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## **MA/RI Chapter of AI President's final message - by Greg Curtis**

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It has been another productive year for the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Chapter of the Appraisal Institute. The chapter had a record 13 newly designated members, including 10 MAIs and three SRAs. Additionally, three RAs have earned an AI-RRS and one MAI has earned an AI-GRS for a total of 17 new designees.

Other highlights over the past year include:

- Awarding four Hewitt scholarships in the amount of \$750 each for the completion of the Demonstration of Knowledge.
- Recognizing Steve Elliot, SRA with the Volunteer of Distinction award.
- Recognizing Bill McGovern, SRA with the Lifetime Service Award.
- The chapter co-sponsored the Annual Appraisers Expo with the MBREA. As usual there was a strong turnout with 310 attendees.
- The chapter received a \$10,000 grant from Massachusetts Clean Energy Center for two offerings of Residential and Commercial Valuation of Solar.
- The Chapter recently transitioned to National's new NetForum Chapter Portal, which provides new access for online education registration.
- We saw more trainees and new candidates taking our education offerings as well as attending our social outings.
- We continued to expand the Chapter's college outreach program.

Thank you for allowing me to be the president of the chapter. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve the chapter. Thank you to my fellow officers, board of directors, and committee chairs for your dedication to the chapter. Also, a very big thank you to Lianne Andreucci, who has served as the chapter's executive director for nearly 30 years.

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