

Arkansas Appraiser

Summer 2026
Volume 6, Issue 1



Special Points of Interest

- Chapter LinkedIn Company Page
- The Appraisal Foundation - AQB
- 2026 Education Schedule
- 2026 Officers & Directors
- 2027 Officers & Directors



Inside this Issue

President's Message.....	2
LinkedIn Notice.....	3
New Chapter Members.....	4
Thank You to Our Volunteers.....	4
The Appraisal Foundation.....	5
Photo Gallery.....	6
Education & Meeting Information.....	7
2026 Officers/Directors.....	8
2027 Officers/Directors.....	9
Chapter Info & Contact.....	10



President's Message

I am grateful to have attended the 2026 Appraisal Institute National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, an energizing gathering that truly lived up to its “Back in Tune” theme. A central focus this year was the growing role of Artificial Intelligence in valuation practice. Sessions such as Using Gen AI Ethically & Responsibly, The Human Edge in an AI World, and Gen and Agentic AI in Practice for CRE Appraisers offered thoughtful, and at times contrasting, perspectives on how AI is shaping our profession. While technology continues to evolve rapidly, the consensus was clear: understanding these tools is essential, but they are most effective when guided by sound judgment, experience, and ethical responsibility.

Beyond AI, the conference offered a wide range of timely content. Residential appraisers received key updates from the GSEs, including “of the moment” insights into the upcoming transition to UAD 3.6 this November. Breakout sessions also highlighted feedback from appraisal review professionals, strategies for expanding client bases, and approaches to valuing distressed properties. As always, networking opportunities and special interest forums provided invaluable connections. I was especially encouraged by the inaugural University Valuation Case Challenge, won by the University of Massachusetts Amherst, which showcased the energy and talent of the next generation of valuation professionals.

I was proud to share this experience with fellow Arkansas Chapter members Paul Stapleton, Melanie Stapleton, and Alex McIntosh, MAI. Our chapter was well represented in Nashville. My key takeaway is that while AI and data-driven tools are here to stay, our value as appraisers lies in our expertise, critical thinking, and integrity, qualities that cannot be automated. At the same time, the shift to UAD 3.6 and the increasing emphasis on quality over form underscore the importance of staying informed and adaptable. The Appraisal Institute continues to support us through relevant education, advocacy, and leadership opportunities that strengthen our profession. As always, it is an honor to serve this chapter, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Arkansas Appraiser Economic Summit this September.

Sincerely,
Angela Kimble, SRA
2026 President
Arkansas Chapter - Appraisal Institute





****Notice to all****

The Arkansas Chapter Appraisal Institute now has its very own **LinkedIn Company PAGE**. We are stepping away from the “group” and will be post education, events, and announcements regarding the Arkansas Chapter directly on our newly created LinkedIn Page.

We kindly ask that you please engage with the content on our Chapter page. The algorithm for LinkedIn has changed and it is pushed broadly more with conversation (ex. comments, conversations in the comments, etc.). Simply giving a thumbs up will not prompt LinkedIn to push the posts out for others to see. We ask if you would be willing to please ***interact, comment, repost, and support*** the Chapter page if you have a LinkedIn account.

The Arkansas Chapter Appraisal Institute page can be found at the link below:
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/appraisal-institute-arkansas-chapter>



Chapter Service Hours & Outside Education

Instructions on how you can enter outside Continuing Education and service hours can now be found here: <https://appraisalinstitute.org/whyjoin/join-pdfs/how-to-self-report-ce> Chapter service falls under Service to the Appraisal Institute for Designated Members and Associate Members wishing to receive AI CE points for that service. AI professionals will need to submit those hours themselves by logging in to their AI account.



[Click Here for More Information](#)



They can help you with all of
your insurance needs!

WELCOME!

New ARAI Professionals

Holden D. Chavis, Associate Member, Fayetteville

Jeffrey W. Cobb, Associate Member, Little Rock

Robert M. Potts, Associate Member, Springdale

Clint Thomas, Associate Member, Batesville



Chapter Events & Volunteers

*Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, and
the Metaverse: Implications for
Valuation*

ARAI Member: John Bice, MAI

Volunteers

To all the Arkansas Chapter Professionals who volunteer their time: We appreciate your service to the chapter and your dedication to help us succeed.





AQB Extends Comment Period for Second Exposure Draft of Proposed Changes to the *Criteria*

The Appraiser Qualifications Board has extended the public comment period for its Second Exposure Draft of proposed changes to the *Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria*.

In response to requests from federal and state regulators and other stakeholders, the Board will accept comments for an additional 33 days, through Sunday, **August 30, 2026**.

The AQB values input from regulators, appraisers, educators, professional organizations, and other interested parties. Please review the Second Exposure Draft and submit your comments by the extended deadline.

[Read the Exposure Draft](#)



Photo Gallery



Mike Tankersley, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS, AI-RRS - *Region IX Chair*
AI-PAC Chapter Challenge
The Winner is the Tennessee Chapter of Region IX



Paul & Melanie Stapleton, and Angela Kimble, SRA
AI Annual Conference, Nashville, TN

Upcoming ARAI Education & Events

As of July 30, 2026

****EDUCATION****

September 9, 2026

Arkansas Appraisers Economic Summit 2026

Locations: Little Rock, AR & Livestream
via Zoom

[Click HERE to Register IN-PERSON](#)

[Click HERE to Register LIVESTREAM](#)



****EVENTS****

August 18, 2026

Q3 2026 Chapter Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Livestream via Zoom

August 27, 2026

Q3 2026 Chapter Business Meeting

Location: Livestream via Zoom

****AI President-Elect Ashley Johnson, MAI, SRA, will be the Guest Speaker.**

[Click HERE to Register](#)



More 2026 Education & Events Coming Soon

Search Online Education from
the Appraisal Institute

SEARCH TODAY



Thank You FOR YOUR SERVICE

2026 ARAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS & REGIONAL/ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES

President

Angela Kimble, SRA
Fort Smith, AR

Vice President

John K. Bice, MAI
Little Rock, AR

Treasurer/Secretary

Geof B. Carmack
Little Rock, AR

Immediate Past President

Jeffrey E. Ford, MAI
Cabot, AR

Appraiser Guidance Chair

Sara W. Stephens, MAI, AI-GRS
Little Rock, AR

Education Committee Chair

John K. Bice, MAI
Little Rock, AR

Finance Chair

Geof B. Carmack
Little Rock, AR

Government Relations Chair

Alex McIntosh, MAI
Fayetteville, AR

Nominating Committee Chair

Jeffrey E. Ford, MAI
Cabot, AR

Directors

Zachary Holland (2024-2026)
Gentry, AR

Paul Stapleton (2024-2026)
Little Rock, AR

Sara W. Stephens, MAI, AI-GRS (2025-2027)
Little Rock, AR

Alex McIntosh, MAI (2025-2027)
Fayetteville, AR

Stephen Tharp, MAI, SRA (2026-2028)
Benton, AR

Mark Daven (2026-2028)
Little Rock, AR

Regional Representative

Angela Kimble, SRA
Fort Smith, AR

Alternate Regional Representatives

John K. Bice, MAI
Little Rock, AR

Sara W. Stephens, MAI, AI-GRS
Little Rock, AR

Geof B. Carmack
Little Rock, AR

Chapter Executive Director

Nancy Linton-Hall
Madison, NC

Chapter Executive Assistant

Brandon M. Berrier
Madison, NC



EDUCATION AND RELIEF FOUNDATION

They provide emergency financial assistance to AI Professionals, and to individuals with meaningful contributions to the real estate profession who have experienced a disaster or emergency that has left the Recipients in a state of financial, physical, or emotional distress. They also provide scholarships, grants, promote and conduct research and study into the aspects of real estate appraisal, encouragement for improving, advancing real estate appraisal, among other items.

[Click HERE for More Information](#)



2027 ARAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS & REGIONAL/ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES

President

John K. Bice, MAI
Little Rock, AR

Vice President

Geof B. Carmack
Little Rock, AR

Treasurer/Secretary

Stephen Tharp, MAI, SRA
Benton, AR

Immediate Past President

Angela Kimble, SRA
Fort Smith, AR

Appraiser Guidance Chair

TBA

Education Committee Chair

TBA

Finance Chair

Stephen Tharp, MAI, SRA
Benton, AR

Government Relations Chair

TBA

Nominating Committee Chair

Angela Kimble, SRA
Fort Smith, AR

Directors

Sara W. Stephens, MAI, AI-GRS (2025-2027)
Little Rock, AR

Alex McIntosh, MAI (2025-2027)
Fayetteville, AR

Mark Daven (2026-2028)
Little Rock, AR

Paul Stapleton (2027-2028)
Little Rock, AR

Katie E. Hampton (2027-2029)
Fayetteville, AR

Eric M. Edmondson, MAI (2027-2029)
Little Rock, AR

Regional Representative

John K. Bice, MAI
Little Rock, AR

Alternate Regional Representatives

Geof B. Carmack
Little Rock, AR

Stephen Tharp, MAI, SRA
Benton, AR

Angela Kimble, SRA
Fort Smith, AR

Chapter Executive Director

Nancy Linton-Hall
Madison, NC

Chapter Executive Assistant

Brandon M. Berrier
Madison, NC



AI PAREA is Here! [PAREA](#) provides an alternative to the traditional supervisor and trainee model for experience for licensed residential and certified residential appraisers. AI PAREA is an online program covering appraisal theory and methodology, in real-world simulations, with mentoring from nationally recognized appraisers. The content and activities in the AI PAREA program recreate the practical experience needed to gain a credential. Exercises, simulations, case studies, and applications are designed to enhance the AI PAREA program participant's existing appraisal knowledge. AI PAREA participants will develop at least three USPAP-compliant appraisal reports at the culmination of the AI PAREA program. Learn more about the AI PAREA program here: [Appraisal Institute PAREA FAQ Questions](#), please email aiparea@appraisalinstitute.org.

If you are not receiving emails from ARAI regarding education, meetings, elections, social events, newsletters, etc., please contact us so we can either update your email address or advise on how to white-list our email.

Thank You!



Check out our Arkansas Chapter Social Media Sites!



Region IX Officers

Michael V. Tankersley, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS, AI-RRS
Region IX Chair

J. Roger Ball, Jr., MAI, AI-GRS
Region IX Vice Chair

Karl Finkelstein, MAI
Region IX Third Director

Arkansas Chapter

122 W. Murphy St.
Suite 3
Madison, NC 27025

Phone: 336-949-4520

Nancy Linton-Hall
Executive Director

ArkansasChapter@appraisalinstitute.org
www.arkansasai.org