



# The Appraiser

ARKANSAS APPRAISER LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION BOARD

1ST TRIMESTER 2023

## AALCB BOARD

- Sara Stephens, CG - Chairman
- Katie Hampton, CG - Vice-Chairman
- Julie Matthews, CG - Treasurer
- Josh Barkhimer, CG
- Greg Cheshier, CG
- Jack Cotton, CR
- Randy Minton, CG
- Amber Gibbons, Consumer Rep
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## Secretary Bassett Reappointed

### **Governor Sanders announced her intent to reappoint Daryl Bassett as Secretary of the Department of Labor and Licensing**



Governor-elect Sanders announced her intent to reappoint Daryl Bassett as Secretary of the Department of Labor and Licensing on January 6, 2023. The Senate confirmed his appointment. Sanders said, "I am pleased the Secretary has agreed to continue his stewardship of this department, promoting the protection and safety of workers, and to help me pursue bold reforms to ease burdensome regulations."

Secretary Bassett expressed his honor to continue serving the men and women of Arkansas and to join the Governor's administration. He currently serves as the first appointed Secretary for the Department.

The Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board (AALCB) is one of the divisions under the Department of Labor and Licensing. Diana Piechocki, Director of the AALCB, expressed that she is excited for the opportunity to continue working with Secretary Bassett. His direction continues to improve the ability of the AALCB to better serve both our credential holders and the protection of the public.

## Message From Your 2023 Board Chairman Sara Stephens

Serving for the last three years as a member of the Arkansas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board has been a great honor for me. I have worked with outstanding professionals serving as members of the Board, as well as a wonderful staff, and our Director Diana Piechocki who keeps our



Board moving in a positive direction.

Your Board has worked to advance opportunities for you, provide up-to date, current information for each of you, and move the profession forward, always with a commitment to protect the public trust. We have

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# AALCB to Migrate to a New Electronic Licensing Platform (ELP)



To streamline our licensing process, the Department of Labor and Licensing is moving all its divisions to the same database. Therefore, the AALCB will be migrating to an electronic licensing platform (ELP) at some point this year. This will allow for the online payment of fees for all Board-provided services. When the migration is complete, you will also

be able to upload your completion certificates to your account. You will be given additional information and instructions to create your own account when our ELP is implemented.

Staff will provide more information as we move forward with the conversion. As always, please contact our office at 501-296-1843 if you have any questions.



## In memoriam...

- *Craig Lackie, CG, Searcy*
- *Jim Martin, former AALCB Director*
- *Cary Matthews, CG, Jonesboro*
- *J. Tommy Truett, CG, Hot Springs*

The Board staff requests that you notify them when an appraiser passes.

# SAVE THE DATE

## Monday, September 25



# DAY with APPRAISERS SEMINAR 2023

## NETWORK! LEARN! CONNECT!

## Attention AMCs!

Please verify that your address is updated with the Arkansas Secretary



of State's Office before submitting your renewal. This will enable us to process your renewal more expediently.

You can check your listing at [Arkansas Secretary of State](#). If you need to update your address with the SOS, use the Foreign Address Change Form (for out-of-state companies) [Foreign Address.pdf](#).

If you also need to update your address with us, please use form AMC-502, which can be found on our website...[AMC CHANGE FORMS](#).

### Voluntary Surrenders:

- Craig Daniel Lackie
- William Ward
- H. Marvin Haught

### Suspensions:

- Wes Booth



## Board Elects New Officers for 2023

At the January 13, 2023, meeting of the AALCB, Sara Stephens of Little Rock was elected as the new board Chairman. She succeeds Josh Barkhimer of Camden who had been Chairman for the past year.

Stephens stated, "Following former Chair Josh Barkhimer is going to be a huge task, he is an outstanding leader, and was an outstanding chair. This Board has surely been the beneficiary of his leadership."



In addition to Stephen's election as Chairman, Katie Hampton of Fayetteville was elected as Vice-Chair. Julie Matthews of Jonesboro was elected as Treasurer. Both Hampton and Matthews are in their third year on the Board.

At the Board's December 9, 2022, meeting, the board recognized Randy Minton for his six years of dedicated service to the board. We appreciate his hard work and willingness to serve. Randy was the 2021 Chairman of the board.



## Board Votes to Extend Discount on Renewal Fees

At its January 13, 2023, meeting, the Board voted to extend the \$75 discount of fees for one additional year. This makes the sixth year for the discount. In the past five years the board has discounted renewal fees a total of \$360,750.

## Extension of 2020-21 USPAP

On August 11, 2022, The Appraisal Foundation's Appraisal Standards Board (ASB) announced that the current edition of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) would be extended by one additional year. The 2020-2021 USPAP will now be effective until December 31, 2023.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### **How long is the current version of USPAP effective?**

With this announcement, the 2020-21 USPAP will now have an effective date through December 31, 2023. This is an additional one-year extension, which will be added on to the previous one-year extension, which expired on December 31, 2022.

#### **What does this mean for the USPAP cycle going forward?**

Future editions of USPAP will have an effective start date but no end date. This will give the Appraisal Standards Board greater flexibility to fully examine potential revisions to the standards and respond in a timely manner to changes in the valuation profession.

#### **How does this impact the requirement to take a 7-hour continuing education course on USPAP every two years?**

This extension does not impact appraiser continuing education requirements. The 7-hour continuing education course is required to be taken once every two years as a way to offer appraisers a refresher on important cornerstones of the profession and offer practical applications for their appraisal practice. On October 1, 2023, a new USPAP course will be released, which will continue to be offered to meet this continuing education requirement. A new course will be released every two calendar years.



**Will I need to buy another copy of USPAP for the 7-hour continuing education course if I already bought a copy of the 2020-21 USPAP?**

No, you can continue using the current version of USPAP for this cycle.

# AALCB Active Appraisers

(as of 1-30-23)

Registered Apprentice .....	132
State Registered.....	29
State Licensed.....	44
SL Non-Resident.....	9
Certified Residential .....	330
CR Non-Resident.....	57
Certified General .....	216
CG Non-Resident.....	223
<b>Total*</b> .....	<b>1,040</b>

*\*does not include temporary appraisers*

Appraisal Mgmt Companies..... 117

## In-State Licensed and Certified Appraiser Renewals Due June 30

As a reminder, all in-state licensed and certified appraisers renew on June 30, 2023. There is no continuing education due this year. You will receive a renewal notice in early May, with fees due by June 30, 2023.

*Remember*



## Young Man, Explain Yourself!

*By Rick Mahan, Board Chairman 2012 & 2013  
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When I was growing up, I often did things I shouldn't have done, but probably more often I didn't do things that I should have done. At those times, you could have heard my mother say, "Young man, explain yourself!" Unsurprisingly, though, my quick-witted attempts at an explanation did not prevent the discipline that I knew was coming and, now can admit, was well deserved. Why the story of my boyhood shenanigans? Well, I've often been reminded of my mom taking me to task during the past four years of serving on the Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

All the board members have had the opportunity to meet in non-judicial settings with appraisers who have had their reports submitted to the board. While discussing the report with the appraiser, it is to be expected that the board member will begin to question the data and conclusions made in the report. Time and again, the explanations that are given by the appraiser are realistic and reasonable. What did not seem logical or accurate in the report increasingly becomes more sensible and exact. The most typical response from the board member to the appraiser is, "If you had told the reader of the report what you just told me or, in other words, explained yourself we would most likely not be here today."

When completing an appraisal report, most of us know what we are doing, but we tend to forget that the majority of the readers of these reports have no idea of the appraisal process. We say and write things that have become second nature to us, but without an explanation, the report will read like a foreign language to the reader.

My advice is to take just another few minutes to explain in further detail the features of the property, whether good or bad. Most certainly give an explanation for the adjustments and conclusions. The majority of the time it only takes a couple more sentences to lead the reader to understand what and why you did what you did.

Just because the report is presented in a form does not prevent us from providing good explanations. We are all pressured to get our reports completed quicker for our clients. So, in order to save a few minutes we are tempted to just check boxes and move on. However, stop and think. Spending a few more minutes on each report will save you much more time than taking a day to come to Little Rock to hear a board member say, "Young man/woman, explain yourself!"

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worked diligently to ensure that federal mandates are exercised and that you, our appraisers, are always at the forefront of the efforts and mandates of the Board.

At the most recent meeting of the Board, I was elected 2023 Chair, an honor that is humbling, to say the least, and most certainly a highlight of my professional opportunities.

I am so excited to have the opportunity to lead the Board in 2023 and to help address some of the challenges to our profession. I want you to know that your Board is working with state and federal leaders to provide any and all opportunities to our appraisers and to keep you informed of initiatives relative to our profession. Look for updates on PAREA opportunities (do you know what that is?), education opportunities (Day with the Appraisers September 25), as well as changes that will impact your practice. I am looking forward to a great year!