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DATESTOREMEMBER!

2002

October3-ChapterBoardMeeting–RapidCity
-JointChapter/PAASDBoardSupper–RapidCity
October4-PAASDHighest&BestUseSeminar–RapidCity
December5-7-ASFMRAAnnualMeeting–Louisville, Kentucky

2003

February5-ChapterEducationSeminar-Chamberlain
-EveningChapterSocial&Discussions
February6-Chapter/PAASDA-12,PartIII USPAPUpdate
February7-PAASDEducationOffering
May-ChapterBoardMeeting–EatonSouthDakota
June/July-MinnesotaChapterSummerTour –SouthwestMinnesota
July17-19-ASFMRAAnnualMeeting–Portland,Oregon??
August/Sept.-ChapterSocial
October-ChapterBoardMeeting–RapidCity
Oct.30-Nov.1-ASFMRAAnnualMeeting–St.Louis, Missouri

PRESIDENT'SMESSAGE

Challenge and Change seem to be the operative words for our profession these days. This is brought about by changes to Appraiser Qualification Criteria proposed by the AQB, Finance/Budget challenges facing appraisal organizations, and talk of an *Umbrella Concept* and *Global Vision* for the property professions. I urge all of you to prepare and educate yourselves for these challenges and changes. Each of us can make a difference by becoming more involved in local Chapter and also National committees. Participation at state and national ASFMRA meetings will help you to "stay in the loop". I encourage you to also visit the ASFMRA website at <http://asfmra.org>. The website is being updated frequently with news about these challenges and changes. I want to personally thank all of those involved at the meeting in Pierre. Pagetwo of this newsletter summarizes the meeting.

BOARD INVITES WEST MEMBER STOLUNCH

The board invites members in the Rapid City area to join them on Thursday October 3rd for 12:00p.m. lunch at Minerva's in the Ramkota Inn. Please let Wade Buck know if you will attend so that he has a reasonable count for the restaurant.

LIFECHANGES

We extend sympathy to member Don Threadgold whose father recently died.

CHAPTER DECIDES TO WITHDRAW HOSTING 2004 SUMMER NATIONAL MEETING

On Friday September 13th, fourteen members including all but one board member met in Pierre to discuss chapter plans for hosting the 2004 summer national meeting. This was to have been a planning meeting for 2004, but communication received in the previous week from the national organization changed the discussion.

District VI Vice President John Frome informed the SD chapter that the Executive Council approved a budget that will not include financial support for future summer meetings. Some reasons for the national position include:

- An anticipated current budget shortfall
- A recent charge from the management company handling the national administrative duties for the national had already split net profit with the Iowa chapter
- A member survey completed 2-3 years ago did not show strong support for continuation of a



Visits with the national office indicated that a chapter hosting a national meeting would have complete financial control (rewards, risks, sponsorships). Most members present felt the risks outweighed the potential rewards and did not see offsetting benefits. After considerable discussion and debate, the members voted to withdraw from hosting the 2004 Summer National meeting.

During our brainstorming discussion and debate, an alternative concept to a National Summer Meeting was proposed. The details of this concept are outlined in a letter from

President Hollenbeck to the North Dakota and Nebraska Chapter Presidents. A copy of this letter is included with this newsletter publication. President Hollenbeck hopes to have some response from North Dakota and Nebraska by the chapter board meeting on October 3rd. The board welcomes input from all members on this idea and will communicate to the membership as exploration of the concept continues.

MEMBERS ENJOY SUPPER AFTER SEPTEMBER 13TH MEETING

After the meeting, members relaxed and visited while Social Committee members Ron Rucker and Craig Sommers prepared a delicious steak and baked potato supper with the help of the Farm Credit Services of America grill.

Since most members selected to return home Friday evening, the Saturday plans for golf and trapshoot were cancelled. The chapter thanks Jim Hollenbeck, Ron Rucker, John McMahon, Jim Vietor, and Craig Sommers for their efforts in setting up the Pierre meeting and supper.

