

## **Jason Tillema, ASA, IFA**

### **Election Biography**

Jason A. Tillema, SRA, AI-RRS, ASA, IFA is a Certified Residential Appraiser and co-owner of Access Valuation and Education Resources, serving the Indianapolis, IN market. With a career spanning over 27 years, Jason is highly regarded for his expertise in residential property valuation, appraisal education, and professional development within the industry. As a designated member of the Appraisal Institute (AI) and the American Society of Appraisers (ASA), Jason has played an active role in shaping the profession. He has served as President of the Hoosier State Chapter of the Appraisal Institute (2014) and continues to contribute as a member of the Appraisal Institute's Residential Appraiser Committee, where he currently serves as Chair. His dedication to the profession extends to his involvement with MIBOR (Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS®), where he served on the Board of Directors (2014-2016). Beyond his work as an appraiser, Jason is a recognized educator, presented with the prestigious Ed White Award in 2020. Since 2014, he has been an approved instructor with the Appraisal Institute and, in 2018, became an AQB-certified USPAP instructor. He has developed and delivered numerous continuing education courses for appraisers, covering topics such as market analysis, supporting adjustments, technology in appraising, and Excel-based seminars including data visualization. For the past three years, Jason has been a speaker at the ASA International Conference, presenting on key industry topics such as Accessory Dwelling Units and Hot Words in Residential Appraising. With a Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship from Indiana University, Jason brings both analytical and business acumen to his work. His expertise in education and professional leadership makes him a trusted resource for appraisers and real estate professionals nationwide.

### **Why do you feel you are qualified for this position? Include information on past volunteer positions with ASA and other organizations.**

I am uniquely qualified for the committee position due to my extensive experience in real estate valuation and my active volunteer service with professional organizations. As a designated member of the American Society of Appraisers (ASA), I have not yet held a volunteer position, however, I have provided material for the education programs and presented at the past three ASA International Conferences. I am also an approved instructor for the ASA. Beyond ASA, I have held leadership roles in the Appraisal Institute, including serving as the Chair of the Residential Appraisal Committee (2025-2026). I have also contributed to professional development through education for the local chapter. My dedication extends beyond professional organizations—I own and operate a continuing education school and have been running the residential side of Access Valuation for more than a decade. Both of these entities have given me firsthand insight into industry challenges and the importance of maintaining high standards. My experience leading and mentoring appraisers, developing educational content, and engaging with industry stakeholders makes me well-suited to serve and advocate for residential real property professionals.

**What contributions have you provided ASA as a member or to a comparable organization(s)?**

Please refer to comments to the 1st question.

**What do you wish for ASA's members?**

I wish for ASA's members to thrive in a dynamic and evolving appraisal profession, with access to the best education, resources, and professional opportunities. My goal is to support initiatives that enhance member engagement, promote diversity, and expand mentorship programs, ensuring that both new and experienced appraisers have the tools needed for long-term success.

**What do you wish for ASA in the profession?**

I wish for ASA to be the thought leader in the appraisal profession, driving innovation and setting the highest standards for valuation practice. The industry is evolving rapidly, and appraisers must recognize that the old ways of doing business will no longer suffice. We must embrace technology, adapt to market changes, and refine our methodologies to stay relevant and effective. ASA has a unique opportunity to lead this transformation, advocating for forward-thinking education, stronger professional development, and a commitment to excellence. By fostering collaboration, modernizing our approach, and ensuring our members are at the cutting edge of the profession, ASA can shape the future of valuation and maintain its position as a premier organization for appraisers who seek to grow, lead, and excel.

**Why should members vote for you?**

Members should vote for me because I am committed to advancing ASA's role as the thought leader in the appraisal profession. I bring a passion for education and mentorship, and a drive to modernize and strengthen our industry. I understand that the old ways of doing business are no longer enough, and I will work to ensure that ASA leads the charge in innovation, advocacy, and professional development.