To begin with, CONGRATULATIONS are in order to Mark Buxton, SRA of Wichita on receiving his SRA Designation from the Appraisal Institute in July. Achieving a designation from the Appraisal Institute takes a considerable investment of time, money, and work, but the rewards are certainly worth the effort.

This announcement leads me to other news. As you should know by now, the Candidate for Designation Program was passed by the Appraisal Institute Board of Directors and will take effect on January 1, 2013. Current associate members will soon need to choose whether they wish to become a part of this program (Candidate for Designation) or to hold an affiliate status as is newly defined. The Appraisal Institute website (www.appraisalinstitute.org) is an excellent place to find out information about the Candidate for Designation Program and to explore the various options available.

For those who may be nearing completion of the requirements for the MAI Designation, a new option for completing the demonstration of knowledge requirement is available. This option is The General Demonstration Report-Capstone Program. The Capstone Program was designed to test the same skills and knowledge an appraiser must possess in order to produce a demonstration appraisal report. However, instead of the appraiser selecting their own property to complete a demonstration appraisal report on, participants are provided with a subject property and data to analyze and then write the report in a limited time span of approximately 2 months. Participants must attend two webinars and a 7-day classroom session where facilitators will be on hand to answer questions and offer guidance, with the final report being due at noon on day 7 of the classroom session. Locations for the classroom sessions for 2013 are already scheduled, with the first offering in Chicago Feb. 18-24, 2013 already sold out. While offerings are scheduled in 2013 in New York City, Chicago, Atlanta, Nashville and San Francisco, there are some closer options available. The classroom sessions are being offered April 29-May 5, 2013 in Dallas, TX and July 8-14, 2013 in Denver, CO. If interested, more information is available on the Appraisal Institute website. I, for one, would like to see more designations awarded in our chapter in the next year or two.

I want to remind our members of the upcoming annual Appraisal Institute meeting in San Diego, California. Mark Buxton and myself will be attending national and regional meetings on July 30th while the annual meeting will be held August 1-3 at the Lowes Coronado Bay Resort. Please see the AI website to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to network and gain insight from the informative presentations and educational offerings.

With the first half of 2012 already behind us, it’s a good time to take a look back at what our chapter has been up to. During the first half of 2012 we have offered members the opportunity of three meetings free of charge. These were the installation banquet in January, with AI President Sara Stephens as our guest, and two chapter luncheons, one in February and one in May with Jeff Fluhr, President of Wichita Downtown Development Corporation and Robert Layton, Wichita City Manager as our guest speakers. We have also had three educational offerings, two in Wichita and one in Topeka, which have provided our members, as well as non-members the opportunity to meet their continuing education requirements. While there are many different options for appraisal education, those offered by the Appraisal Institute are second-to-none.

Looking toward the second half of 2012, we will be offering a few more meeting opportunities for you to take advantage of, as well as two more seminars.

On September 24th, Mark Freitag, SRA will be our instructor for the seminar “UAD Aftereffects: Efficiency vs. Obligation in Wichita.”

On November 9th, Alan Blankenship, PhD, will be our instructor for the seminar “Effective Appraisal Writing” in Wichita.

Look for more information to come soon on how to register online for these events. You can also stop by our chapter website for information on meetings and educational offerings at www.kansasappraisers.org.

Sincerely,
Jeff Voth, SRA
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