

San Diego Chapter of The Appraisal Institute

June Newsletter 2024



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Chapter**

President's Message

By Brent Johnson, SRA, AI-RRS

Happy 2024 Everyone!

As we are well into 2024 with well attended events behind us and exciting events ahead of us, I want to thank everyone for their support of our San Diego Chapter events.

Our board and committees are working hard to provide meaningful events with tangible take-aways. We all look forward to your support and attendance going forward, including at the upcoming June 27th All Day, All Residential seminar with top notch presenters of current topics; August 5th Advanced Concepts & Case Studies; August 12th Quantitative Analysis; and our annual October 16th San Diego Market Symposium.

Also look for another fun chapter meeting and social networking event being planned for September 21 at Domaine Artefact vineyard and winery. We are also planning a State of the Appraisal Industry presentation inclusive of national presenters. We also look forward to your ideas and help with our events. Reach out to myself or any of us anytime and we will respond.

I want to especially thank Kevin O'Harra, our 2024 Chapter Vice President, and Jennifer Simmonson, our Chapter Secretary/Treasurer and Education Committee Chair, whom are both working hard to bring the very best education and events to our Chapter membership and beyond. And we couldn't pull it all off without our dedicated Chapter Directors: Eric Witherall, MAI, Hector Monge, MAI, John DeLara, MAI, and Barak Baruch, MAI. Please join me in recognizing their collective efforts and please thank them personally whenever you see them this year!

We are also looking forward to future 2025 Chapter volunteers join our chapter leadership and committees. These opportunities provide meaningful networking and professional relationships with your peers and colleagues. If you are interested or even curious about Chapter leadership and committees, please let Lee Stephens or any of us know and we will be happy to discuss. Lee can be reached directly at leensharon@cox.net.

Thanks again for your interest to read the Chapter Newsletter and remember that it is our collective effort that drives our Chapter success! I'm truly honored to lead such a dedicated group of individuals this year as we look forward to an exciting 2024 Summer and Fall events!

All the best,

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Upcoming Events

6/27

**All Day All Residential Training
CalTrans**

8-5 - 8/10

**Advanced Concepts & Case Studies
University of San Diego**

8-12 - 8/15

**Quantitative Analysis
University of San Diego**

10/16

Market Symposium

SAVE THE DATE

Scholarships

Our Chapter is actively seeking to grant scholarships to both recent college graduates interested in the appraisal profession and Candidates for Designation and Practicing Affiliates that are pursuing their MAI Designation. For more details, please visit the Chapter website: [Click Here for more information](#)

Help Support the Portal for Appraisal Licensing Act (PAL Act)

The Portal for Appraisal Licensing Act of 2023 ("PAL Act") is bipartisan legislation modernizes the real estate appraisal licensing system by establishing the Portal for Appraisal Licensure, a "cloud-based" nationwide licensing system for real estate appraisers, like regulatory structures enacted in other industries, such as insurance and mortgage originators. It was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. Barry Loudermilk (R-GA), Rep. David Kustoff (R-TN), Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ), and Rep. Ritchie Torres (D-NY), and in the U.S. Senate by Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT) and Sen. Mike Rounds (R-SD).

The PAL Act is an opportunity to fix a costly and inefficient system, lower costs and improve the attractiveness of the profession. You can help by reaching out to members of the House of Representatives and Senators.

House of Representatives: Urge House members to co-sponsor H.R. 2771 to modernize the real estate appraisal licensing system and ask them to request the PAL Act is considered in any housing legislation markup. Contact Sam Millwood at sam.millwood@mail.house.gov, or Maia Leeds at Maia.Leeds@mail.house.gov, to co-sponsor.

Senate: Urge Senators to co-sponsor S. 2692 to modernize the real estate appraisal licensing system, which will help reduce costs and ask them to request the PAL Act to be included in any housing legislation markup. Contact Elizabeth Connolly at Elizabeth_Connolly@senate.testes.gov, or Kathleen Gayle at Kathleen_Gayle@senate.rounds.gov, to co-sponsor.

Additionally, you may find your local representative by visiting this website:

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members>

Social Events

A Successful April Chapter Mixer

The San Diego Chapter of the Appraisal Institute is committed to fostering greater in-person attendance, networking, and engagement of our members. On April 17, 2024, members and guests of SDAI enjoyed a mixer at Pizza Nova in Solana Beach. The event was so successful that another mixer is being planned for Saturday, September 21st at Domaine Artefact vineyard & winery in San Pasqual. Details will be forthcoming.



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