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Professional Profile: Richard Simmons, 2015

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Name: Richard Simmons Jr., RA

Title: President, Massachusetts Board of Real Estate Appraisers

Company: Town of Lynnfield Assessor's office

Location: 55 Summer St., Lynnfield, Mass.

Birthplace: Gardner, Mass.

Family: Divorced

College: Nasson College, Springfield, Maine - BA English Literature

First job outside of appraisal: Sales at Eastern Mountain Sports

First job in appraisal or allied field: Joined Simmons Associates in 1981 with my father.

What do you do now and what are you planning for the future? Maintain the organization, increase membership and its presence regionally.

Hobbies: Backpacking, downhill skiing and bicycling.

Favorite book: Elizabethan drama

Favorite movie: "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"

Person you emulate (outside of family): Allan Caprone

Key to success: Due diligence and hard work.

If you were to choose another vocation what would it be? Own a bicycle touring company.

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