

View from the ARM Chair

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the ARM Journal! After years of anticipation, we are excited to finally have a direct link with our members on a quarterly basis. As I see it from my armchair view, our group is a welcoming, relaxed, and very supportive combination of ASA colleagues from all disciplines.

Welcome, all!

As the first order of business, I'd like to thank our newsletter editors: Melanie Modica, general editor, for making the newsletter a reality, and Ray Rath, our technical editor.

Our Focus

This newsletter will focus on providing quality technical content to ARM members and users of appraisal reviews; building community within the ARM discipline; and publishing updates, including scheduled events, classes and webinars. All ARM members are encouraged to contact the editor regarding possible material submission.

It is our plan that technical materials published here in the next few years will be combined with material already in our POV classes to provide content for an ARM Reference Manual / Textbook. Yes, we have lots of big plans! I'm honored to be on the team with our newly seated ARM committee to work toward accomplishing these milestones for you and *with* you.

Committee Members & Friends

Please join me in extending a big thanks and welcome to the wonderful professionals on your ARM committee:

J. Mark Penny, Vice Chair
Travis Avant, Treasurer
Joel Gonia, Secretary
Barb Spoor, Past President
Ernie Demba, member at-large
Ray Rath, member at-large
Rick Berkemeier, member at-large
Bruce Greenberg, member at-large
Melanie Modica, member at-large

We are also grateful to other friends of ARM: ASA members Paul Cogley, Terri Lastovka and Greg Patterson, and all of our friends at ASA headquarters who have helped us get up to speed with policies governance, budgets, education, and promotion, like this newsletter.

What's Happening

ARM has a number of new subcommittees along with traditional ones, now fully staffed and invigorated with energized members. For example, a new Outreach Committee is exploring new ways to promote appraisal review services to attorneys, bankers and CPAs (ABC); the Membership Committee is investigating ways to attract more ASA members into ARM, especially our new friends from NAIFA; and the Education Committee is focused on developing new classes and webinars. We also have a task

force reviewing the alignment of our POV educational materials and ARM advancement checklist to ensure that all students are being taught appropriately and clearly understand what they need to learn and communicate in order to advance.

I look forward to seeing you at IAC next week—be sure to visit the “Meet ARM” event area at the Welcome Reception on Sunday, October 7th.

We are ready to move forward with the ARM agenda, advancements and progress, so please remember that we will always have room for YOU at the table.

Best regards from the armchair,

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