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Campaign Statement

Goals, Needs, Future

It is my goal to keep the Real Property Committee alive and well and our discipline active within the ASA. As a past Chair of our Real Property Committee and as a past Education Chair within our discipline, keeping our discipline relevant within our organization and our education first class within the profession have high priorities for both myself and for our discipline. We must work together for these goals, and I am committed to do this. We must focus on adding value for the money spent for appraiser’s education and our membership in the ASA and to all appraisers in the field. This should increase our membership levels and discipline’s income, if the benefits received are perceived to be greater than their costs.

Since the 1980’s, I have held two senior membership designations. The ASA and IFAS prior to the unifications of our two organizations. I have taught for both the ASA and NAIFA, know the background and culture of both, and the strengths and weaknesses (yes, there are some) of each. I am ready to build on the strengths and minimize the other.

The current need is to assess our skills and realize we are a single organization of many strengths and use them as quickly as possible. Delays are hurting us as others are first in the field where we have the knowledge, but nobody knows about what we know. We have multi-discipline education and real property specialization, but we cannot get it into the field. Why
not? We have almost all the pieces for all the core classes for a General License. Does a prospective Real Property appraiser know this? Why not? Why are we not yet a major player in the Real Property Educational Provider area? It has been about 35 years since we developed the POV classes. Let’s identify the roadblocks and run them over and get into the game. Or get out. But decide. We need to decide. Just some needs.

We, as all ASA and prior NAIFA members, must work together with common concerns and interests to solve professional problems in a timely and cost-effective manner. We are a single organization of appraisers with a common basis of education and goals. It is time our individual discipline members, the discipline committees, and our organization, as a whole, get back to the basic needs of the public we serve. If we do this as we should, we will be successful, and we will be, as a future goal, the “best in our class”.

I am committed to work for the organization, the NAIFA-Real Property Discipline Committee of the ASA and for you, the membership. I am asking for your vote to keep our society moving in the direction we want, the profession needs, and the public demands. Thank you for at least reading this far and considering where the discipline is and what needs to be done. Again, I have worked for our Society for over 40 years and the need has not ended. I again ask for your vote.

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