

Dear Chapter Members,

We're off to a strong start in 2025, and I want to thank everyone who participated in our recent Advanced Concepts & Case Studies course taught by Rick Carlile. The turnout was excellent with 23 students locally and across the country. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. It is a reminder that when we bring high-quality education to our region, our local members show up ready to engage, and for out-of-towners, St. Louis is a great place to visit! Courses like this not



only sharpen our skills but also reinforce the value of learning alongside peers who are serious about the profession.

Locally, we're working to strengthen the chapter and expand involvement. The Greater St. Louis Chapter is currently <u>looking for volunteers</u> to help lead that effort. Open roles include Secretary (an Officer position), Directors, a potential partial-term Director (to fill a vacancy if one of our current Directors moves into an Officer role), Committee Chairs, and Committee Members. Per Regulation 8, Designated Members, Candidates for Designation, and Associate Members are eligible to serve in any of these positions. If you've ever thought about getting more involved, now is the time. The work isn't overwhelming, and it gives you a real voice in the direction of our chapter and profession. <u>Applications are due by end of day Thursday, May 1</u>.

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Our first social event of the year is coming up soon. <u>Join us on Tuesday, April 15, at Top Golf in Chesterfield for a chapter membership meeting</u> and a relaxed chance to reconnect with your peers. The event kicks off at 5:00 PM. It's \$25 to attend, and it'll be a good time—no presentations, just networking and a little friendly competition. You can register through the Appraisal Institute website or reach out to Sarah Walsh with questions.

We also have a strong slate of education offerings ahead with the <u>General Appraiser Sales</u> <u>Comparison Approach</u> course on May 5, followed by the <u>Impact of Short-Term Rentals on Real Property Valuation</u> on May 23. Then on June 18, we'll host a virtual offering of Protecting Yourself, Volumes 1 and 2, along with our next chapter membership meeting. These programs are a good opportunity to stay sharp, fulfill licensing requirements, and continue building your skill set.

This chapter strengthens when people step up, stay involved, and keep learning. Whether that means volunteering, attending a course, or showing up to a social event, I encourage you to plug in. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have feedback, questions, or concerns. I appreciate your commitment to the profession, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

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