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SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER

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Enhancing Our Members' Ability to Succeed in Their Rural & Agriculturally Related Professions!

DATES TO REMEMBER!

January 16 - SD Chapter of ASFMRA Membership Meeting - Chamberlain

January 16-17–Winter Education & Joint Meeting W/PAASD - Chamberlain

February 13 - West River Breakfast Meeting - 9 A.M.
Rapid Map Training – BankWest Office

March 21 - East River Breakfast Meeting - 9 A.M. - Sioux Falls Roll’N Pin

May 9 – SDSU Network Event – Brookings

June 8-12 – SDAAO Conference Banquet – Deadwood in conjunction with North Central Regional Association of Assessing Officers (NCRAAO) conference

July 13-17 - ASFMRA Summer Education Week – Des Moines, IA

Sept. 8-12 - Leadership Institute – Washington, DC

Oct. 27- Nov. 1 – 85th ASFMRA Annual Meeting – Tuscon, AZ

CHAPTER MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Member	Join Date	Years
Geoff Oliver	1-22-1993	21
David Baker	1-13-2003	11
Jay Knuppe	1-01-2009	5
Adam Nelson	1-01-2010	4

Thank you for your support!!

“The greater part of our happiness depends on our dispositions and not our circumstances.”

Martha Washington

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!!! I trust you all had a safe and enjoyable Christmas. The New Year is upon us. My how time flies, most of you remember all of the “doomsday –type predictions” with the Y2K and not knowing if the computerized world would function properly going from 11:59 pm, 1999 to 12:01 am, 2000. Everything went fine but a lot of employee time and money was spent and many generators purchased.....was it a scheme?... Anyway, just an example of the quick passing of years as it sure doesn't seem that 14 years could go by that fast.

I am short on news this month. All I know is the month is flying by and the days are getting longer instead of shorter.

Be sure to register for the USPAP Update Course on Thursday, January 16th. Remember, appraisers are required to take this course prior to July 1, 2014 or pay a penalty. The Friday January 17th seminar on “drainage” by the use of tiling should be interesting and will probably impact most of us in the years to come. Tiling is becoming an issue in South Dakota. The speakers that Allan Husby has lined up for the day will be discussing the benefits as well as the potential problems of tiling.

The membership meeting of the SD Chapter ASFMRA will be at 5:25 pm after the USPAP course. We will be conducting the business of the Chapter to include election of officers and board members and to review financial reports and minutes. We will also hear from our District representative Jim Dunlap. If there are any issues you believe the Chapter should discuss, please contact me and we can schedule some time on the agenda.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Chamberlain.

MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND CHAMBERLAIN MEETING!

SD ASFMRA members are encouraged to support the chapter with attendance and participation in the joint January 16-17, 2013 meeting of SD ASFMRA and PAASD (Professional Appraiser's Association of South Dakota) at Cedar Shore Resort in Chamberlain.

SD ASFMRA Chapter Membership Meeting: The SD Chapter will hold its annual membership meeting on Thursday evening January 16th. **The starting time will be 5:25 P.M.** This will give those attending the Thursday education offering time to take a breath and energize themselves for the meeting. The agenda will include financial report, update on committee activities / plans, amended bylaws vote, and elections.

Social: Following the meeting, the SD Chapter and PAASD will co-host a social from 7:00 to 9:00. The social will be open to members of the ASFMRA and PAASD, as well as others attending the education offerings on Friday. The Social will provide pizza from Cedar Shores and two free drink tickets to each person registered for the classes. There will be a cash bar available.

Make your plans to attend this meeting of education and networking! You have until January 6th for “Early Registration” price. See next page for education and registration details.

WEST RIVER BREAKFAST NETWORKING

By Ryon Rypkema

There were nine individuals in attendance at the December 12th West River Breakfast meeting.

- Ryon Rypkema- Titles of Dakota Appraisal Services
- Wade Buck- Titles of Dakota Appraisal Services
- Calvin Conroy- Titles of Dakota Appraisal Services
- Kent Rasmussen- AXA
- Keith Newman- FCS America
- Perry Beguin- Beguin Appraisal Service
- Mindy Hubert- SDSU Extension
- Gordon Wendell- Pennington County Equalization
- Laurie Reed- BankWest



Gordon Wendell spoke about proposed changes in Pennington County on what qualifies property for Agricultural Status for Pennington County Assessments. One of the biggest changes would be increasing minimum size from 40 acres to 160 acres. This was a great presentation and opened up good group discussion and several questions from the attendees. Ryon Rypkema introduced the new staff that has recently been hired under Titles of Dakota Appraisal Services, along with Laurie Reed, who contracts appraisals for BankWest.

Gordon Wendell offered to have a training and preview of the updates and changes that have been made to Rapid Map the mapping program for Pennington County. All of the appraisers working in Pennington County know what a useful tool this is. We are making arrangements to have this training during the next West River Breakfast Meeting, with the location of the training still to be determined. This is also something that I think would interest several others outside of the appraisal industry.

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD JANUARY 16, 2014

Nominating Committee Chair Allan Husby and members Norm Edwards and John McMahon have secured nominations for the 2014 elections to be held on January 16th at the chapter membership meeting at Cedar Shores Resort in Chamberlain beginning at 5:15 p.m.

Chapter Officer Nominations:

President	Ron Ensz	President Elect	Craig Sommers
Secretary	Paul Reisch	Treasurer	Paul Sickler

Board Member Nominations:

Terry Leibel - running for 2nd term

2015 Nominating Committee Member: John McMahon

Will join Past President Allan Husby as Chair and a member to be appointed by President and / or board.

Other nominations can be made at the meeting on January 16th.

JANUARY 2014 EDUCATION AT CEDAR SHORE RESORT IN CHAMBERLAIN

**Thursday Jan 16 -7-Hour National USPAP Update Course 2014-2015
Presented by PAASD and SD ASFMRA**

Instructor: Craig Steinley, SRA is a South Dakota Certified General Appraiser, a contracted USPAP compliance examiner with the SD Dept. of Revenue and Regulation, and an AQB Certified USPAP instructor.

All South Dakota registered, licensed, and certified appraisers must take this course before June 30, 2014, to avoid an administrative fine.

Sign-In: 7:30 am (Central time) Class: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (Central time)

Early Registration: Members of PAASD and ASFMRA...\$175 - Non-Members.....\$275

After January 6, 2014: Members of PAASD and ASFMRA.....\$200 Non- Members.....\$300

Friday Jan 17 - Farmland Drainage and Drain Tile Seminar - Presented by SD ASFMRA

- Tim Kilmer - Drain tile designs, cost, and new innovations
- Brian Top - Wetland determination for NRCS and permits for Counties
- Christopher Hay, SDSU Extension Specialist - The effects of drain tile use on crop production
- Jay Gilbertson - Issues on the effects of Drain tile on water quality and Watershed volume of drainage

Sign-In: 7:30 am (Central time) Class: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Central time)

ONE PRICE FOR MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS: \$150

**Friday Jan 17 - Evaluating Residential Construction
Presented by PAASD and WY and Western SD Chapter of the Appraisal Institute**

Instructor: James C. Canestaro, AIA, AICP is a registered architect and certified urban planner who regularly deals with design programming, building characterization, strategic facility planning, capital asset management, and project economic analysis.

Evaluating Residential Construction shows how single-family houses are constructed from the ground up. More than 950 construction slides and a 125-page Reference Manual illustrate structure, envelope, interior, and environmental system components for houses ranging from custom to affordable, and even double-wides.

Early Registration: Members of PAASD and ASFMRA...\$175 Non-Members.....\$275

After January 6, 2014: Members of PAASD and ASFMRA.....\$200 Non-Members.....\$300

All classes include Lunch and All Materials!

All three courses have 7 CE Hours.

On line Registration: www.paasd.com - ASFMRA Members: Please enter "asfmra" in the coupon code area to receive member pricing.

MEMBER PROFILE IS AMANDA DEJONG

Describe your experience and education related to the property professional field (appraisal, farm management, consulting, academic relation).

My education is more financial in nature. I majored in Consumer Affairs with an emphasis on Family Financial Management and Accounting (and minored in Business, Ag Business, and Psychology) at SDSU.

Being raised on a small cash grain operation near Avon, I decided I wanted to work in agriculture after college and accepted a position at Farm Credit in Sioux Falls. I worked as an Account Specialist for a year, and was then given the opportunity to join the appraisal team. I am currently working toward general certification.



Describe what has led you to becoming a chapter member of the South Dakota ASFMRA and why you remain a member, if a member for a number of years.

I became a member of the South Dakota ASFMRA on the recommendation of co-workers at Farm Credit. The ASFMRA provides many educational opportunities for those on the path to general certification as well as valuable information and networking for appraisers and farm managers.

Describe personal background items that would be of interest to fellow chapter members (e.g. family, ethnic heritage, other communities lived, other jobs / careers, main hobbies or interests).

I've lived in South Dakota my entire life. I grew up on a family farm with my parents and my younger sister and brother. Both sets of grandparents as well as most of my extended family lived within ten miles. My main hobbies/interests involve animals and the outdoors. I really enjoy spending time on the farm with my parents and my future in-laws. My fiancé has recently gotten me into hunting as well.

Describe a few memorable or unique experiences in your life.

A few years ago I had the opportunity to attend an international science and engineering fair. This was an eye-opening experience that exposed me to many new people and cultures. However, the reason this experience is so memorable is because of the questions I received. A student from New York City asked me if I had ever seen a "real cow," while a group of students from Ireland were curious to know if there were still "cowboys and Indians" in South Dakota. Another group was under the assumption that "the Dakotas" still didn't have electricity.

SD CHAPTER - KJERSTAD MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP

Objectives:

1. Encourage potential members to join our chapter and help them with initial ASFMRA education.
2. Encourage members to attend and learn the benefits of the networking and education that take place at national events.
3. Broaden the experience of chapter members, which will in turn, strengthen our chapter member networking opportunities and develop future leadership for the chapter.
4. Encourage members to pursue accreditation and support them in this endeavor.
5. Recognize the member's achievement in gaining his accreditation.
6. Build member loyalty to the chapter.

Funding for this program is handled outside of the normal chapter operating / budgeting process. A separate money market account is dedicated for this program and the scholarships are paid from this account. Chapter fundraising projects and interest accrual on the account pay for the scholarships.

Scholarship opportunities for members under this program include:

- **\$500 scholarship for Leadership Institute attendance** -- Priority for the scholarship - Chapter President, board member, member who has never attended, member who has attended. Interest to be communicated to Chapter President by August 1st.
- **Pay member registration fee for first time national meeting attendance** - The member planning to attend their first national meeting would inform President and Treasurer.
- **Pay up to two \$500 scholarships annually to attend the National Meeting for members who have attended the National Meeting in the past.** Those intending to attend a National Meeting would state their intent to do so to the President and Treasurer. Then, those submitting their intent will be in a drawing for one of the two scholarships. The scholarship would be for members that are not reimbursed their costs by their employer. The scholarship would be limited to the same winner once every three years if several are entered in the drawing.
- **\$500 scholarship for first education course that is a part of accreditation track after becoming a new member.** - Member would inform President and Treasurer of intent to attend. Scholarship paid to member upon confirmation of course enrollment and adequate funds. If inadequate funding, will be reimbursed in future when adequate funding secured.
- **\$500 scholarship for accreditation education for those committed to achieving accreditation.** - Any current member can provide written intent for the upcoming calendar year by December 1st to Chapter President. The written intent will convey the member's status regarding educational requirements and his / her personal timeline to achieve completion of educational requirements, demo report, and sitting for the exam. Scholarship approval will be communicated to a member by March 31 of the calendar fiscal year. The member can be paid \$500 toward the cost of a class still needed within 3 years of scholarship approval.
- **Pay for cost of the accrediting exam** - Payable upon application as communicated by member to President and Treasurer. The cost of exam would be paid on a one time only basis.
- **Pay member registration fee when receiving accreditation at national meeting.** The member planning to attend would inform President and Treasurer.

Scholarships related to accreditation address only 1 accreditation per member. I.E. – Would not cover ARA, AFM, RPRA and / or AAC all for one member over time. The Kjerstad Member Scholarship Committee will administer the scholarship. Committee members are President, Past President, President-Elect, Treasurer, and one at large member appointed by the President. The at large member is appointed at the beginning of each president's new term.