



Iowa Chapter of the Appraisal Institute Chapter Newsletter – May 2018

From the President Tasha K. Gould, MAI

As we head into the third quarter of 2018, let us reflect on a successful year so far. Our USPAP offerings in March were well attended, including some new faces as well as veteran members. Thank you to all who participated and brought a friend/colleague!

In April, the Iowa Chapter was represented in Omaha at the Region II meeting by Jeremy Keller, Bob McGivern and Dane Anderson, the Region II Government Relations representative and myself. The Nebraska Chapter welcomed the various chapters with a well-planned event in Omaha. Stephen Wagner, AI President-Elect presented on topics including Chapter Financial Management and Administration Policy (CFMAP), Governance Structure Project Team (GPST) and that AI is in the process of replacing their association management software (AMS) which will provide an enhanced user experience on the AI website. AI National has 21 chapters in the centralized accounting program (CFMAP) with two more groups of chapters converting this summer. Nebraska is one of the chapters that converted in late 2017. Lori Johnson, MAI Chapter President, said the tools were easy to use, financials are available on demand and that it has freed up their Executive Director to use more of her time on providing member services.

In May two of our own made their way to Washington D.C. to participate in LDAC, Leadership Development and Advisory Council. This year, Karen Olson, MAI joined Jake Folger, SRA in representing the Iowa Chapter. LDAC is a spectacular forum that you should consider attending! There is a position open in 2019, with a three-year commitment to attend each May in 2019-2021. If you're interested, please prepare a short essay on why you'd like to participate and contact Shauna Gehring, Executive Director of the Iowa Chapter.

Planning is underway for our annual Fall seminar, Novemberfest, on November 7th at Confluence Brewery in Des Moines. ISU economist, David Swenson will present on Iowa economic trends. Steve Helm, Dallas County Assessor and Karen Oberman, PAAB board member, are speaking. There is a Q&A session so bring your assessment queries. Jim Rothermich will present on agricultural topics. Special guest Jim Murrett, AI President will provide an overview on AI at the national level.

I encourage each of you to participate and share your thoughts, experience and energy. Our profession needs each and every one of us at the grassroots level. Together, let us be innovative and strive to achieve excellence within our profession.



From the Vice President Jeremy Keller, SRA, AI-RRS

I would like to echo the statements made by our president, and to thank Tasha for the excellent leadership she has been providing our chapter this year. The regional meeting was very enjoyable and educational. We talked about the many things affecting our profession, for this year and into the future. Meetings like this are a fantastic way to have our Chapter's thoughts and ideas heard by the National Board.

Our executive director and I are working hard to finalize the education schedule for next year and are looking into many exciting new classes that AI is just now starting to offer. I encourage all of you to contact Shauna or myself if you have any classes you would like to have us offer, as we would love to hear your suggestions. We are looking to offer a balanced education schedule for both residential and commercial appraisers. Once we have a set of classes in place we will ask the education committee to approve them, then get them out to the chapter.

Shauna and I also worked with the Appraiser Board for the State of Iowa prior to the most recent vote on whether they should approve the new AQB changes. We voiced our opinions and worked on a subcommittee prior to the vote. We are pleased that they approved the change where a four-year college degree is no longer needed.

I hope to see everyone at the remaining educational offerings for this year (dates noted below), most importantly at Novemberfest and the social afterwards. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to help improve your membership in this great organization and chapter!

From the Secretary-Treasurer Jake F. Folger, SRA

I'm happy to *officially* report that we were able to add to our chapter financial reserves this year, thanks to a strong year for continuing education. This also allowed us to avoid raising dues. Thanks goes to the Education Committee for making this a great year!

I'd like to *personally* encourage everyone to take advantage of the offerings the Education Committee has put together. We've had some excellent classes this year, taught by some of the absolute best and brightest minds in the appraisal industry. I have personally come out of each of the past years classes with at least one thing I wanted to immediately improve about my own business. The goal is to continue offering the best and most relevant courses possible. The better our attendance, the better courses we can offer going forward.

We still have a few great opportunities coming up this year. There will be a 7-hour offering in June, early in the month, for anyone still in need of CE's for a June renewal. We have another 7-hour opportunity in Cedar Rapids in September. And don't forget Novemberfest at Confluence Brewery in Des Moines. This is four hours of CE with beer tasting and social networking. If you can only make it to one IA Chapter event this year, Novemberfest is a can't miss!

Remaining Education Opportunities for 2018

Sign up on our Chapter web site - www.aiofiowa.org/Education/

June (\$180)

6th Managing Unusual Appraisal Assignments: Iowa City— 7 HRS: Instructors: Shawn Wilson, MAI / Joni Herndon SRA

7th Managing Unusual Appraisal Assignments: Des Moines— 7 HRS: Instructors: Shawn Wilson, MAI / Joni Herndon SRA

September (\$195)

7th The Discounted Cash Flow Model: Concepts, Issues and Application: Cedar Rapids— 7 HRS Instructor: Doug Potts, MAI, AI-GRS

November (\$120)


9th Novemberfest / Annual Social: Des Moines – 4 HRS

For your convenience, all **state CE approval codes** are available on our chapter website for license renewals. Visit our site at:

<http://www.aiofiowa.org/Education/>

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Learn at your own pace anytime, anywhere.

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Welcome!

New Affiliates:

Zachary Elenz

Kullen Koelker

Matthew Monfils

Clifford Nixon

Andrew Potter

Rick Shafer

Irvin Stumburg

Jennifer Vermillion

Kristina Wellman

Congratulations!

Newly Designated Members:

Dustin Bahnsen, MAI; AI-GRS

Eric Jennings, MAI

David Nelson, MAI

Cory Schultes, SRA

New Candidates for Designation:

Justin Banks

Patrick Bodenhamer

Erica Johnson

Travis Mleynek

David Mouw