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President's Report



Luther H. "Skip" Ogle, SRA

Our chapter has had a challenging year. Just like most households and businesses, our board has had to take a hard look at our financial health and make budget cuts where possible. I am glad to report our chapter is in good financial health for 2010 and going forward into 2011. I want to thank our treasurer Kyle Estle, MAI, for all his work on our financials and the budget.

Our education offerings have been successful for the first half of this year and we feel confident our scheduled classes will do well. I would like to thank our education chair, Dave Hurst, MAI, for an excellent job this year. Dave's education report will follow.

The chapter associate members have elected Nicole Atherton as their representative to our board and to Region VII. She will represent and report to associate members, the issues that will be important to you. I want to thank Nicole for volunteering for this position. I also want to thank Steve Magar, SRA and Kent Snelling, SRA for their hard work on the chapter election and notifications.

A special thanks to Mike Burger, MAI, for his input and insight on board issues and for the use of his office for our board meetings.

I want to thank Gary Crabtree, SRA for accepting the chapter government relations chair position. Gary is our Region VII Government Relations Chair as well; he is working at the state and federal level, with legislators on issues affecting the appraisal profession.

In closing, I would like to remind our members that the Appraisal Institute has been and will continue to work toward our profession's and the consumer's best interest, with state and federal legislators. The Appraisal Institute has been successful in negotiation of reasonable agreements affecting appraisers. So please remember this, as you work in your daily appraisal practice. I encourage you to take an interest and get involved in this process; it's your future that is at stake.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have, at [skip@skipogle.com](mailto:skip@skipogle.com).

## **Education Report**

David E. Hurst, MAI  
Education Chair

Compared to previous years, the Chapter has reduced our educational offerings. Our first 2010 course was a 7 Hour USPAP update, taught by Mike Mason, MAI, SRA on April 30<sup>th</sup>, in Bakersfield. We are in the process of scheduling residential appraisal seminars in Paso Robles and Bakersfield for later this year.

Already on the calendar are the Appraisal Curriculum Overview courses. Please see the announcement section of this newsletter. This course is required continuing education for all designated members that have their education cycle expire in 2011 or later. Associate Members will also have a strong interest in this class (see BIG NEWS below).

There are two items of BIG NEWS on the education front.

First, all practicing Associates will be required to complete 70 hours of continuing education every five years. This is a result of Appraisal Institute Board of Directors amendments to [Regulation 10: Continuing Education](#). The 70 hours must include the "Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice" (7- or 15-hour course), "Business Practices and Ethics" and the "Appraisal Curriculum Overview" requirement. Associate member CE cycles begin July, 2010.

The second item of BIG NEWS is that AI is allowing alternative methods of meeting the CE requirement, instead of just attending classes. Up to 10 hours of CE can be obtained for "Service to the Real Estate Profession". Up to 25 hours of CE can be earned for service to the Appraisal Institute. Up to 70 hours may be obtained by instructing AI courses. Also, many courses and seminars are now eligible for [1.25 Advanced Hours](#) of CE credit per hour of class time. Additionally, AI will now allow all CE requirements to be completed online.

**PLEASE NOTE:** In some cases, the Admissions & Designation Qualifications Committee may need to approve hours for service. Members that choose to take non-Appraisal Institute courses may reference the [Appraisal Institute Creditable Topics list](#) to ensure the program will be accepted for Appraisal Institute CE credit.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, contact me at [davehurstjr@hotmail.com](mailto:davehurstjr@hotmail.com)

## **Government Relations Report**

Gary Crabtree, SRA  
Government Relations Chair

The House Conference Committee passed much of our appraiser reform package, including the "customary and reasonable" fee clause. If enacted into law, this would require all federally related transaction appraisers to be paid a "customary and reasonable" fee as defined as being established by "independent surveys" such as Ala Mode's which currently pegs the C&R fee for Bakersfield at \$400; or by federal agencies such as the VA which currently pegs the C&R fee for California at \$450; or by "university studies".

The new bill "sunsets" HVCC as we know it, but all it does is take the issue from Freddie, Fannie and Cuomo and give "big chunks" of it to other federal agencies to enforce.

We lost out on the requirement that review appraisers be licensed. The treasury department thought that this would create a shortage of review appraisers. So, our appraisals will continue to be reviewed by unlicensed reviewers from all over the world.

BPO's and AVM's are addressed but without much meaningful regulation, so in order to survive appraisers may have to turn to alternative valuation products such as CVR's and AAARM's.

In the end, the Appraisal Institute has been key in the implementation of "appraisal reform" which will impact our members and non-members alike but we have failed to strengthen our designations through any of the legislation that is under consideration. On a positive note, we have been able to obtain recognition of our designations through new IRS rulings but if you don't perform assignments that have the IRS as a potential user, there is no benefit.

We continue to fight the good fight, in hopes to impact the future of our profession.

## Announcements

### Chapter Elections

The following were elected at the May 13, 2010 General Membership Meeting to serve in 2011.

President:	David Hurst, MAI
Vice President & Treasurer:	Kyle Estle, MAI
Secretary:	Kent Snelling, SRA
Associate Board member & Associate Member Committee Chair:	Nicole Atherton
Board Member:	David Bonderov

### Appraisal Curriculum Overview Course

**Practicing SRA, RM Designated members must take this course**

Appraisal Curriculum Overview (1-day Residential)

Instructor: Gary S. DeWeese, MAI

October 21, 2010

Bakersfield, CA

[REGISTER HERE](#)

**Practicing MAI, SRPA, SREA Designated members must take this course. SRA, RM members welcome to attend**

Appraisal Curriculum Overview (2-day General)

Instructor: Gary S. DeWeese, MAI

October 21 - 22, 2010

Bakersfield, CA

[REGISTER HERE](#)

### AI Link to Online Education

To view Additional Appraisal Institute online seminars and courses, visit [Online education](#)

### Interesting Statistics:

Current California license numbers as of 4-23-2010:

	<u>4/16/10</u>	<u>1-1-09</u>	<u>1-1-08</u>	<u>1-1-07</u>
AG	3,485	3,539	3,439	3,328
AR	6,497	6,187	5,477	4,654
AL	3,204	4,504	5,343	5,627
AT	1,722	3,417	5,304	6,556

(Source: Greg Whittlesey, Government Relations Committee Chair, Southern California Chapter)