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Pittsburgh's Mark Smeltzer Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (June 4, 2014) – Mark V. Smeltzer, SRA, of Pittsburgh, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's June "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region VI.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region VI consists of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C.. Smeltzer is a member of the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Chapter.

"Mark Smeltzer is an exceptional ambassador for the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President Ken P. Wilson, MAI, SRA. "We're proud to be represented by individuals like Mark, who faithfully serve our organization and the real estate valuation profession, as well as their local communities."

Smeltzer has been Pittsburgh Metropolitan Chapter Education chair since 2005. He was alternate regional representative from 2012-13. He served as chapter president in 2004, vice president in 2003, second vice president in 2002, and secretary and treasurer in 2001.

Smeltzer has been director of operations at Ditio, Inc., in Pittsburgh since 2011. He has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 39 years. He holds a master's of business administration from the Katz Graduate School of Business, University of Pittsburgh, and a bachelor's degree in economics and business from Slippery Rock University in Slippery Rock, Pa. He joined the Appraisal Institute in 1987, and received his SRA designation in 1989.

He has coached youth basketball, baseball and soccer, and has participated in the YMCA Indian Guides and Indian Princess programs.

He is married with two adult children.

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