

Dear OCAI Members,

Thank you to all that attended the virtual Chapter Business meeting on September 19th and those that joined us for the “An Objective Look at Appraisal Bias & Discrimination” hybrid seminar followed by the Chapter Business meeting on July 18th at the Hilton Easton in Columbus. I appreciate the time and effort that Steven Reynolds, MAI and Lisa Meinczinger-Gulden, SRA, AI-RRS expended to merge their individual commercial and residential (respectively) based presentations into a cohesive and inciteful program for OCAI – thank you both. This hybrid seminar - “An Objective Look at Appraisal Bias & Discrimination” was presented in conjunction with former AI CEO Cindy Chance’s presentation to the Chapter.

In June, 2024 Lisa Meinczinger-Gulden, SRA, AI-RRS was the instructor for the Ohio Supervisor Training & Fair Housing courses for the ADI Pilot Program participants. These were the final classes for the ADI Pilot Program – thank you for developing the Fair Housing course and supporting diversity initiatives to advance the appraisal industry.

In May, OCAI was represented by Jeff Shoykhet, MAI, Kelly Fried, MAI, Megan Glosser, MAI, and Emily Braman, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS at the 2024 Leadership Development and Advisory Council (LDAC) in Washington, D.C. LDAC is a group of dedicated appraisers who come together once a year in Washington, D.C., to formulate solutions to challenges faced by the appraisal profession. LDAC provides a forum where ideas and opinions on targeted topics of concern to the appraisal profession are exchanged. Thank you all for your service and advocacy for the appraisal profession.

Sincerely,  
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