

Seattle Chapter of The Appraisal Institute

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President's Message

By Diane Hayes, SRA

I hope this message finds you well. As we begin another year, I am honored to serve as the president of the Seattle Chapter. We have several social events, chapter meetings, and in-person education offerings this year.

There will be two lunch and learns that will combine a chapter meeting with 2 hours of CE. The first one is on April 17 and will be in downtown Seattle at CBRE (1420 5th Ave). David Osaki from the Department of Commerce will speak on middle housing and accessory dwelling units. I am hoping to have another speaker join him from the Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development who can provide a perspective on what type of land use growth alternatives Seattle is considering and how the middle housing and ADU laws fit into those growth scenarios. The second lunch will be on September 11th at Inglewood Golf Course (topic TBD).

Several other educational offerings are coming up. Appraiser as an Expert Witness is on March 11 and Advanced Income Capitalization is the week of June 17. Both courses are qualifying education for those seeking their designations. The Appraisers Coalition of Washington (ACOW) will have its annual conference on May 16 and 17 at the SeaTac Airport Conference Center. Early registration for this event starts on March 1. All day All Residential will be in August. The Fall Conference will be on October 25 at the Seattle Sheraton. We have two residential roundtable events planned, one will be at McMenamins in Bothell (April/May) and the other in Olympia (late summer or fall). These are free events that all are welcome. Talk shop, discuss appraisal issues, and network with your fellow appraisers. Keep an eye out for the dates. There are still opportunities to become involved with the local chapter. David Hunnicutt is the chair of the nominating committee and is seeking nominations for several positions including Directors and Regional Representatives. Please reach out to me or David if you are interested in becoming involved.



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2024 Chapter President



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Day on the Hill

On Jan 25th, a dozen members of the Appraisal Institute and the Appraisers' Coalition met in with our lobbyist Tony Sermonti in Olympia for a group discussion on legislative issues including the new zoning bills and how we should work together to solve relevant appraisal issues. He also talked about how legislation works and encouraged us to meet with our representatives when they are not in session so we can get to know them and help them understand the appraisal issues we are faced with. Scott DiBiaso, Manager, State & Industry Affairs, AI, also joined us and provided perspective from a national level.



We met with several of our State Legislators including Rep Craig Cheney and Rep April Berg, who are sponsoring our Statute of Limitations Bill and we had a one-on-one with Lt Governor Denny Heck where we discussed the state of the housing market.

It was exciting to be in the halls of the Capitol Building meeting with representatives as they “came off the floor” and thanking them for taking an interest in our profession. Bill Clarke, lobbyist for the Realtors Association, and Chester Baldwin, lobbyist for the Rental Housing Association, also stopped by over lunch to chat with us.

The event was so successful that we will likely offer it on an annual basis. Hope to see you there next year.

Kathy Walsh & Diane Hayes



Request Your New Designation Emblem Pin or Charm

Chapter Executive Directors and Presidents,

We have received questions from chapters regarding the availability of new designation pins/charms so we would like to provide you with an update on this topic. The following information will be included in the December President's Message email that is being sent to AI Professionals today, Dec. 28:

Request Your New Designation Emblem Pin or Charm

As I mentioned in my November message, the Appraisal Institute Board of Directors during its Q4 meeting approved an organization brand promotion and awareness plan in which all dues-paying Designated Members will have the opportunity to receive a new designation emblem pin or charm that reflects the AI brand redesign. The pins and charms will be available, at no cost to you, through March 31, 2024. To obtain your pin or charm please log in to your AI Account where you will see a link reading "Click Here to Request Your New Designation Emblem Pin or Charm." This link will allow you to make your selection. We are excited to be able to offer a new pin/charm to our Designated Members!

An email on this subject is also currently scheduled to be sent to all dues-paying Designated Members on Jan. 5. Chapter ED's will be included on that message.

Lastly, here are some helpful FAQ's on this process:

Q: What is the designation emblem charm?

A: We are now offering both the traditional lapel pin as well as a charm suitable to be worn on a necklace (chain not included).

Q: How long will it take to receive my pin/charm?

A: Please allow approximately 6 weeks for the vendor to complete the order. Pins/charms will be shipped via FedEx.

Q: If I served as a chapter president or AI board member, will I receive the pin/charm signifying those positions?

A: Yes, on the pin request form it will indicate whether you will receive a chapter president or AI board member pin.

Q: If I would like to obtain additional pins/charms can I do so?

A: Following this no-cost period through March 31, 2024, additional/replacement pins will be available for purchase.

Q: Do I have to request and/or wear the new pin?

A: You do not need to request a new pin and you may continue to wear the pin you received when you were designated.

Q: Who can I contact if I have additional questions?

A: Please contact the AI Service Center at aiservice@appraisalinstitute.org or 888-756-4624.

Scott Bordy, CAE, IOM
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Upcoming Events

Mar 11-12

THE APPRAISER AS AN EXPERT WITNESS: PREPARATION AND TESTIMONY

Location:

**Seattle Airport
Conference Center
7801 International Blvd,
SeaTac, WA 98158**

Apr 17

Chapter Meeting

Location:

**1420 Fifth Avenue,
4th Floor Conference Room
Seattle, WA 98101**

Jun 17-21

Advanced Income Capitalization

Location:

**1420 Fifth Avenue,
4th Floor Conference Room
Seattle, WA 98101**

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