



Dear Members,

As summer turns to fall, it's hard not to appreciate the change of seasons here in the Pacific Northwest. Cooler mornings, changing leaves, and most importantly for those of us with kids, finally getting them out of the house and back into school. It's also the time when our Chapter shifts into our busiest and most exciting season, with multiple upcoming opportunities to connect, learn, and continue growing together as professionals. I hope you'll take advantage of everything we have planned over the next few months.

We hosted the Fall Chapter meeting at the beautiful Inglewood Country Club in Kenmore earlier this month and were pleased to welcome **Scott Dibiasio**, Appraisal Institute Director of Government Affairs. More on that is covered in the Chapter News section of this newsletter. Be sure to check out some great photos from the evening there as well.

Our Chapter's keynote event, the 20th installment of the **Annual Fall Conference** is right around the corner on October 20th. Reaching twenty years is an incredible milestone worth celebrating, and it's a testament to the dedication of our volunteers, sponsors, presenters, and members who have made this conference the premier educational event for appraisers throughout the region. Whether you've attended every conference or this will be your first, I encourage you to join us for outstanding education, valuable networking, and the chance to connect with colleagues from across the industry.

As our profession continues to evolve, so do the tools available to help us serve our clients more effectively. That's why I'm excited that **Justin Gohn, MAI**, keynote speaker from the 2025 Fall Conference will be joining us on November 18th to teach, **From Chatbots to Agentic AI: Artificial Intelligence for Seattle Valuation Professional**. AI is becoming an increasingly important topic in valuation, and understanding both its opportunities and limitations will be essential for appraisers moving forward. This course will provide practical insights into how AI can enhance our work while reinforcing the critical role that professional judgment and experience continue to play in the appraisal process.

Finally, thank you for your continued support of the Seattle Chapter of the Appraisal Institute. Your participation in our events, educational programs, and volunteer efforts is what makes this Chapter such a strong and vibrant professional community. If you are able, consider supporting as a Friend of the Conference (more on that below).

I look forward to seeing many of you this fall at the conference, in class, and at our other Chapter events as the year wraps up.

Sincerely,

Bob Hartner, MAI
Board President

Upcoming Courses & Events

Join us for the 20th Anniversary of our Fall Conference on October 20th



THE COUNTDOWN IS ON!

2026 FALL CONFERENCE
SHAPING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

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10.20.26
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CELEBRATING
20
YEARS

The graphic features a festive design with a blue and green ribbon, stars, and a large '20' with 'CELEBRATING' and 'YEARS' integrated into it. The text is in various colors (blue, green, white) and fonts, creating a celebratory feel.

We're gearing up for seven hours of a fantastic line-up with the best speakers and industry experts in commercial and residential appraisal that you don't want to miss!

Join us for updates on changes in our profession, the latest market updates on everything from commercial offices, multi-family, industrial, retail, and legal case studies, and content for residential appraisers with a builder panel, sessions on property tax appeals, middle housing site valuation, technology and artificial intelligence, and so much more.

PLUS, we're featuring an update directly from the GSE's, and after last week's update, we know residential appraisers have questions, so don't miss this conference.

Sessions will be packed with expert insight and comments from the best of the best!

Click here more information on sessions and everything you need to know on our Fall Conference page:

Info and Registration

Are you ready?! Registration Deadline: 10.14.26

We invite you to join your fellow chapter members as a **Friend of the Conference**.

Your support of \$150 will help us make the 20th Anniversary of our Fall Conference the best one yet. Click or scan below to make your payment online.

Yes! I'm a Friend of the Conference



Thanks for your support!

What else is on our Chapter's calendar?

This Thursday, 10/8, we're co-hosting our first ever USPAP Update course in collaboration with another chapter.

If you need to get that course in, this is a great opportunity to join synchronously and hear from instructor, Charles H. Fisher, SRA.

Click the button below to learn more.

2026-27 7-HR NATIONAL USPAP® UPDATE

OCT 8, 2026 | 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM



Instructor: Charles H. Fisher, SRA



Synchronous learning



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ADVANCED COURSE

**FROM CHATBOTS TO AGENTIC
AI: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
FOR SEATTLE VALUATION
PROFESSIONALS**



JUSTIN GOHN, MAI, SRA

**NOV 18, 2026 | 9 AM - 12 PM
ZOOM LIVESTREAM**

Artificial Intelligence has moved from a curiosity to a daily working tool in real estate valuation, and the obligations that come with that shift now reach every appraiser regardless of practice area or geography.

By popular demand, we're welcoming Justin Gohn, MAI, SRA back to Seattle for a seminar that will provide attendees with a working command of both sides of that shift: the rules and the tools.

The goal of the course is for every attendee to leave with a clear, technically grounded understanding of how to adopt AI in their practice in a way that respects USPAP, anticipates the legal scrutiny that is coming, and produces measurably better and faster valuation work.

Click the button below to learn more.

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And for more course offerings and events, visit our website:

All Courses & Events



Did you know we started a Scholarship Fund?

Funds are utilized for university outreach efforts and to help students from our region to further their knowledge and support their learning.

We invite you to help us continue this momentum and invest in the future of the appraising profession by supporting the scholarship fund, in benefit of more students who are pursuing careers in the valuation profession.

CLICK HERE or scan the QR code if you'd like to contribute. Any amount is welcome and greatly appreciated.



In Case You Missed It...

Over the summer, we announced our Chapter's 2027 Leadership team:

2027 LEADERSHIP

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Term ends: 12/31/2027



Albert Smith
Term ends: 12/31/2028

We'd like to extend our thanks to these outstanding professionals who readily share their time, insight, and expertise in their commitment to working together to lead our organization into the future. Looking forward to the future with great excitement and hope for what lies ahead!

September Chapter Meeting

We had a great Chapter Meeting at the Inglewood Golf Club last month. It was great to hear from Scott Dibiasio, who spoke about the 21st Century Road to Housing Act, and the executive order "promoting Access to Mortgage Credit". You can find more information about that and what's happening at the national level [on this page](#).

**THANKS TO EVERYONE
WHO JOINED OUR
SEPTEMBER CHAPTER
MEETING!**



Inglewood Golf Club | September 22, 2026

AI National News & Education

2027 Annual Conference Announced

The Annual Conference will be held in New Orleans, LA next April 26-28 and you can sign up to receive updates by clicking below.

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Countdown to UAS 3.6: Will You Be Ready?

Although there have been some recent developments with UAD 3.6, the transition is coming and it represents the most significant change to residential appraisal reporting in decades. We're featuring guest subject matter experts, live demonstrations, and practical tools that you can apply immediately. Through December 19th, 2026, new sessions drop monthly and will be recorded.

Click below for more information.



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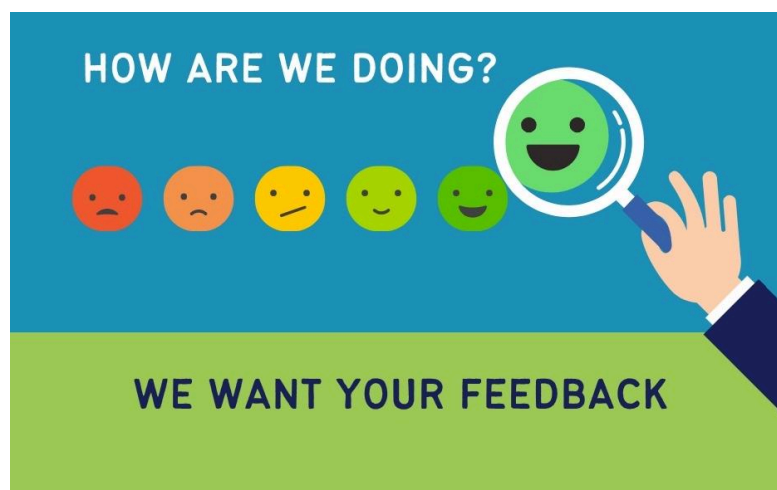
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