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Roanoke's James Leonard Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (April 8, 2015) – James Leonard, SRA, AI-RRS, of Roanoke, Virginia, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's April "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region V.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region V consists of Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia. Leonard is a member of the Virginia Commonwealth Chapter.

"James Leonard is an outstanding representative of the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President M. Lance Coyle, MAI, SRA. "We are fortunate to work with dedicated volunteers like James, who devote their time and energy to advancing the real estate valuation profession in their communities."

Leonard has served as education chair of the Virginia Commonwealth Chapter since 2013, a position he previously held from 2010-11. He was the chapter's alternate regional representative in 2012, and sat on the chapter's Board of Directors from 2011-13. He joined the Appraisal Institute in 2004, received his SRA designation in 2012 and his AI-RRS designation in 2014.

Leonard is the owner of Appraisal Services of Virginia in Roanoke. He has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 16 years.

Leonard volunteers with the Boy Scouts of America, and is a youth wrestling coach. He and his wife, Robin, have four children.

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