



THE APPRAISAL INSTITUTE – LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

President's Message

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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I would like to wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year. It is an honor and privilege to serve The Long Island Chapter as your President in 2015, along with my fellow Year 2015 Officers, Directors and Committee Members. As your newly elected President, I would like to thank Gerard O'Connor for the leadership of the Chapter over the last year. It was a great opportunity to work with him and the other Chapter officers.

As 2015 unfolds, the Chapter leadership, and I as President, will provide the Chapter with a continuity of direction established by our predecessors, as well as initiate relationships and programs with other allied and complementary organizations.

An initial step in that direction, in coordination with Charissa Kwan, MAI, AI-GRS of the External Relations Committee and Program Chairperson Kathleen Rairden, MAI, the Chapter meeting to be held on February 11th at Westbury Manor will have speakers from Fortitude Investment, as well as a presentation by James Ryan, Esq. The seminar will offer Appraiser CE credit, Accountant CPE credit, and pending approval by the local Bar Associations, CLE credit to attorneys. In this way we are expecting to expand the attendance at our meetings to other practicing professionals active in allied professions who may benefit from being introduced to the membership and to the Appraisal Institute.

Additionally, we have a full schedule of courses planned for the year. Of particular note is the 7-hour USPAP Update on March 6th and a two-day Case Studies class on Appraising Green Commercial Buildings to be held March 9th and 10th.

Appraisal Institute activity takes place at multiple levels within the organization. At the Regional Level, our Chapter Member Anthony Marmorale, SRA, AI-RRS is the 2015 Regional Chairperson. You may have read the new 45-Day notice that was put out on January 7, 2015. Generally, the notice deals with the length of candidacy requirements and harmonizing course and examination requirements in and between various regulations. On February 2nd, there will be a Region IV Conference Call at which time we will discuss this topic as well as other agenda items. You can contact Tony or me should you have any comment on the 45-day notice that you would like addressed during the call.

The energy and essence of any organization is manifest in the efforts and commitment of its members. I encourage everyone to more actively participate in the Chapter's activities. Please call me, or any of the Chapter Leadership, to discuss how you can enhance the experience of membership through participation.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming meetings and events. Please check our web site for additional events, seminars and education at www.liappraisal.com.

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Long Island Chapter Appraisal Institute President 2015