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Oak Park's Thomas Rodgers Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (Jan. 6, 2016) –Thomas Rodgers, MAI, SRA, of Oak Park, Illinois, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's January "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. Rodgers is a member of the Chicago Chapter.

"Thomas Rodgers is an outstanding example of the high standards held by Appraisal Institute professionals," said Appraisal Institute President Scott Robinson, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS. "We feel fortunate to have volunteers like Thomas, who are willing to devote their time and talent to helping their communities and advancing the valuation profession."

Rodgers was a member of the national Publications Review Panel in 2004. He has written multiple articles on valuation for *The Appraisal Journal*, one of which won a manuscript competition. Rodgers has organized several seminars for AI's Chicago Chapter. Rodgers received his SRA designation in 1982, and his MAI designation in 1988.

He was a board member of Illinois Coalition of Appraisal Professionals from 2009-14, in addition to serving a term in the 1990s.

Rodgers is president of Altgeld Appraisal, Ltd., located in Oak Park, and has worked in the valuation profession for nearly 40 years. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago.

His volunteer experience includes serving for more than 25 years as a docent with the Chicago Architecture Foundation.

Rodgers and his wife, Jessica Tovrov, have two children.

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