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VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH CHAPTER

President's Message

Chapter Members,

As we endeavor through a tumultuous 2020, this message hopes to find you and your families healthy and safe. So far this year the chapter has managed to provide quality continuing education opportunities for membership with more to come before the close of the year. Our first lunchtime webinar series, The State of CRE in Virginia and the effects of COVID-19 was a huge success with 30-plus attendees for the Tuesday session covering Hampton Roads, Richmond, and Charlottesville and 40-plus attendees for the Thursday session covering Blacksburg, Roanoke, Lynchburg, Fredericksburg, and Northern Virginia. The webinars and attachments can be found on the chapter website and our chapter YouTube channel.

Heading into Fall, our Statewide Government Relations Committee pushes forward with re-pose legislation to protect appraisers with documented liability limits. Our National Government Relations Team has also pushed forward with several pieces of legislation pertaining to appraisers, reference link below. Our Education team is working on a virtual Continuing Education program to publish before the end of the year, watch for upcoming emails. Our Scholarship team has extended the application deadline for 2020 Chapter Scholarship awards to the end of September, see details below.

Our second quarter chapter meeting and planned third, and fourth quarter meetings will be held virtually, please reach out to myself or any of the board if you have any difficulties managing the Zoom software we are using. The use of online technology for meetings and education will more than likely have a place in the future of our chapter, it is important each chapter member is comfortable with this medium and we are here to help with the transition.

Valuation has been more challenging this year, but as with the time period after the Great Recession, we have been there for each other. The chapter has provided a sounding board for membership and our peers to professionally guide each other and users of our work through these turbulent times. Feel free to reach out to any of the board with any problems or issues you may be facing.

Best Regards,

Rob

Education and Events

December 3, 2020: Membership meeting, originally scheduled to be in Lynchburg, has been changed to a Zoom Meeting. You will receive an email when this meeting is ready for registration. The 2021 Officers and Board Members will be installed at this meeting



Condolences

Longtime chapter member Parks Roundtrety lost his wife in August, it is with a heavy heart we all send our best wishes to Parks and his family. A copy of Karen's obituary can be found [HERE](#).

Leadership Development

Advisory Council (LDAC) October 26 to 28, October Cancelled

This year's LDAC which was scheduled for May 18 to 20, 2020 and rescheduled to October 26 – 28, 2020 has been cancelled

2020 Chapter Scholarship Extension

We would like to remind you that despite the unusual circumstances of this worldwide pandemic, our scholarship program is in effect and we have scholarship funds available to qualified applicants. You can use these funds for online education as well. We have extended the deadline to submit scholarship applications for this year until September 30, 2020. The application is available [HERE](#) on our website. Please submit it along with other required documents to me at

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Thank you and we hope you all stay safe.

Anna Austin, MAI, AI-GRS

2020 James H. Pritchett Award Winner – Michael McCall, MAI

A hearty congratulation to longtime chapter member and contributor to the Appraisal Institute on the chapter, regional, and national levels, our own Michael McCall, MAI! Established in 2002, the James H. Pritchett Award recognizes a Designated Member of the Appraisal Institute for outstanding contributions to appraisal education or mentoring in a manner that reflects the character and lifelong commitment of James H. Pritchett, MAI, SRA, whose greatest attributes included his leadership and integrity, often demonstrated by his exceptional work in teaching, writing, mentoring and professional practice in litigation support and eminent domain. Please take the time to recognize Michael's generous contribution to our profession.

Virtual AI Awards presentation will be held Monday, September 21, 7—9 p.m., To register for this click [HERE](#)

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