

Dear Chapter Members,

I am honored and excited to step into the role of 2026 President of the Wyoming, North Dakota, and South Dakota (WyDak) Chapter of the Appraisal Institute. As a relatively new chapter following our 2023 realignment, we have a great opportunity to build momentum, strengthen connections, and continue growing together across all three states.

By way of background, I'm a practicing commercial real estate appraiser based in Bismarck, North Dakota, and the owner of Boulder Appraisal, LLC. I've also had the recent privilege of serving in leadership roles at the state level, including two terms as President of the North Dakota Appraisers Association (NDAA). Those experiences reinforced for me the value of strong professional organizations, engaged members, and high-quality education.

Looking ahead, my focus for the WyDak Chapter is growth, engagement, and education. We have a real opportunity to expand membership by reaching out to appraisers who are not currently Appraisal Institute members, strengthening relationships with state appraisal associations, and connecting with students and young professionals at universities. At the same time, we will continue to prioritize high-quality, relevant education that provides real value to our members.

The strength of our chapter truly comes from the work that begins at the committee level. If you are interested in getting more involved, I strongly encourage you to reach out or watch for upcoming opportunities to participate. Committee involvement is a great way to contribute, build relationships, and help shape the future of the chapter.

Clear and timely communication is also a priority. We are working toward improved communication with members through our chapter website, and I encourage you to watch for a

website relaunch in the coming weeks.

I'm genuinely excited to meet more of you in person as we continue offering education throughout the tri-state area. When possible, I encourage you to attend our in-person events — the conversations and connections that happen at these events are just as valuable as the coursework itself. Our next in-person educational offering will be held in Casper, Wyoming, from February 23–25, and I hope to see many of you there.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly at any time with questions, ideas, or concerns. Thank you for your membership and support. I'm excited about the future of the WyDak Chapter and look forward to working together.

Sincerely,

Wade Becker, MAI

2026 President

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