



## Volunteers of Distinction

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### **Royal Oak's Howard Babcock Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (May 3, 2017) – Howard A. Babcock, SRA, of Royal Oak, Michigan, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's May "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region III.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region III consists of Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin. Babcock is a member of the Great Lakes Chapter.

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

Babcock has served the Great Lakes Chapter as alternate regional representative in 2006; regional representative from 1999-2000 and in 1994-95; and president 1994 and 1991. He was the recipient of the chapter's Connie A. Vickory Award for Distinguished Service in 2002. He served on the national Leadership Development and Nomination Committee from 2005-07; was a member of the National Nominating Committee Alternates in 2004; and a member of the National Nominating Committee in 2003. Babcock served on Board of Directors as chair of Region III in 2002; vice chair in 2001; and director from 2000-02 and 1996. He was chair of Region III on the National Committee for Regional Chairs in 2002; and served as liaison of the Leadership and Advisory Council to the Board of Directors from 2000-01; a member of the Residential Appraiser Board Experience Subcommittee from 1993-95; and a member of the National Subcommittee of Experience Credits from 1991-95.

He joined a predecessor organization of the Appraisal Institute in 1983, and received his SRA designation in 1984.

Babcock has been the president of Howard A. Babcock & Associates, located in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, since 1977, and has been in the valuation profession for 40 years. He received a bachelor's degree from Ferris State University, located in Big Rapids, Michigan.

His volunteer activities have included fundraising for the MDA Lockup.

Babcock and his wife, Cindy, have two sons and four grandchildren.

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