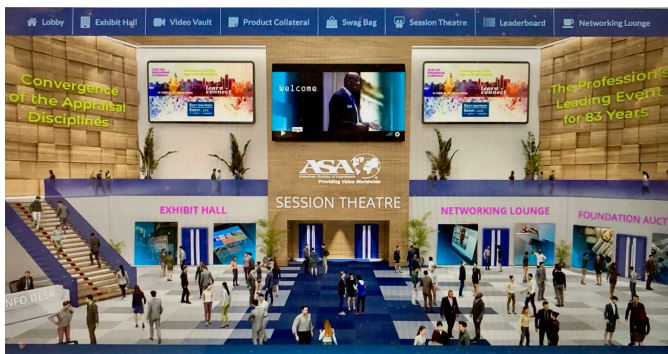


**NEWSLETTER** FROM HOUSTON CHAPTER PRESIDENT  
PAMELA BENSOUSSAN, ASA, ARM-PP, CFLC

Hello Houston Chapter Members and Region 3 Members,



We are pleased to announce that our chapter members have once again been honored with **several awards at the annual ASA International Conference**, which took place online this year, with an amazing virtual platform.

To learn more about these awards visit [www.HoustonAppraisers.org/Member-News/](http://www.HoustonAppraisers.org/Member-News/)

- APPRAISER OF THE YEAR: Melanie Modica, ASA, ARM-PP, CFLC
- CHAPTER OF THE YEAR: Under the leadership of Steve Hu, ASA, President year 2019-2020
- EDUCATION EVENT OF THE YEAR: Energy Valuation Conference 2020, Chaired by Carol Akers Klug, ASA
- RISING START AWARD: Laurie Leigh White, ASA

Be sure and sign up for our **November 5 webinar** with ASA CEO Johnnie White and Region 3 Governor Scott Miller, ASA. Learn about the new direction in society governance and get your questions ready for an **interactive panel discussion**. Register for this free webinar on the chapter website <https://houstonappraisers.org/calendar/#meetingregistration> or you may register directly at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_UVqkRUK1QFOrrG\\_GcbevOA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UVqkRUK1QFOrrG_GcbevOA)

As we advance into the Fall, it's time to think again about how you can be your best and advance your practice. In addition to our monthly educational webinars, look into the special courses **offered by the Houston Chapter at bargain prices!**



**APPRAISAL REVIEW & MANAGEMENT** - Join us for the two POV courses to accredit with the ARM designation and begin offering review and management services to your clients. ARM 201 will be a live online Zoom class on **November 14-16, 2020**, and ARM 204 will take place in February, 2021. Both courses will be taught by Houston's own ARM Discipline Chair Melanie Modica, ASA, ARM-PP, CFLC. LEARN MORE OR REGISTER AT: [HOUSTONAPPRAISERS.ORG/EDUCATION/](http://HOUSTONAPPRAISERS.ORG/EDUCATION/)

**NEED USPAP?** Every year we offer the **USPAP Update Course for free** to Houston Chapter members (plus \$50 fee for student manual). This year, we are adding an incredibly low-price option for Region 3 members. Tentative dates are January 14-16, 2021. The classes will be held in live webinar format. For more information visit [HOUSTONAPPRAISERS.ORG/EDUCATION/](http://HOUSTONAPPRAISERS.ORG/EDUCATION/) or contact Georgie Stillman, ASA, [GeorgieStillman1@comcast.net](mailto:GeorgieStillman1@comcast.net)

Do you know about the **HOUSTON POV SCHOLARSHIP FUND** available for Chapter members to take any ASA Principles of Valuation (POV) course? To apply for a grant, Houston Chapter applicants can download an application found at the bottom of ASA's 501c3 Educational Foundation website page: [www.appraisers.org/About/educational-foundation](http://www.appraisers.org/About/educational-foundation) Print, sign and email the completed form, three years of your tax returns, and your financial statement to ASAEF Chair Blake Runckel: [brunckel@corpval.com](mailto:brunckel@corpval.com) ASAEF administers the grants and considers only needs-based applications.



The Houston Chapter sponsored two fantastic all-day education events this year. The 10<sup>th</sup> annual **Award-Winning Energy Valuation Conference** took place on May 12, and as usual was an enormous success. Next year's event will take place on May 12, 2021. Sponsorships are available. Learn more about this event at <https://houstonappraisers.org/energy-valuation-conference-evc/>

A new Houston Chapter sponsored event, **The Expert Witness Workshop & Mock Trial**, was inaugurated September 17, after overcoming challenges of two date changes due to COVID then Hurricanes! If you missed it, stay tuned for information about next year's event. The afternoon session, a life-like Mock Trial, featured episodes from a trial demonstrating direct and cross expert witness testimony, given by ASA appraisers in different disciplines. The morning session featured a key note talk by former Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson, President & CEO of Justice Forward. Congratulations to all those who made this event a huge success! Learn more at <https://houstonappraisers.org/expert-witness-workshop/>



*If you blinked you may have missed **The Honorable Elvis**, who made an appearance during the Mock Trial!*



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