



Arkansas Appraiser



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2021 PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

AI Conference 2021 : Rising to the Challenge – A Recap

As your chapter president, I had the privilege earlier this month of attending the Region 9 in person 3rd quarter meeting and National AI Conference in Orlando. Also in attendance from the Arkansas Chapter was J.T. Ferstl, MAI, our Region 9 Chair. From a region leader perspective, I had the benefit of hearing about challenges and successes from our national staff over the past year and a half during which we have been unable to be face to face due to the ongoing pandemic. President Rodman Schley, MAI, SRA, as well as Immediate Past President, Jefferson Sherman, MAI, AI-GRS have done an outstanding job navigating our professional organization through some very challenging times. Region 9 successfully met during our breakout session, dealing with necessary region business, receiving updates from each chapter leader, and participating in robust discussion concerning pending national elections and the election process. All in all I am, as usual, so honored to be part of the outstanding leadership that I see in Region 9.



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2021 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – CONTINUED



The National Conference kicked off with an incredible keynote speaker, Scott Halford, CSP, CPAE, who spoke on neuroscience issues related to maximizing brain health and processing as we age. I look forward to reading his book, which was a bonus gift to all conference attendees. Our national staff gave several updates regarding the state of the AI, government relations, the body of knowledge, and the AI Education and Relief Foundation. All indications are that the Appraisal Institute continues to passionately advocate for valuation professionals in the media, among appraisers, and at our National and State capitols. The provided breakout education sessions that I attended were well presented and extremely useful to my professional development as an appraiser and business owner. If you have never attended the National Conference, I encourage you to consider doing so in the future! I so appreciate the opportunities that the Arkansas Chapter has afforded me in this area.

Finally, the highlight of the National Conference for me was the moment when our own Sara Stephens, MAI, AI-GRS, was awarded the 2021 Women's Initiative SPOTLIGHT Award! Sara (pictured right) was unable to attend and receive her award in person but received incredible applause and accolades in her absence as the award was given. I personally was overjoyed to see this well-deserved award given to my dear friend and mentor.



AI is Rising to the Challenge in every area, and the Arkansas Chapter is following suit! Stay tuned for more details concerning our upcoming first in person meeting in over a year, which will be our 3rd quarter member meeting.

-Angela Hartwig, SRA
President, Arkansas Chapter of the Appraisal Institute

Announcement:

It is with deep sadness that we must announce the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Richard Stephens, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS. Richard leaves a legacy of outstanding professionalism in the appraisal industry. Our thoughts and prayers are with our fellow colleague, Sara Stephens, MAI, AI-GRS, during this difficult time.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

The 2021 Women's Initiative SPOTLIGHT Award recipient is the Arkansas Chapter's own, Sara Stephens, MAI, AI-GRS! Congratulations, Sara, on this Amazing, Well-Deserved Accomplishment!

2021 Joint Region Meeting & AI Annual Conference



UPCOMING CHAPTER EDUCATION & MEETINGS

2021 Education

September 10—Business Practices & Ethics—Virtual

2021 Meetings

September 24—3Q Chapter Business Meeting—Little Rock
September 24—3Q Chapter Board of Directors' Meeting—Little Rock

December 10—4Q Board of Directors' Meeting—Little Rock
December 10—Chapter Business Meeting—Little Rock
December 10—End of Year Banquet with Installation of 2022 Officers & Directors—Little Rock



Volunteers

To all the Arkansas Chapter Professionals who volunteer their time: We appreciate your service to the chapter and your dedication to helping us succeed.





Richard Stephens, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS, of Little Rock, AR, passed away on August 17, 2021

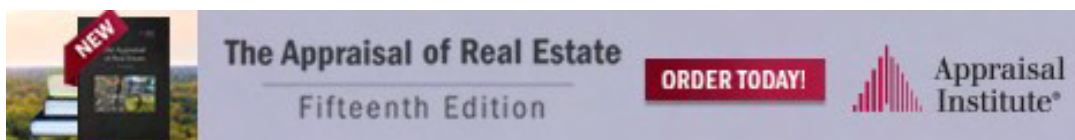
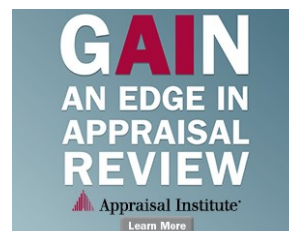


Richard was awarded the SRA, MAI and AI-GRS designations of the Appraisal Institute, and completed the ARA designation of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. He was invited to membership in the American Society of Real Estate Counselors (CRE) and earned an appraisal certification from the International Right of Way Association. Richard wasn't just a member of these organizations, he was a leader, teacher of appraisal courses and mentor to many. He was very active in the Appraisal Institute and was recognized with several national awards for his service including the Appraisal Institute's

Lifetime Achievement Award and Arthur A. May Memorial Award in recognition of his contributions to appraisal education, Robert L. Foreman Award in recognition of excellence and dedication to the enforcement of ethics and standards. He was widely recognized as an expert witness on the valuation of real property in Federal, Circuit and Chancery Courts in Arkansas. Richard was appointed and reappointed by Gov. Mike Huckabee to the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board for two, three- year terms and served as Chair of the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board in 2005 and 2006.

He was a licensed Real Estate Broker in Arkansas, a former president of the Little Rock/North Little Rock Board of Realtors, and "Realtor of the Year" 1975 and 1977.

Funeral Mass will be held at Christ the King on Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. preceded by a rosary service at 2:00. Interment will be at Christ the King columbarium. Arrangements are under the direction of RuebelFuneralHome.com. In lieu of flowers, the family requests considering a donation to the Monsignor Hebert Endowment Fund, c/o Christ the King Catholic Church, 4000 North Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, Ark. 72212; or the Appraisal Institute Relief Foundation, c/o Appraisal Institute, 200 West Madison, Suite 1500, Chicago, Illinois 60606. [Click Here](#) to view the full obituary.



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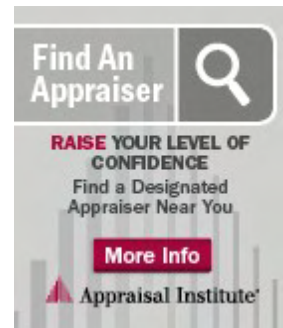
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ANNOUNCEMENT!

The Deadline to complete the **Leadership Resource Registry** for service on a Chapter, Region, or National Committee or Panel is September 30, 2021 at 5:00 pm CDT. To access the Registry, [Click Here](#) and login to your AI account.

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