

Dear OCAI Members,

Thank you OCAI Members, the Board of Directors, the Committee Chairs, the volunteers, and everyone that contributed to making 2024 a productive year! I am deeply honored to have served as your President for 2024.

This year was filled with a multitude of events and activities that perpetuated the Appraisal Institute's core values with a focus on "expanding the room" through diversification of membership. These core values are detailed as follows:

- Dedicated to excellence, professionalism, ethics and integrity.
- Committed to leadership and innovation.
- Devoted to an inclusive and welcoming community.

I look forward to continuing work on initiatives that advance the organizational goals of the Appraisal Institute:

1. The Appraisal Institute will protect and improve the value of affiliation
2. The Appraisal Institute will provide leadership toward a unified and inclusive profession with diverse perspectives.
3. Appraisal Institute professionals will be consistently sought out by users of valuation services.
4. The Appraisal Institute will improve the diversity of its affiliated professionals.

A special thank you to our Executive Director Nancy Linton-Hall for her persistence, assistance, and stewardship.

I want to wish Jeff Shoykhet, MAI - 2025 President, the entire Board of Directors and all OCAI Members a successful 2025!

Sincerely,  
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President  
2024 Ohio Chapter of the Appraisal Institute