



The International Society of Professional Valuers

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Welcome to this month's Newsletter of the Twin Cities Chapter of the American Society of Appraisers. Well, here it is November already and there seems to be more on our officers' agenda than we may be able to complete in one year. It is obvious to everyone that changes are continuing to take place in the industry and we must make some fundamental changes in our own local organization in order to survive, grow and serve our membership properly.

Changes Underway

Please pay close attention to the various communications from ASA headquarters. There are many structural changes taking place (or being advanced for discussion) that will require your input and vote. If you have any questions regarding what is going on at the national office, please give me a call at 952-544-1212. If I cannot answer your question(s), our Regional Governor, Jim Gilbertson (Kansas City), is very familiar with the current happenings at the national office and would be equally happy to hear from you.

2004-2005+ Agenda

Our officers and active members are very ambitious this year and we have a substantial amount of work that we want and need to accomplish with your help. After our next meeting on Monday, November 8th, I will provide our members with a detailed report regarding the 2004-2005+ agenda. There are some very significant changes that we are considering and we will be looking to all of our members for input. Although there are many items to discuss, our focus is on advancing the profession and serving our membership. The rest is simply details...more later.

Membership

During the past two years we have seen a growing number of our chapter members actively participating in our chapter meetings. In fact, RSM McGladrey, Chartwell Financial Advisory, Lurie, Besikof, Lapidus & Company, Appraisal Advisors, Baune, Dosen & Co., Shenhon & Associates, United Bankers' Bank, Virchow, Krause & Company, Berning & Berning, Gerald G. Gray & Associates, Deloitte & Touche, Investment Analysts Network, Newcombe, Hansen, Hempler, and the U.S. Treasury – IRS have been represented at many of our recent meetings. We are happy to see John Hawthorne and Randy Schostag active in our chapter meetings, again. The experience that we are able to gain at our meetings from these more 'battle tested' appraisers is invaluable. Moreover, the new crop of appraisers out there, including Adam Benik, Heather Geiman, and Chad Dolly (just to name a few) add some much needed enthusiasm to the mix. Need more? What if I said that you could exchange valuation ideas with a representative of the IRS (Michael Gregory) at most of our meetings? How cool is that? We would be very excited to see more of our members attending as many meetings as your schedules will permit. It has proven to be a good platform for exchanging ideas, debating valuation issues and simply getting to know each other outside of the courtroom, etc. **Several members will be discussing what they learned at the various most recent continuing education conferences at our next meeting. We look forward to seeing you on Monday!** - John H. Heidebrecht, Chapter President

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