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Kansas City's Marian Fields Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (June 4, 2014) – Marian Fields, MAI, SRA, of Kansas City, Mo., was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's June "Volunteer of Distinction" for Region II.

The Appraisal Institute is the nation's largest professional association of real estate appraisers; Region II consists of Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming, as well as Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Canada. Fields is a member of the Kansas City Chapter.

"Marian Fields is an exceptional ambassador for the Appraisal Institute," said Appraisal Institute President Ken P. Wilson, MAI, SRA. "We're proud to be represented by individuals like Marian, who faithfully serve our organization and the real estate valuation profession, as well as their local communities."

Fields served as the Kansas City Chapter's Candidate Guidance Committee chair in 2013; Associate Guidance chair, Admissions chair and Associate Member chair in 2012; Nominating Committee chair in 2011; and regional representative in 2009. She was chapter president in 2008, vice president in 2007 and treasurer in 2006. She has also served on several chapter committees.

Fields has been regional real estate appraiser at U.S. General Services Administration, in Kansas City since 2009. She has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 35 years. She holds a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Park College in Parkville, Mo. She joined the Appraisal Institute in 1979, and received her SRA designation in 1979 and her MAI designation in 2009.

She has been involved with Habitat for humanity since 1999. She served on the Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors from 2004-12, and was president from 2009-10, earning the Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity Dream Maker Award in 2011. She was on the Kansas City Women's Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors from 1981-85 and was president in 1984. She is active in St. Mark's Catholic Church Bell Choir, the Community Blood Center Century Club, and has been involved in several other community organizations over the years.

She comes from a large family and is aunt to several nieces and nephews.

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