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Mount Pleasant's Pledger M. Bishop III Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Oct. 4, 2017) – Pledger M. “Jody” Bishop III, MAI, SRA, of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, was recognized today as an Appraisal Institute third quarter “Volunteer of Distinction” for Region IX.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation’s largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region IX consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee. Bishop is a member of the South Carolina Chapter.

“Jody Bishop has shown a great commitment to the Appraisal Institute,” said Appraisal Institute President & Acting CEO Jim Amorin, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS. “We are proud to have volunteers like Jody who have dedicated themselves to the advancement of our organization, the valuation profession and their local communities.”

Bishop has served on the South Carolina Chapter Board of Directors since 2015. He previously was member of the Finance Committee from 2015-16; alternate regional representative in 2013 and 2011; member of the Nominating Committee in 2012; chair of the Nominating Committee and chair of the Bylaws Committee in 2011; president in 2010; vice president in 2009, regional representative from 2008-09 and 1999-2000; treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee in 2007; secretary in 2006; chair of the Admissions-Residential Committee, chair of the Admissions-General Committee and member of the Membership Admissions, Development and Retention Committee from 2004-05; and chair of the Public Relations Committee in 2000.

He serves as Region IX chair on the national Board of Directors, chair of the Demonstration of Knowledge Grading Panel and as a member of the Professional Liability Insurance Program Committee. He previously was chair of the Professional Liability Insurance Program Committee in 2016; Region IX vice chair from 2015-16; Region IX regional financial officer from 2013-15; member of the University Relations Panel in 2014; a member of the Board of Directors from 2013-14; on the Admissions and Designation Qualifications Committee from 2009- 12; Leadership Development Advisory Council Conference discussion leader in 2005; alternate discussion leader for LDAC, and member of the General Demonstration Reports Subcommittee in 2004, a position he also held in 2003 and participant in LDAC from 2002-03.

He also has created and presented chapter education offerings, and co-presented a national webinar. Bishop joined a predecessor organization of the Appraisal Institute in 1986, received his SRA designation in 1989 and his MAI designation in 1994.

Bishop received the Appraisal Institute President's Award in 2017.

He has been senior managing partner at Valbridge Property Advisors in Mount Pleasant since 1995, and has been in the valuation profession for 35 years. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

Bishop is a volunteer at the IBEAM Reader Program at local elementary schools, and is a deacon and elder at the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church where he also has taught youth and adult Sunday school and served as a youth leader. He was a member of the Mount Pleasant Rotary, a trainer for a local soccer club and for 27 years was a high school football official..

Bishop and his wife, Tracy, have three children; Nora, Grace and Mason.

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