



Southern California Chapter

1st Quarter 2024 Newsletter & Updates



President's Letter

**Adam Bogorad, MAI
2024 SCCAI President**

It is a true honor to be able to lead the Southern California Chapter of the Appraisal Institute this year as we face challenges and opportunities that await in 2024. This chapter is the largest in the country and we have a strong leadership group in place right now. It's a unique community full of very talented professionals and I am grateful to be part of it. If you are reading this as a member of our chapter, I hope you feel the same way.

We have gotten off to a great start this year. The Installation Dinner in Long Beach was well attended with some very prestigious guests, including Appraisal Institute CEO Cindy Chance, Immediate Past National President Craig Steinley, and National President-Elect Paula Konikoff. Later in January, we held the Los Angeles/Orange County Market Trends Seminar. In February, National Appraisal Institute President, Sandra Adomatis, visited Southern California as an instructor for a course focused on ADU valuation. She stayed for a happy hour afterward to meet with members and answer questions about topics related to the national organization.

Our attendance figures at seminars and events are returning to numbers that we saw prior to the pandemic. The seminars that we offer are particularly valuable right now, as they add insight into the changing market conditions that we deal with on a daily basis. Our next seminar, the Inland Empire Market Trends Seminar, will be held at the beginning of the summer on June 6 in Ontario. Please keep checking our website for an opportunity to register to all of our educational and social events.

Also, make sure to follow the chapter on LinkedIn and Facebook. We will be posting updates and reminders all year long.

If you are interested in participating in chapter leadership or if there is anything that you would like to suggest, please reach out to our chapter office. Everyone here, including me, really wants to hear from you. This chapter exists to support all of the appraisers in Southern California and we want to help support you in any way we can. I wish all of you health, happiness, and prosperity in the coming months.

Sincerely,

MEET THE OFFICERS February 29, 2024



Ryan Hargrove, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS; AI National President Sandra Adomatis, SRA; SCCAI President Adam Bogorad, MAI; SCCAI Past President Charles Baker, SRA, AI-RRS and Jeff Hogan, SRA, AI-RRS



SCCAI Treasurer Ryan Hargrove, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS; SCCAI Past President Linda Whittlesey, SRA; AI National President Sandra Adomatis, SRA and SCCAI Southern Branch Chair Jeff Hogan, SRA, AI-RRS

2024 CLASSES

**04/04/2024 7-Hour National USPAP Update Course Fullerton Marriott
at California State University**

**Fullerton, CA
REGISTER HERE**

**05/02/2024 Federal and California Statutory and Regulatory Law
Course**

**Ayres Hotel
Costa Mesa, CA
REGISTER HERE**

**06/13/2024 Critical Thinking and Junk Science
Ayres Hotel**

**Costa Mesa, CA
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07/22/2024 - 07/26/2024 Review Theory - General

**Caltrans Santa Ana, CA
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EDUCATION COMMITTEE
2024 Chair:
Michael Comstock, MAI

Hello SCCAI members. Optimism has to be the word that comes to mind as we wind down the first quarter of 2024. Rumors are becoming louder that the lending community has a better understanding their strategic paths forward, trusts & estates attorneys are busier than ever, and with the 2028 Olympics on the horizon, the Municipalities are looking to fund some major infrastructure-related projects. Optimism.

In the midst of our anticipated 'super-busy' 2024, we still need to schedule education courses for designations, continuing education, networking with peers, and simply to dust off our 'outside' clothes to get out from behind the computer screen.

With all of that in mind, the SCCAI board team and committee members continually try to think of strategies to find the right classroom locations, the right webinars, the right mix of offerings for our members. We care about the appraisal industry and want to see it stay a viable career option for the generations to come. Help us help you! If you have ideas, email me. If you need certain courses offered, email me. If you need information on how AI works, email. As always, our Course Listings are [here](#). Plus, whilst you are pursuing, look around at the updated website!

"Do or do not, there is no try." Yoda was reportedly wise and he was just a movie

character. So, I'll leave you with this challenge: attend at least one class sponsored by SCCAI this year.

"Just do it!" (Probably a copyright of sorts for Nike that I need to source.)

Thank you for being a member. Mike

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

26th Annual Inland Empire Market Trends Seminar

General Member Meeting

June 6, 2024

[REGISTER HERE](#)

SCCAI AND IRWA-LA JOINT LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM March 19, 2024 Downey, CA



SCCAI 2024 President Adam Bogorad, MAI; Program Speakers: Michael Daniels and Holly Rockwell; SCCAI Treasurer Ryan Hargrove, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS

MEET OUR NEWLY DESIGNATED MEMBERS

Gazelle Raye Wichner, MAI, AI-GRS

Molly W. Alford, MAI, AI-GRS

Shawn C. Noblin, MAI, SRA

Jeffrey Colton, MAI

Robert J. Willette, MAI

Allen Bergstrom, MAL, AI-GRS

Scholarships Available

The Mason – Thornton Scholarship Committee would like to remind our Members that the Chapter offers valuable financial assistance for those pursuing their designations. Namely, the Mason – Thornton Scholarship Fund is available to SCCAI Members who have an active Candidate status and are members in good standing. Scholarships assistance is available for up to 75% of the total course fee. In-person, synchronous, and/or online courses are eligible insofar as the course is required for professional designation. Applications, which are available on the Chapter website, should be submitted to Lianna at least 30 days prior to the class start date. There is no better time to continue and/or resume the quest for your professional designation.

Bradford Thompson, MAI, AI-GRS

Chair, Mason – Thornton Scholarship Fund

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