

Greetings SCCAI! I hope that you and your families are staying healthy and happy. Every day that passes this year, the nightmare of the past two years seems to be slowly dissipating. I hope and pray that we continue down this road of positive progress, as we return to some semblance of normalcy. Chapter leadership is extremely happy to see a strong return to the classroom, and I continue to receive positive feedback from attendees, which I am happy to hear. We have had a huge quarter, and I am eager to share all of the great news.

I am so delighted to announce that the final touches of the merger between the Southern and Central California chapters are finally complete. A little over a month ago, we received confirmation that the last accounting portions of the merger had been finalized, and we now stand united as a single and resounding Southern California Chapter. The history of these two chapters functioning as a single entity is deep and rich, and we are so enthused to be re-joined once again. This bears repeating, but this incredible realization could not have been achieved without the fantastic leadership found within the former Central California Chapter as well as our 2 past presidents, Steve Henry, MAI and Casey Merrill, MAI.....you are all such amazing and dedicated professionals. Come joins us in celebration of this occasion, as we host our first of many FREE mixers at the Padre hotel in Bakersfield on July 15th, 2022. See you there!

Just as amazing as our completion of the merger is the fact that the AI National Nominating Committee has nominated our very own Paula Konikoff, JD, MAI, AI-GRS as **OUR** 2023 AI Vice President during their May 11, 2022 committee meeting in Chicago. The National Nominating Committee Chair, Rodman Schley, MAI, SRA, submitted the committee's nomination to the AI Board of Directors at its May 12 meeting. The AI Board of Directors is expected to elect the 2023 vice president at its Aug. 4-5 meeting, which is our AI National meeting (I am looking forward to seeing many of you there). The 2023 vice president will serve as the Appraisal Institute's 2024 president-elect, 2025 president, and 2026 immediate past president, in addition to chairing the Finance Committee in 2023 and the National Nominating Committee in 2026. This is the first time that SCCAI has had one of our professionals in this position since the late and great Burt Thornton, MAI who was the 1999 AI National President, so let's congratulate Paula on this truly phenomenal and selfless commitment to strengthening our organization, which will also witness two women representing AI as National President back-to-back!

Learn more about [Paula K. Konikoff, JD, MAI, AI-GRS](#).

Our chapter continues to show strong demand for in-person education, as demonstrated by the great attendance that we continue to reflect in our in-person courses and seminars. The Advanced Concepts and Case Studies, Advanced Land Valuation, Inland Empire Market Trends Seminar (IEMTS), and General Review Theory courses collectively had very robust attendance when compared to non-COVID years. Speaking of the IEMTS, a huge "Thank you" to Bill, Alex, Christie, Steve, and Bob for another excellent seminar. We know the commitment and planning that goes into an event like the IEMTS, and we appreciate all of the hard work that goes into making this such an enormous success. Based on the success of the last several courses and seminars, I cannot wait to see the turn out for the 7-Hour USPAP Course being instructed by Michael Mason, MAI, SRA at the Fullerton Marriott at California State University on June 30, 2022 as well as the Complex Litigation Appraisal Case Studies that will be instructed by Stephen D. Roach, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS. Like everything else, if only for part of the day, I will see you there (I can only take so much USPAP as a participant and instructor...LOL)!

Your Chapter Nominating Committee met by Teams video conference earlier this year and exchanged e-mails on several other occasions. As indicated, we recently hosted the Inland Empire Market Trends Seminar and held Chapter elections during our chapter meeting, which was conducted prior to the seminar. I would like to congratulate the new executive board for 2023:

Linda A. Whittlesey, SRA - Chapter President

Adam Bogorad, MAI - Chapter Vice President

Ernesto Lopez, MAI, AI-GRS - Chapter Treasurer

Ryan Hargrove, MAI, AI-GRS, SRA - Chapter Secretary

Representatives to Region VII Committee: 2023 & 2024

Linda Whittlesey, SRA- Chapter President

Luther Skip Ogle, SRA (23-24)

Michelle Rogers, SRA (23-24)

Bryan Vick, MAI (23-24)

Christine Santolucito, Candidate (23-24)

Bob King, SRA (23 -24)

Jennifer Hsu, MAI (23-24)

Adam Bogorad, MAI – 2023 Chapter Vice President

Alternate Representatives to Region VII Committee 2023:

Jerardo Arciniega, MAI

John Penner, MAI

Peter An, MAI

Michael Wada, MAI

Michael Chappell, MAI

Thank you to all who have agreed to serve your Chapter in 2023/2024. It is an amazing and humbling experience to have the opportunity to work alongside this fantastic group professionals and friends, as we collectively work to build upon the tremendous legacy of the SCCAI!

For the past ~10 years, the SCCAI has continued to significantly dominate at the Appraisal Institute's Leadership Development and Advisory Council (LDAC) and after several false starts, the event finally happened from May 18 – 20 in Washington, D.C. Along with me in the Chair role, our chapter could not have been better represented by a more stellar group of talented individuals, which included:

Linda Whittlesey, SRA

Ryan Hargrove, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS

William Jones, MAI, AI-GRS

Alex Liu, Candidate

Michael Tidwell, SRA

Matthew VanEck, MAI

The SCCAI LDAC participants showed why they were selected for these roles, as their respective leadership qualities were readily apparent during the conference and as the LDAC Chair and SCCAI President, I could not have been prouder of their contributions. As deep as the talent pool is at this conference, our very own Michael Tidwell, II, SRA walked away with the coveted Anglyn Award, which is appropriately named for Ted Anglyn, who was a noble and generous individual that made significant contributions to the LDAC we know today. The Anglyn award is given to the most outstanding first year participant, which is largely based on their contributions and leadership during the conference. For those of you who know Michael, you can guess that this was an easy decision for those who had to vote on this award. He is truly an amazing and inspirational human being, and we are lucky to have him as part of our chapter. After so many years of domination, we are technically out of LDAC leadership, but I am positive that this group will thrust the SCCAI right back to the top where we belong. I wish them all the best and they should know that we are here to support them, as all of the former leadership of this chapter did for us.

As a reminder, our Chapter is designed on the success of our junior membership, and it is our responsibility to guide and mentor them. I have made it a point to formally introduce myself to new members, which I think we should all try to do at meetings and events. Part of this development included creating opportunities for their success and one of the best ways we can do this is through the Mason/Thornton scholarship fund and LDAC. Please encourage people on your teams to apply or inquire about these opportunities, as our success hinges on the success of the incoming generation of appraisal professionals. Let's create some more opportunities for new photos in the next newsletter by attending upcoming events and know that your chapter leadership is here to support you in any way we can. See you at some upcoming events!