

Tennessee Chapter Teams Up with Appraisal Coalition

Multiple education credits scores big with participants

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This past May, IRWA's Tennessee Chapter 32 held its second joint venture with the Tennessee Appraiser Coalition (TAC), a group that represents real estate appraisers in the state. Held at the Nashville Golf and Athletic Club in Brentwood, TN, Randy Button, SRA and I co-chaired the event, which attracted more than 100 attendees, many of whom are members of both IRWA and the TAC. For those with multiple memberships or certifications, a significant benefit was the multiple education credits provided. The four-hour program was approved for continuing education credits from the Tennessee Real Estate Appraiser Commission, Appraisal Institute, National Independent Fee Appraisers and the International Association of Assessing Officers.

The session was opened by IRWA International Vice President, Wayne Goss, SR/WA, R/W-NAC, who gave an update on efforts to further advance ties between the Association and public agencies. He acknowledged that, given the 40 different companies and organizations participating, these joint ventures improve educational opportunities and expand IRWA's exposure. Eric Collinworth, CRA, owner of Appraisal Advisory Services, LLC, gave an informative session on "Understanding Today's Regulatory Environment." Nicole Avers, CRA, Executive Director of the Tennessee Real Estate Appraiser Commission, updated attendees on the upcoming 2014-2015 TREAC changes that will affect most appraisers in the state. Randy Button, SRA, gave a legislative update on the proposed bills submitted by the Tennessee Appraisers Coalition.

Featured speaker, David Braun, MAI, SRA, presented "How to Utilize Statistics Effectively in the Preparation of an Appraisal," where he outlined how statistics can be misleading if not used properly.

Our luncheon speaker was longtime television sports commentator, Hope Hines, who spoke on the many changes in Nashville over the past 40 years, sharing anecdotes about Nashville's sports figures and teams. Local sports host Greg Pogue was on hand to inspire the various golf teams. One of the special guest golfers was Marty Roe, the lead singer for local country band, Diamond Rio, whose team won for best score. Two of our Chapter members and TAC Board members, Marc Headden and Mike Tankersley, sponsored the refreshments, as well as the afternoon social hour when prizes were awarded.

The event proved once again that education and fun make for a great combination. We generated over \$13,000 in gross proceeds, a portion of which will be donated to the Right of Way International Education Foundation. A special thanks goes to Randy Button for arranging the venue and organizing the golf activities. I would also like to acknowledge the generosity of our sponsors and golfers for their participation and support in making this a successful event.

These kinds of fundraising events are a great way to provide our members with relevant education and spread the word that IRWA is a good strategic partner for local public agencies and organizations. We look forward to an even larger turnout for next year's event. 🍷



From left, Chapter 32 event Co-Chair Randy Button, SR/WA, SRA, Diamond Rio lead singer Marty Roe, Billy Medley, SR/WA and IRWA's International Vice President Wayne Goss, SR/WA, R/W-NAC.



From the Tennessee Real Estate Appraisal Commission, Nicole Avers, CRE updated attendees on state regulatory changes.



More than 60 golfers and 18 hole sponsors participated in the event.