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## **Portsmouth's William W. Whitley Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (Dec. 9, 2015) – William W. Whitley, MAI, SRA, of Portsmouth, Virginia, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's December "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. Whitley is a member of the Hampton Roads Chapter.

"William Whitley 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 Billy, who devote their time and energy to advancing the real estate valuation profession in their communities."

Whitley serves the Hampton Roads Chapter as vice president, regional representative and Candidate Guidance Committee chair. He was the chapter's Government Relations Committee chair and alternate regional representative in 2014 and secretary from 2013-14. He also was a participant in the national Leadership Development and Advisory Council from 2011-13. Whitley received his SRA designation in 2010, and his MAI designation in 2014.

He serves as an advisor for two candidates for designation.

Whitley is the president of the Appraisers of Real Estate, Inc., in Portsmouth. He has worked in the valuation profession for more than 20 years. Whitley received an associate's degree in economics and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Strayer University in Herndon, Virginia.

His volunteer experience includes being a youth leader at the Harvest Assembly of God, serving as an amateur radio operator for the Polar Plunge charity event in Virginia Beach, Virginia and participating in the Walk for Life.

Whitley and his wife, Shelia, have two daughters and a son.

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