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## **Laguna Beach's Robert E. Dietrich Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'**

CHICAGO (July 5, 2012) – Robert E. Dietrich, MAI, of Laguna Beach, Calif., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's July "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region VII.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region VII consists of Arizona, Hawaii, Southern California, Southern Nevada and Guam. Dietrich is a member of the Southern California Chapter.

"Robert E. Dietrich is an excellent ambassador for the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President Sara W. Stephens, MAI. "We're privileged to have members like Robert who actively contribute to the real estate valuation profession and to their local communities every day."

Dietrich serves on the Appraisal Institute Board of Directors (2008, 2010-12), and served as Region VII vice chair 2009-10. He serves as treasurer of the Southern California Chapter (since 2011) and as Finance Committee chair. He served as Education Committee chair of the chapter in 2009, and as a member of the Appraisal Institute's Leadership Development and Advisory Council from 2006-08. He also has held various leadership positions with the Arizona Chapter, and chaired or co-chaired summits and panels for both the Southern California and Arizona chapters. He became a member of the Appraisal Institute in 1974 and received his MAI designation in 1978.

He is a director with Navigant Consulting, Inc. in Irvine, Calif., and has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 38 years.

Dietrich has been an instructor with the Appraisal Institute, as well as a presenter at New York University, the San Bernardino Estate Planning Council, the University of Arizona and the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. He has had articles published in various valuation and business magazines.

He has served on multiple boards of directors, including that of Rotary International; Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Ana, Calif., and Tucson, Ariz.; Catalina Council of Boy Scouts; Pima Air Museum; Laguna Beach Art Museum; California Choreographers; Festival of Arts and Pageant of the Masters of Laguna Beach; Southern California Chapter of the Certified Commercial Investment Member Institute; North Laguna Community Association and various chambers of commerce.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona in Tucson.

He is married to Linda Dietrich; they have two children and five grandchildren.

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