions/Terms:
- National Nominating Committee – 1 year term (2023)
- National Nominating Committee – Alternate – 1 year term (2023)

CLICK HERE (pages 36-37 of the National Bylaws) for the qualifications and duties of the National Nominating Committee Position.

DATES/DEADLINES:
If you wish to be considered for any of above positions, please email your qualifications/resume/bio to Region III Executive Director Jackie Beauchaine at Connecticut_chapter@sbcglobal.net and Chair Steven Stiloski, MAI cpc1@sbcglobal.net by April 8, 2022

Questionnaire will be sent out to all candidates by April 18, 2022