



Announcements:

Chapter Meeting

Installation of
2021 Officers
December 4th
9:00 am

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Alabama Chapter's First Zoom Class September 18, 2020



The Alabama Chapter held it's first very successful interactive Zoom class on September 18th "*Conservation Easements: Legal, Appraisal, Accounting and Ethical Issues-2020*". The Alabama Chapter partnered again with the Georgia-Alabama Land Trust to present a seminar that addresses current information and issues when valuing Conservation Easements. The class had 6 speakers and 70 in attendance. The speakers included: **Steve Small**, attorney and one of nation's leading authorities on private land protection options and strategies. Our own **Philip Paulk, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS, Lucus Van Esh, MNAA, Stephanie Surles, CPA, Attorney Alex Robertson, GA-AL Land Trust** and Attorney **Jonathon Blum** from Dallas TX.

Those in attendance included appraisers, attorneys, foresters, accountants, and realtors from numerous states. The class provided useful information for those involved in the process of valuing this unique property type. Thank you to the Georgia-Alabama Land Trust for allowing us to be a part of this class.

The Alabama Appraiser

Message From The 2020 President:



This year has been a unique year and we have made every effort to adapt to these unprecedented times. Difficult decisions have been made to cancel and postpone several course offerings, social gatherings and Chapter meetings. Many of us prefer in-person meetings, and hopefully this will be a viable option in the near future. On a positive note, the virtual conservation easement class in September was a success, which had 70 attendees. We appreciate those who attended this offering. By the time this newsletter is published, we will have had the virtual offering, “What’s Up in Technology for Real Estate Appraisers” instructed by former Appraisal Institute President Wayne Pugh, MAI. This class is expected to have good attendance as well.

The Orientation, Planning and Board of Directors Meeting was held in September and those in attendance were board of directors, committee chairs and regional representatives. It is uncertain whether our education will be held in person, virtual or both in 2021. It is a license renewal year and we are hopeful that education will rebound. Education is the Chapter’s largest source of income that allows us to make the following events possible:

- Education Scholarships
- LDAC Scholarships
- Stipends to National and Regional Meetings
- Social Gatherings

As you make your education decisions for 2021, I ask that you please support the Alabama Chapter’s offerings so we can continue to give back to our membership.

We must continue to adapt to the changing market and provide our clients with expert analysis. Updates in regard to COVID-19 continue to be published on the Appraisal Institute’s national website as a member benefit.

The 15th edition of “The Appraisal of Real Estate” was recently released. Some of the significant changes noted from The Appraisal Institute in this edition are:

- New chapters focused on applications of market analysis and highest and best use analysis;
- Additional emphasis on identifying the property rights to be appraised in an appraisal assignment; and
- Deeper discussion of accepted techniques for allocating value among real estate, personal property and non-realty items.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as 2020 Chapter President. Please feel free to reach out to me or other Chapter officers with questions or suggestions of how the Alabama Chapter can better serve its members.

Respectfully Submitted Mark Haller MAI, SRA



2020 Upcoming Meetings and Events

October 22nd - Region IX Meeting-Virtual

November 1-Scholarship Applications Due

December 4th - Chapter Meeting and Installation of Officers - Virtual via Zoom - 9am. Mike Tankersley, MAI, SA, AI-GRS, AI-RRS will conduct the installation. Zoom links will be sent out 2-3 days before the meeting.

Special Announcement About the Christmas Party

The decision was made at the recent Board of Directors meeting to cancel the in person 2020 Alabama Chapter Christmas Party this December. Instead we will have a virtual Zoom chapter meeting and installation of officers on December 4th at 9am. We felt this was a prudent decision given the ongoing risk associated with COVID-19 and the restrictions placed on gatherings at this time. We also did not feel that this would be a wise use of funds given the lack of income received from education this year. We hope you understand and look forward to seeing everyone next year on December 3rd at the Country Club.

Mark Haller, MAI, SRA

Alabama Chapter President



Wayne Pugh, MAI and Past President of the Appraisal Institute conducted his very popular seminar "What's Up in Technology for Real Estate Appraisers" to a Zoom class of 31 attendees on October 2nd. Those taking the class were able to take away numerous websites, apps and equipment that makes doing everyday appraisal work easier and more productive. Thank you Wayne for a great seminar.



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Due to the cancellation of the 2020 LDAC meeting in Washington the Alabama Chapter Board of Directors voted to send the 2020 attendees to the 2021 conference in Washington in May of next year. Those attendees will be **Joe Patrick, MAI, Chris Perty, Jr. MAI, and Scott Lakas MAI.**