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Valuation Spring Training

Chapter hits a home run with its all-star symposium

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From the March 29th opening pitch, the IRWA Valuation Spring Training in Baltimore, Maryland was off to a good start. Joined by more than 80 die-hard fans, the event was a collaborative effort between Chapter 14 and IRWA's International Valuation Community of Practice (CoP).

Opening the day one event was Valuation CoP Chair Richard Pino, MAI, R/W-AC. To present the Federal Update, five heavy hitters came to the plate, including Brian Holly, MAI, Chief Appraiser for the Department of Justice, Paul Davis, MAI, Review Appraiser and James Green, MAI, SRA, R/W-AC, Senior Review Appraiser for the Department of the Interior, and finally, Nicholas Hufford, MAI, CAE, Chief Appraiser for the General Services Administration and Federal Highway Administration. These representatives provided valuable agency insight on their future

direction and needs from a valuation perspective. The panel discussion was facilitated by Chapter 14's Mike Jones, SR/WA, who recently retired as the Chief Appraiser at the Federal Highway Administration.

The Federal Update was followed by a session on the Fundamentals of Easements and Assessing Damages lead by three of IRWA's leading valuation instructors, including Phyllis Lily, SR/WA, Richard Pino, MAI, R/W-AC, and John Rolling, SR/WA. They were well positioned to field questions and threw around ideas that the audience of mostly appraisers could put into play.

The afternoon was devoted to Corridor Valuation with an all-star panel, including Orell Anderson, MAI, Richard Roddewig, John T. Schmick, William LaChance, MAI, SRA and Jeffrey K. Jones, MAI, Chief Appraiser for the Alabama Department of Transportation. After pitching their

concepts and perspectives, a couple of curve balls led to a vigorous "over the fence" discussion. After the 7th inning stretch featuring popcorn and peanuts, the Valuation Symposium ended with a WIN for the home team.

Friday's Forum kicked off day two with representatives from eight Chapters in Region 4 lead by Region Chair, Doug Hummel, SR/WA and Vice Chair, Craig Curtis, SR/WA, who set the direction for Chapters in the season ahead. Day two of the valuation training featured the 7-hr USPAP Course with Climb Certified and AQB Qualified instructor, John Rolling, SR/WA. The class started out as your typical no-hitter but gained momentum with a lively rally around the impact of millennials on the future of communications in the appraisal industry.

These events alone would have surpassed any 9-inning game expectation, but Chapter 14 went into extra-innings with their 60th Anniversary Celebration at Baltimore's award-winning baseball stadium, the Orioles Park at Camden Yards. A video was shown featuring Chapter members throughout the years, and a list of all the past 60 Chapter presidents was read by Peter Clark, SR/WA, our current Chapter 14 President. The two day, extra innings event was well attended and overwhelmingly supported by IRWA headquarters, the Valuation CoP, Region 4 and an abundance of Chapter fans.

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Heavy hitters from the Federal agencies provided valuable insight from a valuation perspective.



The lineup event included 14 of the Chapter's past presidents.



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