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## **Orlando's Ryan Zink Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (March 9, 2011) – Ryan L. Zink, MAI, of Orlando, Fla., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's March "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. Zink is a member of the East Florida Chapter.

"Ryan Zink is an example of the outstanding individuals who belong to the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President Joseph C. Magdziarz, MAI, SRA. "We're proud of the contributions Ryan and all our members make to our organization, to the real estate valuation profession and to the communities where they work and live."

A member of the Appraisal Institute since 1999, Zink has served the Appraisal Institute's East Florida Chapter as Associate member representative (2005), public relations chair (2006-10) and member of the chapter's Board of Directors (2009-11), and he attended AI's Leadership Development & Advisory Council conference in 2006 and 2007. He has been chair and moderator of the Appraisal Institute's expert appraiser panel at the University of Central Florida since 2009 and this year is a panel member for the Central Florida Real Estate Valuation Forum, which will include 19 panel speakers and is approved for state and AI continuing education credit. He also participated in university relations by building AI's relationship with the University of Central Florida's real estate program, serving at a job fair and panel.

Zink has worked in the real estate valuation profession for 14 years. His work on behalf of the Appraisal Institute's East Florida Chapter with the University of Central Florida real estate program has resulted in an expert appraiser panel presentation each year to current real estate students, as well as providing a job fair and assisting in the job placement of UCF graduates to local appraisal companies. In 2009, the program was attended by 65 real estate students, and in 2010 the program was presented to more than 120 students.

Zink's community service includes participation on the AMCAR Community Service Committee (1998-2001). He has served as treasurer for local Habitat for Humanity (1998-2001), vice president of Parkview at Wekiva HOA (2002-05), gopher tortoise mitigation area manager at Rock Springs Ridge HOA (2006-08), expert panel member for the South Florida Water Management District (2008), basketball coach for a youth team (2009-present) and PTA member at Wolf Lake Elementary (2009-present).

Zink, 40, is managing director-Orlando for Grubb & Ellis Landauer Valuation Advisory Services. He earned his bachelor's degree in finance-real estate from Indiana University in 1995. He and his wife, Amy R. Zink, have two daughters: Zoe, 7, and Riley, 5.

To learn more about the Appraisal Institute's "Volunteer of Distinction" member recognition program, go to <http://www.appraisalinstitute.org/membership/VolunteerOfDistinction.aspx>.

*The Appraisal Institute is a global membership association of professional real estate appraisers, with more than 24,000 members and 91 chapters throughout the world. Its mission is to advance professionalism and ethics, global standards, methodologies, and practices through the professional development of property economics worldwide. Organized in 1932, the Appraisal Institute advocates equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in the appraisal profession and conducts its activities in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws. Members of the Appraisal Institute benefit from an array of professional education and advocacy programs, and may hold the prestigious MAI, SRPA and SRA designations. Learn more at [www.appraisalinstitute.org](http://www.appraisalinstitute.org).*

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