



Volunteers of Distinction

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Sarasota's Wesley R. Sanders Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Oct. 4, 2017) – Wesley R. Sanders, MAI, AI-GRS, of Sarasota, Florida, was recognized today as an Appraisal Institute third quarter "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region X.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region X consists of Florida and Puerto Rico. Sanders is a member of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter.

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

Sanders serves the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter as vice president, State Government Relations Committee chair, a position he's held since 2016, as well as regional representative, a position he has held since 2016. He previously was secretary in 2016, as well as and chair of the Government Relations Committee, a position he also held from 2013-15; treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee in 2015; alternate regional representative from 2013-15; a participant in the Leadership Development and Advisory Council Conference in 2013, as well as 2012 and 2011; on the Board of Directors from 2012-14; and on the Education Committee in 2011.

Additionally, Sanders helped advocate for, and secure inclusion of, improvements to Florida's state appraiser licensing law.

He joined the Appraisal Institute in 2004, received his MAI designation in 2011 and his AI-GRS designation in 2015.

He has been managing principal at National Appraisal Group, LLC, in St. Petersburg, Florida, since 2012, and has been in the valuation profession for 14 years. He received his bachelor's degree in economics from Texas A&M in College Station, Texas, as well as associate's degree in English and business from Blinn College in Brenham, Texas.

Among his community activities, Sanders volunteered at the Bradenton Salvation Army, and as a SCUBA specialty instructor.

Sanders is married to Brittney Sanders.

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