

**Important Things are Happening – Stay Connected
Join or Renew Today and be Part of the Solution!**

With so many things happening so quickly that undermine the safety and soundness of protecting the public and the public trust, such as hybrid or third party appraisals, appraisal waivers, and the proposal to increase the appraisal threshold de minimus to \$400,000 for residential appraisals, it is more important now than ever before to join together and stay connected. The more we join together - the greater the impact we can have in stopping these escalating, irresponsible and risky trends that put the public and our profession at great risk!

- By not staying connected, you expose yourself to increased liability and jeopardize both your career and the public you serve
- **MAA is the only professional organization in Maryland advocating for "boots on the ground" Real Estate Appraisers** and the public they serve at **BOTH** the State and Federal levels
- **MAA takes up issues legislatively that affect your livelihood**
- one very crucial issue we are responding to now at the Federal level is the proposed increase of the appraisal threshold for residential real estate loans from \$250,000 to \$400,000, **potentially affecting up to 90% of mortgage transactions and conceivably exempting complete market areas from requiring an appraisal, putting both the public, residential mortgages, and your future at risk.**
- **MAA has gone to bat** for appraisers and continues to work closely with Bright MLS through our member feedback **to restore what we lost with the recent conversion from MRIS**
- **Member discounts through our partnerships**, such as **9.5% savings on E&O**, or on our professional course offerings - but the **benefits go far beyond that** One of the most valuable aspects of taking on-site education and attending our dinner meetings is the ability to talk amongst your peers and **walk away with local knowledge and valuable insights that put topics into meaningful contexts for the markets in which we work - something online courses just can't provide - no matter how good!**
- **MAA is a founding member of the Network of State Appraisal Organizations** - now 30 and continuing to grow - those in the position to make change at the Federal level now want to meet with those of us affected by these rapidly changing policies and regulations - the working professional field appraisers that deal every day with borrowers, lender requirements, and regulations - **addressing increasing concerns and growing liability of those products and decisions that put the future of our profession and the public at risk. For example, Network participants shared the cost of a prestigious D.C. law firm to prepare our highly detailed legal-brief style objections to the proposed increase in the appraisal threshold.**
- **The best way to protect yourself and your future is to join the best of your peers** in an organization that stresses high standards and professionalism. We are being heard, but strength comes from numbers
- **It is expensive to maintain a presence** in Annapolis, to join with other state organizations in Washington and around the country, and to continue to develop and offer our numerous high-quality educational offerings. **Please help us to be able to continue helping you and the future of our profession and support MAA.**



The Maryland Association of Appraisers, Inc.
Application for Membership

- Full Membership Those members holding a current appraisal license or certification
 Candidate Membership Those members who are trainees, or trainee applicants, and are in the process of completing their requirements for licensure but have not yet received their full license or certification. (Individuals enrolled in our modules, please check this box)
 Affiliate Membership Those members who have an interest in the appraisal field but do not hold and are not working toward an appraisal license

Members in good standing, regardless of category, have full rights and privileges. *Please print clearly and fill in all blanks.*

Name: _____ Company Name: _____

Professional Appraisal or Real Estate Associations: _____
Professional Designations/Certifications _____

of: Non-appraiser Employees ___ Appraiser Employees ___ Independent Contractor Appraiser Employees ___
Type of Practice: Primarily residential ___ Primarily commercial/non-residential ___ Mixed ___

Street: _____ All State License #'s: Include classifications (ie 06, 02, 03,04, etc): _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Lic. Exp. Date(s): _____

County: _____ Home phone#: _____ Work Phone# _____

Fax#: _____ E&O Expiration: _____ Cell Phone#: _____

**** Email Address _____

Types of Appraisal Practice/expertise _____

Geographic Areas of Coverage: _____

Appraisal Education: (Complete for Candidate Membership Only): Attach a separate piece of paper listing any courses taken by the applicant which specialize in appraising or related courses for licensing/certification. If none, please state none.

I hereby apply for membership in the Maryland Association of Appraisers, Inc. and I agree to abide by the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) as promulgated by The Appraisal Standards Board (ASB) of the Appraisal Foundation if admitted. **Dues are non-refundable**

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Please send your dues along with the completed application to MAA. c/o P.O. Box 774, North East, Maryland 21901. MAA also accepts credit cards. Please pay on-line or contact MAA at 443 371-7586 for questions. You may fax your completed application to 410 392-2909 or e-mail it to info@mdappraisers.org.

Increase Your Visibility - Optional Website Hyperlink

() I am enclosing an additional fee of \$10 for a hyperlink from MAA's website to my own. **You may also pay on-line**

Include a website address **ONLY** if you are including the \$10 fee to activate or renew the link

Website address: _____

For Office Use Only

Date received: _____

Recommended: _____

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Membership Chairman

Date: _____