

## **2015 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to the Mid-Hudson Chapter of the Appraisal Institute.

As we enter 2015, I would like to say thank you to all those that have served our membership in the past and extend a special thank you to Brian VanDuser, for his leadership as our past president. It is a privilege for me to have the opportunity to fulfill the obligations of my predecessors and serve as your 2015 President.

Challenges bring change. Some of us embrace change while others are forced to adapt. As appraisers, we have experienced many changes over the last several years as a result of economic crisis. Changes will continue to take place that directly affect our industry and members. The members of the chapter comprise professionals ready to face the changes and serve the public in a broad capacity from consultation to valuation.

The Mid-Hudson Chapter will continue to provide education seminars and courses for the benefit of its members and non-members. We are also looking into providing continuing education at some of our future dinner meetings and inviting other membership organizations and practicing professionals within our region to attend. If you are a non-member interested in becoming one, I encourage you to explore the website, reach out to myself or the chapter leadership in order to get more information about who we are and what we do. For our existing members, I encourage you to become more involved with the chapter and its activities.

Continue to monitor our website for upcoming educational offerings and meetings. I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events.

Grant Ackerly, MAI

Mid-Hudson Chapter AI President 2015