



December 30, 2023

Dear Members,

I am pleased to announce that the WyDak Chapter of the Appraisal Institute has two new members as of December 27, 2023. They are:

Michal	Mohelsky	Practicing Affiliate	Sheridan	WY
Kenneth	Reeves	Practicing Affiliate	Box Elder	SD

Sherry Bren, Chapter Executive Director

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Chapter President's Message

Dear Members of the WyDak Chapter,

As I write this final letter as your serving President, I am filled with a sense of accomplishment and profound gratitude. Reflecting on the past two years, it's remarkable to consider how far we've come together. Our chapter has not only grown in numbers but also in spirit, encompassing a broader community that now includes Eastern South Dakota and all of North Dakota. This expansion represents our dedication to uniting our industry and providing invaluable support among our professionals.

One of the significant milestones we achieved is the implementation of the PAREA (Practical Applications of Real Estate Appraisal) program. This achievement required adoption from every state appraisal board, a daunting task that was accomplished in 2023, and marks a significant step in our ongoing commitment to evolving and enhancing our profession, and ensuring it remains dynamic and representative of the communities we serve.

Another groundbreaking advancement is the PAL Act (Portal for Appraiser Licensing) at the federal level. This initiative will significantly streamline the licensing process, making it more accessible and efficient for appraisal professionals nationwide. It's a change that not only benefits our Chapter members but also paves the way for future generations in our field.

As I pass the baton to our incoming President, Mary Houk, SRA, AI-RRS, I am confident in the continued growth and success of our chapter under her capable

leadership. Mary brings a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of our industry, which I have no doubt will propel our chapter to new heights.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our existing board and chapter leadership, whose dedication and insight have been instrumental in our achievements. To our regional and national leadership, your guidance and patience have been invaluable. Your contributions have played a crucial role in helping us grow and adapt in an ever-evolving landscape.

To each and every one of our members and appraisal professionals who support the Appraisal Institute and our WyDak chapter, your commitment and enthusiasm are the lifeblood of our organization, and have been a source of constant encouragement to me. These two years have been a profound learning experience, and I am a better appraiser, colleague, and professional because of it.

In closing, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to serve as your President. It has been an honor and a privilege to work alongside such talented and dedicated individuals. As I step down, I do so with the knowledge that our chapter is in excellent hands, and with great optimism for what the future holds.

Thank you for your unwavering support and for the incredible memories we've created together. Here's to continued success and growth for the WyDak chapter of the Appraisal Institute.

With warm regards,

Best,
Deb Clark, MAI
President, WyDak Chapter of the Appraisal Institute

Chapter News

New member appointed to the Board of Directors – On November 16, 2023 the Board of Directors was advised that Emily Lucke decided to vacate her seat on the Board of Directors. President Clark reached out to David Lawrence, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS, AI-RRS, SR/WA to see if he would be interested in completing Emily's term on the Board. David said he would be willing to serve and accepted President Clark's appointment. The Chapter leadership extends their appreciation to Emily for her service and welcomes David as a new member of the Board of Directors. David provided the following information so that we may get to know him as he assumes his new position as a member of WyDak Chapter Board of Directors:

David Lawrence MAI SRA AI-RRS AI-GRS SR/WA is a real property appraiser from East River, South Dakota, specializing in real estate damage issues, easement rights, Indian trust assets, and various linear and energy infrastructure projects.

David Lawrence is an AQB-certified USPAP Instructor and founder of DAL Appraisal & Land Services, with its principal office in Sioux Falls. David graduated from Western Colorado University in Gunnison, Colorado, with a degree in Business Administration. Prior to joining the WY/DAK chapter, David was part of the North Star Chapter, attending LDAC in 2015, 2016 & 2017, and is currently serving as a board member for the Professional Appraisers Association of South Dakota and the International Right of Way Association, Chapter 72 Appraisal Committee and International Environmental Committee.

David Lawrence is a strong supporter of the Appraisal Institute and is excited to be part of the newly formed AI chapter to support members in the Dakota's and Wyoming. It's great to finally have a local AI chapter in the Dakotas!

WyDak Chapter Participates in Professional Appraiser Organizations Events

WyDak captured the opportunity to encourage Chapter and National membership and promote a professional relationship between the Professional Appraisers Association of South Dakota (PAASD) and the North Dakota Appraisers Association (NDAA). WyDak demonstrated its commitment to form a strong bond by working with, and cooperating with the appraiser coalitions to achieve mutual goals of promoting a close professional relationship with all appraisers in the expanded territory of Eastern South Dakota and North Dakota as a result of the formation of the Three-State AI Chapter.

WyDak sponsored food and beverage breaks at the October 2023 PAASD event in Deadwood, South Dakota. Incoming President, Mary Houk gave a brief presentation outlining the advantages of membership in the Appraisal Institute and the WyDak Chapter of the AI. WyDak sponsored an education scholarship to be awarded to a member of NDAA at their November 2023 event in Fargo, North Dakota. Sherry Bren, Executive Director of the WyDak Chapter presented the scholarship award for Alexandra Horner to use for an Appraisal Institute course and gave a similar presentation to promote membership in the Appraisal Institute and the WyDak Chapter. Both events were well attended and the attendees seemed genuinely interested in the Appraisal Institute.

WyDak Chapter to offer Continuing Education courses in Casper, Wyoming in conjunction with the 2024-2025 7-Hour National USPAP Update Course that will be offered by the Wyoming Certified Appraiser Board.

Mark your calendars!

Casper, Wyoming

- February 29, 2024
 - Back to Basics: Fixing Dangerous Habits (7 hours)
- March 1, 2024
 - 2024-25 7-Hour National USPAP Update Course

WyDak is also considering the possibility of offering continuing education courses in Cheyenne, Wyoming on February 27-28, 2024. Additional information and details will be forthcoming.

Happy New Year to all our members and affiliates, and we look forward to a happy and prosperous 2024.

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