



California Chapter
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CHAPTER CHALKBOARD

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A Member News Update from the California Chapter, ASFMRA

A Message from your President

Hello from Nevada! As you know from prior correspondence, we had been looking at South Lake Tahoe as the site for this year's Fall Meeting. We have decided to make a slight change and hold the meeting in the beautiful Carson Valley. The Carson Valley Inn Casino offers a great venue with more reasonable pricing and we think it will be a win-win! There are also some excellent opportunities for our Fall Ag Tour. Mark your calendars for October 4 - 6 and watch for details to be coming your way soon. For those still wishing to visit Lake Tahoe, it's just a short drive from Minden where you can extend your stay either before or after the meeting!

As always, please raise any questions or concerns with myself, Suzie, or any of our current Board members and/or Committee Chairs. We proudly represent you, our entire membership.

Mike Merkley, ARA - CA Chapter President

Time is Running Out to Register for Yellow Book Class in August

The CA Chapter will offer the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions Yellow Book class in Sacramento August 9-11. Paul Bierschwale, ARA and Brian Gatzke, ARA will be the instructors for the three day course which will be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Yellow Book is now a requirement for the RPRA Designation. See full details in the [course brochure](#). The deadline to make hotel reservations is July 11 (direct links can be found in the brochure). [Click here to register on-line.](#)

Chapter Elections

The California Chapter will hold elections for its 2022-2023 Board of Director and Nominating Committee positions in August. Watch for your electronic ballot to be arriving via email and please take the time to vote. It will only take a few minutes. We extend a sincere thank you to this year's Nominating Committee and to those members who have stepped up with their commitment to serve the Chapter in the coming year(s).

Thank You 2022-23 Web Site Sponsors

Thank you to the following companies who have signed on to sponsor the California Chapter Web Site for 2022-23. These companies are featured on the Chapter's home page with direct links to their web site or email address. There are still a few spots available if you're interested in this excellent promotional opportunity! [Contact the Chapter Office](#) for more details...

- Alliance Ag Services
- Conterra Ag Capital
- Gatzman Appraisal

- LIA Administrators & Insurance Services
- PGIM Real Estate Agricultural Finance
- Schuil & Associates, Inc.
- Valley Ag Loans

Looking for Three Chapter Members to Serve on 2022-23 Membership Advisory Group

Each year, the California Chapter selects three members to serve as its representatives to the ASFMRA Membership Advisory Group. It is our hope that the three members can attend the Membership Advisory Group Meeting that will be held on Tuesday, November 8th in San Antonio, TX during the ASFMRA Annual Conference where a variety of topics will be discussed. The Chapter covers transportation to the meeting and one night's lodging. If you are interested in serving the Chapter in this capacity, please **contact Suzie** in the Chapter office.

Fall Meeting Sponsorships Now Available

With the Fall Meeting approaching in October, we count on the contributions of our sponsors to help offset the cost of the event and keep fees reasonable for attendees. There are plenty of opportunities available to support the Chapter and promote your business. Just a few of the ideas include - custom lanyards; Ag Tour bus transportation; meals and breaks; the Installation event; and more... **Contact the Chapter office** to sign up today!

Ag Pros Learning Lab at Fall Meeting

The Appraisal Education Committee is still looking for presenters for the Ag Pros Learning Lab at the Fall Meeting in October. Topics can be anything from an interesting appraisal or management assignment you were involved with to technology you have found useful in your job to exploring new ideas in the appraisal, management and/or consulting professions. The possibilities are endless! If you have an idea for something that you feel would make an interesting 45 minute presentation, please **ARA, Chair** of the Appraisal Education Committee.

Would you be interested in A500 if it were offered in California?

The Chapter's Appraisal Education Committee is considering offering A500 in California at the 2023 Spring Meeting. While this two and a half day advanced course is intended to assist students in preparing for comprehensive exams, it is also an excellent refresher for those who have successfully completed the required education for Accreditation and assists in entering the proper mindset for working complex appraisal problems. If you have an interest in taking A500, please send a quick email to **info@calasfmra.com**. Without sufficient interest, the course would not be offered.

IMPORTANT DATES...

July 13 - 23, 2022 Education Week - Des Moines, IA
August 9 - 11, 2022 UASFLA Yellow Book Course - Sacramento
October 4 - 6, 2022 CA Chapter Fall Meeting - Minden, NV
November 5 - 11, 2022 ASFMRA Annual Conference - San Antonio, TX
March 28 - 30, 2023 Outlook 2023 Agribusiness Conference - Modesto, CA

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