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President's Message Robert E. Dietrich, MAI

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"I need an appraisal completed on my property but I need it prepared by an Appraisal Institute-designated appraiser. Do you have an MAI or SRA designation?"

Do you receive calls like this? The SCCAI Board thinks that we should be getting calls for orders because of our designations.

At the SCCAI 2014 kick-off meeting in January, the Board addressed what it felt were the most important objectives for the year. We determined that promoting our designations is Job One for the Board this year and we created a new mission statement consistent with this objective:

Promote SCCAI members to their clients as the foremost real estate valuation professionals in the market by providing the highest level of education and services.

Based on this priority, I appointed the Chapter Vice President, Steve Norris, MAI, to chair the Public Relations Committee. Steve and his committee have met and discussed what can be done to promote our designations, and has developed a plan that he will be presenting to the Board in March. The key objective will be to get our designated members press coverage when needed, and to promote SCCAI and our designations in the region.

The Strategic Planning Committee started work last year on strategic initiatives for the Chapter. Chair David Rosenthal, MAI hosted the meetings and prepared a report on the committee's findings. The Board will be addressing the strategic priorities at the March meeting.

Eric Garfield, MAI is heading up External Relations this year. He will be working to promote SCCAI and our designations with other organizations. His targets for developing new relationships will include the bar association, CPA Institute, Realtor organizations (CCIM, CRE, SIOR, IREM, etc.), and others.

As a reminder, the Board meetings are open to members. Feel free to join us if interested. The only thing we ask is that you let Linda Zimmer know so that we can make sure there is room.

I was sad to hear of the passing of Rik Neustein, MAI who I was just starting to get to know. This issue of the newsletter has been dedicated to his memory.

If there is anything that you think the Southern California Chapter should be doing, please let me or a Board member know.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

- March 18th—Joint Luncheon with IRWA at Steven's Steak House in Commerce
- May 13th—Joint Dinner with ASA at the Rio Hondo Country Club in Downey
- June 5th—Inland Empire Market Trends event at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario
- October 15th—Heritage Night Dinner at the Rio Hondo Country Club in Downey

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WWW.SCCAI.ORG

Education Committee Report



*Charles Baker, SRA
Education Committee Chair*

On behalf of the Education Committee I am pleased to report 2014 is off to a great start. The LA/OC Market Trends seminar exceeded all expectations. Thanks to Orell Anderson, MAI and the planning committee, the program was first-rate and attendance surpassed even our most favorable forecast.

Backtracking a bit. Last November, National modified the education policy for chapter-developed offerings. No longer can chapters present subjects of a general nature, or those that compete with a National offering. That being the case, we decided to reengineer our focus rather than scale back. There is no shortage of local topics of interest to SoCal appraisers, and as we began to plan some of our events for 2014 the most difficult task was to decide what to leave out.

For example, we are privileged to have Richard Hammel, MAI, and Scott Delahooke, MAI, co-chairing the rebirth of the Special Purpose Properties seminar, slated for July 15th. We are also honored to have Kim Kearny, MAI, and Michele Kauffman chairing the Fall Conference for a second year in a row.

Our chapter president, Bob Dietrich, MAI, and Bryan Vick, MAI Education Committee member are co-chairing another event of local interest, Subdivisions in Southern California. This event will discuss recent trends in small lot subdivisions, i.e.: entitlements, permitting, infrastructure development and absorption.

Also of interest is the Inland Empire Market Trends seminar and a menu of continuing education offerings, including no less than four 7-hour USPAP Update courses. If you need C/E hours to fulfil license renewal requirements, we've got you covered.

National has introduced two new review designations, AI-GRS (general review) and AI-RRS (residential review). Each designation will require two courses: 1) Review Theory and, 2) Review Case Studies. The courses are in the process of being released to the chapters and will be on our 2014 calendar. Dates and instructors TBD.

We also have several half-day seminars scheduled. One of our most popular has become a presentation by a Pasadena area attorney who specializes in real estate (appraisal, title and escrow) litigation. Of particular interest is the impact on appraisers of FNMA Certification 23, privity of contract and 3rd party liability, the Soderberg v McKinney case and recent appellate court decisions.

The SoCal Chapter also has three branches, each with its own chairperson and committee responsible for four seminars throughout the year. Check the Education calendar often and watch your email inbox for announcements. The opportunities for education, enlightenment and networking are never far out-of-reach.

We are fortunate to have such experienced and capable members Beth Finestone, MAI, and Bryan Vick, MAI, serving on the Education committee, as well as past-chair, Jennifer Hafner who continues to serve in a variety of capacities.

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Appraisal Institute Government Relations, February 2014



Gregg Stephen Whittlesey, Pasadena, serves on the California State Government Relations Subcommittee representing the Southern California Chapter of the Appraisal Institute, and has filed the following report:

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

ARE YOU PLANNING A LICENSE UPGRADE?

OR APPLYING FOR YOUR INITIAL LICENSE?

The Appraiser Qualifications Board of The Appraisal Foundation adopted changes to the *Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria* that will become effective January 1, 2015. These changes represent minimum national requirements that each state must implement no later than January 1, 2015.

Changes in the college education requirements are a most important part of these new changes. Applicants for a Residential license will be required to have a minimum of 30 college semester units. Applicants for either certified level licenses will be required to have a four-year college degree.

These new requirements apply to individuals seeking a license after January 1, 2015. However, these requirements will also apply to current appraisers seeking to upgrade their current license.

If you are working toward your initial license, and have not yet begun to compile your experience portion for a Certified Residential or Certified General Application, you MUST follow the 2015 criteria, because experience must be compiled over a period of at least 30 months.

All initial and upgrade applicants who want to qualify under the existing 2008 AQB standards must submit a complete application, including the required education, experience log, and successful exam results, by the end of this year. **Therefore, applicants are strongly advised to send in their completed applications no later than October 1, 2014, if they want to qualify under current 2008 AQB standards.** If your application is not received by the year-end, you MUST comply with the 2015 AQB standards.

For example: If you were to submit your Appraisal Experience Log, but do not submit your passing exam results with a postmark on or before December 31, 2014, or hand delivered to the BREASAC Sacramento office with a date stamp verification by that date, you will be required to follow the new 2015 AQB standards. So let's get busy!

COLLEGE LEVEL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT CHANGES		
CLASSIFICATION	CURRENT REQUIREMENTS	1/1/15 REQUIREMENTS
Trainee Appraiser	None	None
Licensed Residential Appraiser	None	30 semester credit hours of college-level education from an accredited college, junior college, community college, or university OR an Associate's degree or higher (in any field).
Certified Residential Appraiser	21 semester credit hours in specified collegiate subject matter courses from an accredited college or university OR an Associate's degree or higher.	Bachelor's degree or higher (in any field) from an accredited college or university.
Certified General Appraiser	30 semester credit hours in specified collegiate subject matter courses from an accredited college or university OR a Bachelor's degree or higher.	Bachelor's degree or higher (in any field) from an accredited college or university.

Appraisal Institute Bestows First Review Designations in its History

**Gilbert A. Valdez, MAI,
SRA, AI-GRS**



CHICAGO (Jan. 28, 2014) –The Appraisal Institute, the nation’s largest professional association of real estate appraisers, today announced it has issued the first appraisal review designations in its more than 80-year history.

Gilbert A. Valdez, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS, of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Jennifer Marshall, SRA, AI-RRS, of Venice, Fla., received the first individual appraisal review designations. Justin Slack, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS, AI-RRS, of Kent, Wash., is the first individual to receive both appraisal review designations. The AI-GRS designation (which stands for Appraisal Institute – General Review Specialist) and the AI-RRS designation (which stands for Appraisal Institute – Residential Review Specialist) are the Appraisal Institute’s first new designations in more than 20 years.

Valdez is owner/president of A. Valdez Appraisals, Inc., in Huntington Beach. Marshall is owner of JHM Appraisals, Inc., in Venice. Slack is vice-president, commercial appraisal manager with HomeStreet Bank in Seattle.

“We recognize the need for quality appraisal reviewers in today’s real estate marketplace and congratulate these three dedicated professionals on this significant achievement,” said Appraisal Institute President Ken P. Wilson, MAI, SRA.

The Appraisal Institute implemented an appraisal review designation program Jan. 1 after years of research, responding in part to the growing and important role that appraisal review plays in risk management and mitigation for many clients and users of appraisal services. According to Appraisal Institute research, there were about 12,500 review appraisers in the United States in 2012. As of Dec. 31, 2013, the total U.S. appraiser population stood at 81,050 individuals, reflecting all active state-licensed and -certified appraisers. Learn more about the [review designations](#).

About AI Review Designations

The Appraisal Institute’s new review designation program took effect Jan. 1, 2014. The first new Appraisal Institute designations in more than 20 years are: AI-GRS (Appraisal Institute – General Review Specialist) and AI-RRS (Appraisal Institute – Residential Review Specialist).

The Appraisal Institute established a professional appraisal review designations program in response to the growing and critically important role that appraisal review plays in risk management and mitigation for many clients/users of appraisal services. The new designation program is aimed at providing professional reviewers with the knowledge and skills needed to satisfy issues related to due diligence and risk management often requested by their employers and clients.

Appraisal Institute Designated members can begin to fulfill the requirements for the review designations now. Individuals who are not AI designated can become candidates within the review designation program and embark on a path to designation. (Please note: some of the requirements these individuals must fulfill have yet to be made available.)

AI will offer four new courses, which constitute the core education to the review designation program.

Appraisal Institute chapters will be able to offer the [Review Theory—Residential](#) and [Review Theory—General](#) courses after Feb. 15 and April 15, 2014, respectively.

The two case study courses, [Review Case Studies—General](#) and [Review Case Studies—Residential](#), will premiere in July 2014, and are tentatively slated to be released to chapters for offerings in the fall 2014.

The following documents are intended to educate Appraisal Institute Designated members, Candidates for Designation, Practicing Affiliates, and other interested professionals on the requirements for the Appraisal Institute’s review designation program.

[Review Designation Program FAQs](#)
[Review Designation Alternative Path for Designated members](#)
[Review Designation Requirements Chart for Candidates](#)
[Application for Adding a Candidate Path](#)

Current Designated members and Candidates for Designation interested in entering a Candidate path to one or both review designations.

[Application for Category Change](#)
 Current Practicing Affiliates interested in entering a Candidate path to one or both review designations.

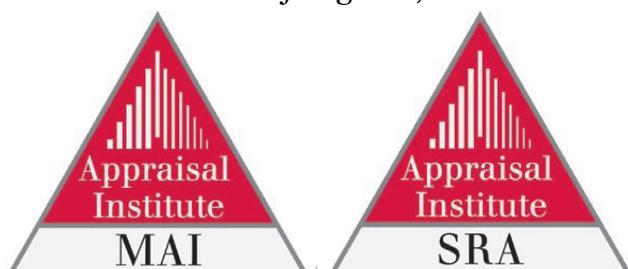
Meet Our Newly Designated Members

January 2014

Gilbert A. Valdez, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS
Eric B. Altman, MAI

February 2014

Rutunj C. Patel, MAI, AI-GRS
Warren K. Hoppke, SRPA, SRA
Matthew E. Cook, SRA
Michael P. Kearns, MAI
Anthony V. Haan, SRA
Thomas Kjaergaard, SRA



The MAI and SRA designations have long been recognized by courts of law, government agencies, financial institutions and investors as marks of excellence in the field of real estate valuation and analysis. Designated members make a commitment to advanced education, defined ethical requirements and higher expectations for the appraisal profession as a whole

SCCAI and IRWA Joint Luncheon and Program

What the Latest USPAP Changes Mean to You

Come Join Us.....
On March 18, 2014
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Steven's Steak House
Commerce, CA

SPEAKER:

D. Michael Mason, MAI, SRA

For more information and registration
please follow the [LINK](#)

**THIS EVENT IS ALSO A CHAPTER
MEETING**

4 hour Federal and California Statutory and Regulatory Law Course

Effective January 1, 2013, Applicants shall also fulfill continuing education requirements established pursuant to section 11360 of the California Business and Professions Code, Division 4, Part 3, and shall be required to take a minimum of four hours of Federal and California appraisal related statutory and regulatory law every four years.

Therefore, if you are to renew for your continuing education renewal cycle after January 1, 2013, you must take this 4 hr. class.

***Registration is now open for both classes.
Don't wait as seating is limited.***

June 16, 2014
National University by LAX
Los Angeles, CA
1:00 - 5:00 PM
Register [HERE](#)

October 24, 2014
Holiday Inn Media Center
Burbank, CA
9:00 - 1:00 PM
Register [HERE](#)

Approved for 4 hrs AI & BREA CE

SCCAI 2014 EDUCATION CALENDAR

For More Information or to Register for these events
[CLICK HERE](#)

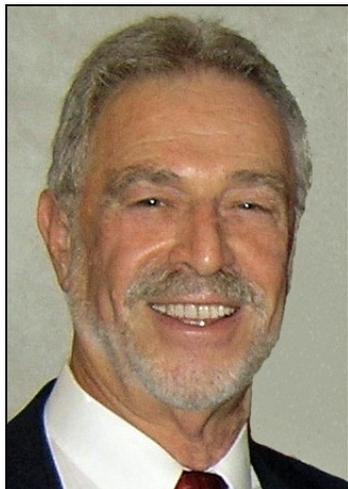
DATE(S)	COURSE / SEMINAR	LOCATION
March 3 - 6, 2014	General Appraiser Market Analysis and Highest & Best Use	Burbank, CA
March 13, 2014	7-Hour National USPAP Update Course	Santa Barbara, CA
March 18, 2014	IRWA and SCCAI Joint Luncheon and Program What the Latest USPAP Changes Mean to You	Commerce, CA
March 19, 2014	EASTERN BRANCH LUNCH MEETING What the Latest USPAP Changes Mean to You	Pasadena, CA
April 8 - 9, 2014	15-Hour National USPAP Course	Costa Mesa, CA
April 23, 2014	Analyzing Tenant Credit Risk and Commercial Lease Analysis	Burbank, CA
April 28 - May 1, 2014	General Appraiser Income Approach/Part 2	Ontario, CA
May 5-9, 2014	Valuation of Conservation Easements	Burbank, CA
May 5-9, 2014	Advanced Income Capitalization	Ontario, CA
June 5, 2014	17th Annual Inland Empire Market Trends Seminar	Ontario, CA
June 16, 2014	Federal and California Statutory and Regulatory Law Course	Los Angeles, CA
July 9, 2014	7-Hour National USPAP Update Course	Ontario, CA
July 24-30, 2014	Advanced Concepts and Case Studies	Ontario, CA

**You can find a complete listing of Classes
on the chapter website www.sccai.org
under Education.**

Have a question about courses? Scholarships?
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Remembering Richard (Rik) Neustein

As we dedicate this issue of the SCCAI Newsletter to Rik we asked for memories of Rik. Enjoy:

From: DeLane E. Matthews, SRA

Richard (Rik) A. Neustein passed away peacefully Monday afternoon at Cedars Sinai Medical Center while holding his son's hand. Rik began feeling discomfort on the prior Wednesday evening and was admitted into Cedars for emergency surgery to remove an infection in his abdomen. The surgery was successful, but his kidneys started to fail. He remained under heavy sedation and seemed better one minute only to grow more ill the next. A massive heart attack further stressed his fight, but he surpassed all the doctors and nurses expectations by making it another 36 hours. Finally, all his organs began to fail and it was just a matter of minutes until he peacefully passed on. He is survived by his wife Bonnie, his sons Mike and Brian, their wives Julia and Sandra, respectively, and three beautiful grandchildren. Rik, no doubt, continues to love his family beyond measure. Rik loved his work and spent the better part of the last four decades earning the admiration of so many of us. He will be greatly missed.

The family is discussing plans to host a party, of sorts, at their home in Rik's honor. Specifics will be made known as soon as possible. It will not take place immediately.

If I may add something of a personal note...Rik has been my mentor for the past ten years. He has also been the brother I never had. I am dearly grateful to know him and his wonderful wife Bonnie. I am grateful he got to see me earn the SRA designation late December-right in time for Christmas. Thank you, Rik. I love you, my friend.

From : Professor Barry Gilbertson, past Global President of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)

Rik and I first met in 1998 when Coopers & Lybrand merged with Price Waterhouse...we immediately decided that Mr Cool from West Coast USA and Mr Uptight from London, England were going to be good buddies (or chums as we say over here).

How sad to hear of Rik's passing. What a traumatic ending to a life of (ribald) humour at home, and consummate professionalism at work. Whilst not soul mates, Rik and I did become good friends - a friendship over the ether these days, but one that lasted some 16 or 17 years with ease. I will miss our regular emails. Greatly.

Rik doted on his wife, Bon, his kids and especially the grandkids, so I imagine they are distraught to lose such a loving and fun-loving husband, father and grandfather.

A reminder, though, that our own mortality is never far away. I shall always remember Rik with a smile - on his lips and in my heart.

From: Randall Bell, PhD, MAI

It is impossible to think about Rik without smiling. Rik was not only not one of the funniest guys around, it did not have a mean bone in his body. Rik was also flat out smart. When I was asked to oversee the Real Estate Damages practice at Price Waterhouse, I made a bee line to Rik and asked him to join us. He always had brilliant contributions was a true leader in our field. We are all better off for Rik being in our lives and I will miss him.

Remembering Richard (Rik) Neustein, continued

From: Valeo Schultz, MAI

If asked his thoughts about our efforts to remember and honor his life, Rik would say something like “We have all come together to cry over spilt milk.”

Rik was one of a kind – in so many different ways. Rik was a real estate appraiser, broker, counselor, engineer, computer programmer, rocket scientist, astronomer, collector, freak-of-nature, and role model. He was smart, perceptive, quick, funny, and brutally honest. Rik always knew he was going to die, and he would say so to anyone willing to listen. Certain of his mortality, Rik embraced life. He savored irony – especially if that irony would make people laugh and release endorphins – his highest state of being. Rik, as he was known in print, dropped the “c” from his name because he predicted the great future consonant shortage – he didn’t want to waste anything unnecessarily. Rik was not alone in unconventional spellings. Growing up, he also had a friend Henry who spelled his name Hen3.

Rik grew up in the *City of Culver City – Where Hollywood Movies are Made*. He loved the fact that when moving pictures first came to Los Angeles and needed a crew big enough to put on a spectacular, producers would come to the gerrymandered part of west Culver City where the circus, carnival, and sinners would winter over. Rik never passed up the opportunity to peek under the tent and see how the show was put together.

Rik’s real resume deserves contemplation. He flunked out of the gifted student program of his day. He said that the educators were trained to think that if someone was gifted, they were equally talented in all areas. Rik proved them wrong. Rik claimed that his first environmental job was in high school, when he worked at a drycleaner facility on Glencoe in Venice. One of his daily responsibilities was to take the daily bucket of perchloroethene (PCE) out the back door and dump in on the ground – which he steadfastly defended as being the “industry standard of care of the day”.

For a period, Rik worked as a sales person at the McCabe’s Guitar store located in the entrance to the legendary Ash Grove (a very famous musical venue of the 1960s), where he once sold Mick Jagger a dulcimer. He also kept a guitar behind the counter which he would ask every famous musician that came into the store to play and autograph.

Rik also worked construction. It allowed him to live in Manhattan Beach and hang out in the Venice and South Bay beat poetry cafes. He would go to work at 7 am, go to bed at 4 pm, and be in the coffee houses by midnight until it was time to go to work. When Vietnam came around, Rik avoided the draft by getting a job in a cryogenics lab. When the Draft Board rejected his deferment, the next day he had a job at Douglas Aircraft working in the space program. Douglas sent him to their own engineering college and then paid for him to get his MBA from UCLA.

Rik’s greatest contribution to aerospace came about quite accidentally while we was designing toilets for use in zero-gravity. His team had been frustrated for days on a particular design. Surprising as it may seem, Rik used to smoke a pipe. Bored, he was playing with his Nimrod-brand pipe lighter, when Rik’s mind lit up. Without using any words, he got his boss’s attention and slid the action of the lighter back and forth with a knowing nod. His boss stood up silently, walked to the blackboard and erased all of their previous work. From that moment forward, the heavens have never been the same.

Rik was lured away from Douglas by a former colleague who started a computer company. He worked on one product, a card reading desktop computer that produced mortgage payment, loan balance schedules, and investment optimization simulations. These computers sold for \$3,500 a pop, and all the banks had at least one. His job had been to translate the mathematical formulas from finance into computer language. The computer company eventually failed because they could not raise production high enough to keep up with demand while maintaining quality. Ultimately, during the bankruptcy process, a fellow employee absconded with the program which eventually made it to Silicon Valley and was immortalized in the HP-12C calculator. (He had nothing to do, as far as I am aware, with the choice of the Blue key.)

Post bankruptcy, Rik needed a job, and using his real estate finance contacts, he moved into the appraisal profession with gusto. Rik trained with Dick Metcalf and Jim O’Donnell, before going independent. On his own, he began working the residential beat where all of the Spanish colonial houses had essentially the same floor plan. When he was in the same neighborhood, he could do upwards of six in a day, recycling the comps until they were worn out.

Rik moved into commercial valuation and eventually into litigation. He mixed his love of engineering, chemistry, and his own observations of how civil societies are built and mesh together into one of the first practices focusing on environmentally contaminated properties.

Remembering Richard (Rik) Neustein, continued

Occasionally, his wit and humor leaked into his daily practice. In one of his favorite court stories, he was asked by opposing counsel at a peak moment in the trial to define the word approximate. His response, "I'm sorry, I'm not a lexicographer," forced the judge to swivel away in his chair so the jury wouldn't see him laughing. On a site inspection in Encino where neighbors were squabbling over trees and views, Rik broke a small branch off of a tree, handed it to his attorney saying "There's another \$10,000 in damages." Rik liked to ask other appraisers a hypothetical originally posed to him by one of his mentors during a condemnation case involving Union Station: "which is better, highest value or highest verdict?"

After a stint working at what he affectionately referred to as Pinkey Winkey Hose (PwC), Rik returned to private practice. He joined the Counselors of Real Estate, the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, and the California Oil Men's Association. Rik was known to gloat about his 30 foot commute to the office.

Rik once hired an out of work pornographer to take his comp photos. He influenced many appraisers, and readily shared insights if not data. Rik trained two talented appraisers – Michael Kearns and DeLane Matthews. In the end, Rik worked most closely with DeLane and his de facto partner Kurt Goepfner. Let that be an endorsement.

Unlike many scientists, Rik was not a strict materialist. As a kid, he attended summer socialist youth camps. He was registered to vote as a Republican "because it is easier to hide in plain sight." He loved the fact that the Thomas Brothers Guide assigned the color pink to West Hollywood and that its zip code is 90069. He decided to marry his wife on their first date at Mel's on Sunset, when in response to the waitress's inquiry if she wanted her coffee black, Bonnie responded "What other colors do you have?" Rik's favorite medicine was laughter.

Rik held few beliefs beyond reality and the love he had for his wife and grandchildren. Rik believed kids and grandparents get along so well because they share a common enemy. He believed that someone had to live in Los Angeles for over 10 years before they could start listening to Frank Zappa seriously. He also would state that if a piece of ground couldn't be plowed, you probably shouldn't put a building on it. And he developed a philosophy with two primary tenants:

1. Tradition defeats progress.
2. If you can't face it, back up to it.

Rik was always one good idea away from being brilliant. There has never been a metaphysical cage big enough or strong enough to limit Rik's imagination...but if there were, he could have appraised it. (Rik, if you can hear this, how much is heaven worth? And what are you using as comps?)

They'll probably never write a book or make a movie about a real estate appraiser, but if they did, it should be based on the life of Rik Neustein.

From: Orell Anderson, MAI

Linda, here are my writings for the newsletter. Please note the Times New Roman font and 14-point size type; his favorite.

~Orell

Rik was a great friend and mentor and I am very, very sad he is gone.

At the start of my career Rik hired me only because I had called him for my interview from a payphone while I was in Disneyland and because I spoke Icelandic. The next day I met him at his house. He greeted me with an Icelandic idiom and then handed me a measuring wheel. From there we went to 'see some really bad dirt' where he had me measure the distance from the source property to an elementary school (to the 10th of an inch).

Remembering Richard (Rik) Neustein, continued

He taught me much. This ranged from helping me realize why I should marry my wife, Franceskay—“she gets it,” to being thorough in research--“if you can’t face it, back up to it.” He even helped me with advice on raising my kids. Once I complained about a certain prank my boys had played out in pre-school, to which he proclaimed—“there’s hope for the future!”

I miss his irreverent humor, his brilliance, his kind help, his patience with the ‘not so smart’ and his encouragement during the toughest moments in litigation.

‘Bye-dee-bye’ friend!

From: Mike Sanders

Linda, dedicating the February newsletter to Rik is a wonderful gesture; here is a brief memory that you may publish in the newsletter if you like:

Rik and I talked frequently, usually about weighty appraisal matters, though almost always delving into a variety of other topics of mutual interest. Our conversations were never short, but always enjoyable. I'm honored to have known Rik as a colleague and friend for so many years. His knowledge, wisdom and humor will be greatly missed.

From: Charles Baker, SRA

Very sad news. Last time I saw him he seemed vigorous, smiling and charged up. He & I discussed two assignments last year and was extremely helpful. He will be missed.

From: James Pike, MAI, 2013 SCCAI President

This is sad news. Rik was a very knowledgeable and experienced appraiser who was always willing to share his time and talents with others. He will be greatly missed.

From: Tupper Lienke, MAI, 2011 SCCAI President

“...a great guy, a brilliant mind, and always very helpful. He will be missed.”

From: Linda Zimmer, SCCAI Executive Director

Rik served the chapter for many years in many different capacities. He was currently the 2nd Advisor for the Northwestern Branch. I did not know Rik that well but I did know how excited he was that DeLane was going to get her designation. He contacted me last summer and told me that he wanted to be the one to present her with her designation. Sadly he will not be able to do that in person.

DeLane will be presented with her SRA Designation Certificate on March 18th at our joint Luncheon with IRWA during SCCAI’s Chapter Meeting. Somehow I know Rik will be there.

Note: when we are notified about the memorial service for Rik we will let the membership know.