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## 2011 President's Message - David C. Casto, SRA

The West Virginia Chapter of the Appraisal Institute is the largest professional appraisal organization in West Virginia. Our members are the leaders in the state dedicated to enhance education, professionalism, and growth in the field of real estate appraisal.

Our mission in the West Virginia Chapter is to provide a platform whereby real estate appraisers, consultants, and local business leaders can network through programs and education.

Some of the goals of the chapter are as follows:

1. Provide excellent education to both our members and other local appraisers to promote competency and integrity.
2. Enhance consumer protection and promote public awareness of the industry, and the benefits of using Appraisal Institute members.
3. Promote and empower our members to exercise their potential as entrepreneurs and leaders in the field of real estate appraisal in the local community.

During this year I have attended several regional meetings representing our West Virginia Chapter. On August 14-17, 2011, I attended a joint regional meeting

in Las Vegas. This meeting was very well attended by members from all over the United States. Several topics were discussed that



will affect the Appraisal Institute over the next 3-5 years.

On September 26-27, 2011, I also attended the Leadership conference in Chicago. This meeting was very interesting with the new incoming Chapter Presidents and future leaders attending. The 45-day notice was a major topic and should be reviewed by all members. The full text of the proposed changes is available on the "My Appraisal Institute" pages of the Appraisal Institute website at [www.appraisalinstitute.org](http://www.appraisalinstitute.org). You will need to enter your user name and password on the home page to reach the "My Appraisal Institute" page.

Last year the Appraisal Institute Board of Directors adopted a new mission to move from a professional association business model to a professional society business model. Under the new mission, the organization will focus on Designated Members.

The Appraisal Institute will continue to be the home of appraisers and related real estate practitioners who are committed to the high degree of professionalism. The new model will assist members to move quickly to become a "Designated Member".

The West Virginia Chapter, along with the help of Dean Dawson (Education Chairman), who is working with Ms. Sandy Kerns (Executive Director of the West Virginia Appraiser's Licensing Board) to assist and have some input on regulations for the Appraisal Management Companies (AMC). The Appraisal Licensing Board has asked the Appraisal Institute Education Chair person to attend a meeting in November 2011 to recommend some guidelines for the upcoming 2012 West Legislative Session which will start in January, 2012.

For the ones that did not attend, we had a good meeting this past November 3, 2011 at Jay Goldman's office in Charleston, WV. Our next general meeting will be in January 2012. This date will be announced sometime in December 2011.

Happy Holidays to Everyone!

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