

Training Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2022 – Teleconference and WebEx

Present: Bill Film, Cathy Conklin, Anne Sapienza, Warren Wheeler, Gene Monaco, John Zukowski, Denise Trudell, Michael McGuire, Sean Fitzsimmons, Gary Drake and Erica Foley.

Get Organized

This meeting was held using WebEx video conference software. There were no questions concerning the minutes from the last meeting. Anne Sapienza shared that she will be retiring the week of 10/1/22. She will remain on the TAG for another year. Bill Film also announced it was likely his last meeting as a member of the team. Congratulations on his retirement!

NYSAA and IAO Update

- A) I Day Seminars have been very successful using the Zoom format.
- B) Cornell was very successful.
- C) Anne Sapienza is in the process of forming a committee to spearhead an initiative with local community colleges where people pursuing degrees in finance or related fields can take courses towards certification as an assessor or otherwise shape a degree path that includes the assessor requirements. Anne will update the group on the progress of this endeavor periodically.

ORPTS Training Update

The training schedule is in its final stage of being posted. We hope to have an announcement in Assessment Community 10/4/22.

Reimbursement Update

There is a remaining balance of \$57,000.00 in local training funds for this year. Everything has been paid out for the 2021/22 fiscal year.

Update on Farm Appraisal class

Gary Drake gave an overview of what the ORPTS training team has been doing with the Intro. To Farm Appraisal Class. The team has been working diligently on organizing the sections and reviewing material. They are preparing for 3-4 regional staff from multiple regions to teach each section and are hoping to offer it in the Spring 2023. This cross-trained inter region team would allow some flexibility in having a pool of trained instructors in the various regions available to pull from for training purposes.

1/19/23-The ORPTS Farm Appraisal Class has been scheduled for April 24-28th 2023.

Open Floor

John Zukowski brought up the adoption of ANSI (American National Standards Institute) measurement standards for square footage and determining gross living area. In short, appraisers are now required to use the 'Square Footage-Method' standard for measuring, calculating, and reporting above and below grade square footage(s) to determine gross living area (GLA) and non-GLA areas of subject properties in certain instances.

In our next meeting, John will follow-up with additional information on when this will be adopted nationwide and elaborate on other feedback he has received.

Action Items

Erica to work on seeing if we can pull a report in EDS that lists people in our candidate for assessor program.

Next Meeting

The next Tag meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023