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Safety Harbor's Michael McKinley Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (May 7, 2014) – Michael R. McKinley, SRA, of Safety Harbor, Florida, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's May "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, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. McKinley is a member of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter.

"Michael McKinley 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 Michael, who faithfully serve our organization and the real estate valuation profession, as well as their local communities."

McKinley was West Coast Florida Chapter president in 1998, vice president in 1997, secretary in 1996 and treasurer in 1995. He was a member of AI's Young Advisory Council from 1993-94 and has served on a number of chapter committees.

McKinley has been appraiser 2 - condominiums at Pinellas County (Florida) Property Appraiser's Office since 2011 and began with the company in 2010. He has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 29 years. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida, and a master's degree from the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida. He joined the Appraisal Institute and received his SRA designation in 1988.

He is a member of Heritage United Methodist Church in Safety Harbor and volunteers on several committees. He has served a variety of community organizations.

He is married and has two sons.

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