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Aliso Viejo's Thomas Neeson Honored as Appraisal Institute's 'Volunteer of Distinction'

CHICAGO (May 7, 2014) – Thomas F. Neeson, MAI, of Aliso Viejo, California, was recognized today as the Appraisal Institute's May "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 and southern Nevada. Neeson is a member of the Southern California Chapter.

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

Neeson was Southern California Chapter Nominating Committee chair in 2013. He was president in 2012, vice president in 2011, treasurer in 2010 and secretary in 2009. He served as Region VII representative from 2006-09 and 2011-12, and was on AI's Leadership Development & Advisory Council in 2008, as well as a variety of chapter committees.

Neeson has been principal at Neeson Valuations since 1998. He has been involved in the real estate valuation profession for 29 years. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from San Diego State University, and an MBA from Chapman University in Orange, California. He joined the Appraisal Institute in 1990 and received his MAI designation in 1998.

He is a volunteer youth basketball coach for both the Harbor Area and Irvine, California, Boys and Girls Clubs.

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