AARO Association of Appraiser Regulatory Officials

AARO FALL 2026 CONFERENCE AGENDA
Sheraton Sand Key Resort, Clearwater, FL
September 28-30, 2026

CONFERENCE DAY 1
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

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START		END		EVENT		LOCATION
7:00 A		2:30 P		Registration For Conference Attendees & Speakers		Lobby 2
7:00 A		8:00 A		**Breakfast Provided**		Mainstay Tavern
8:00 A		8:30 A		**Opening Remarks** Speaker: Dennis Badger		Beach/Gulf Ballroom
8:30 A		9:15 A		**TAF Update** **Moderator**: Pete Fontana **Speaker**s: Kelly Davids, Nick Pilz, Jerry Yurek		Beach/Gulf Ballroom
9:15 A		9:30 A		**Stretch Break**		N/A
9:30 A		10:45 A		**Utilizing AI Technology for Regulators** **Moderator**: Mark Cassidy **Speakers**: John Brenan, Jim Isbell, Marc Lewis, Melissa Tran		Beach/Gulf Ballroom
10:45 A		11:00 A		**Snack Break**		Lobby 2
11:00 A		12:00 P		**AQB in Focus: Looking Back at a Busy Year and What's Next** **Moderator**: Erin Dixson **Speakers**: Jerry Yurek, Lisa Desmari		Beach/Gulf Ballroom
12:00 P		1:00 P		**Lunch Provided**		Rusty's Dining Room
1:00 P		2:00 P		**AI, Computer Vision, and the Future of Real Estate Appraisal Regulation** **Moderator**: Dave Cherner **Speaker**: Tony Pistilli		Beach/Gulf Ballroom
2:00 P		2:15 P		**Stretch Break**		N/A
2:15 P		3:15 P		**ASC Update** **Moderator**: Dennis Badger **Speakers**: Frederick Griefer, Rae Frederique, John Brenan		Beach/Gulf Ballroom
3:15 P		3:30 P		**Snack Break**		Lobby 2
3:30 P		4:30 P		**AARO Business Meeting** President, Dennis Badger; Secretary, Erin Dixson Open – **Member Jurisdiction Voting Delegate Attendance Requested**		Beach/Gulf Ballroom
6:00 P		8:00 P		**President's Reception** Open to All Conference Attendees		Mid-Beach (Outside)

CONFERENCE DAY 2

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AARO reserves the right to limit access to certain conference sessions due to confidential information being discussed or brought up during a specific session. Restricted sessions are marked with an asterisk (*). Refer to the last page of the agenda for additional information.

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7:00 A		8:00 A		Breakfast Provided			Mainstay Tavern
8:00 A		9:00 A		**Hot Topic: Breakout: Grant Writing Workshop** Facilitators: Bryn Kaelin	**OPEN**		Sunset Cove (9th Fl)
8:00 A		9:00 A		**AQB Advisory Council** Facilitator: Ed Neelly	**OPEN**		Beach Room
8:00 A		9:00 A		**Affiliate Member Advisory Council** Facilitator: Deanna Ilk	**OPEN**		Gulf Room
9:00 A		9:15 A		**Stretch Break**			N/A
9:15 A		10:15 A		**ASC Advisory Council** Facilitator: Bryn Kaelin	**OPEN**		Sunset Cove (9th Fl)
9:15 A		10:15 A		**USPAP Advisory Council** Facilitator: Erin Dixson	**OPEN**		Beach Room
9:15 A		10:15 A		**Hot Topic: Breakout: Is There Racial Bias in Multifamily Appraisals** Facilitator: Marty Skolnik	**OPEN**		Gulf Room
10:15 A		10:30 A		**Snack Break**			Lobby 2
10:30 A		12:00 P		**Administrator/Director Breakout Session*** Facilitator: Vanessa Beauchamp	**RESTRICTED**		Sunset Cove Room
10:30 A		12:00 P		**Affiliate Member Breakout Session** Facilitator: Shannon Hiss	**OPEN**		Beach Room
10:30 A		12:00 P		**Attorney Breakout Session*** Facilitator: Sondra Panico	**RESTRICTED**		Gulf Room
12:00 P		1:30 P		**Lunch Provided**			Rusty's Dining Room
1:30 P		3:00 P		**Investigator Breakout Session*** Facilitator: Frank Fleming	**RESTRICTED**		Sunset Cove (9th Fl)
1:30 P		3:00 P		**Hot Topic Breakout: Three Roads In: Supervision, PAREA, and Practicum - Pathways for Residential and General Experience** Facilitator: Paul Ryll	**OPEN**		Beach Room
1:30 P		3:00 P		**Board Member Breakout Session*** Facilitator: Ricky Broughton	**RESTRICTED**		Gulf Room
3:00 P		3:15 P		Snack Break			Lobby 2
3:15 P		**5:00 P**		**BOD Meeting**			Coastal Room

CONFERENCE DAY 3

SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

General Sessions

September 30, 2026							
START		END		EVENT		LOCATION
7:00 A		11:00 A		Registration For Conference Attendees & Speakers		Lobby 2
8:00 A		9:15 A		**Building a Defensible Enforcement Case: Technology and Other Evidence in the Workfile** **Moderator**: Jeff Burrell **Speaker**: Josh Walitt		Beach/Gulf Ballroom
9:15 A		9:30 A		**Snack Break**		Lobby 2
9:30 A		10:30 A		**Appraiser Talk Presents: USPAP Stories – Everyday USPAP and State Harmonization** **Moderator**: Jeremy Reed **Speakers**: Nick Pilz, Pete Fontana, Lisa Desmarais		Beach/Gulf Ballroom
10:30 A		10:45 A		**Stretch Break**		N/A
10:45 A		12:00 A		**Fannie Mae / Freddie Mac Update** **Moderator**: Mark Smeltzer **Speakers**: Scott Reuter, Lyle Radke, Kevin Smith		Beach/Gulf Ballroom
12:00 A		12:15 P		**Snack Break**		Lobby 2
12:15 P		1:15 P		**CAMC Framework: Certification, Compliance, and Consumer Protection** **Moderator**: Malinda Griffin **Speakers**: Pete Fontana, John Baldwin, Michael Simmons		Beach/Gulf Ballroom
1:15 P		1:30 P		**Closing Remarks** **President Dennis Badger**		Beach/Gulf Ballroom

***Restricted Breakout Sessions:**

Administrator/Director: Open to any person who manages or assists with managing an appraiser or AMC regulatory body within a member jurisdiction. Includes licensing specialists, office managers, executive officers, program managers, and other clerical staff.

Attorney: Open to any person who administers legal advice or provides counsel to staff and/or Board members to ensure regulatory compliance within a member jurisdiction's appraiser or AMC regulatory body.

Board Member: Open to any person who is an active Board Member of an appraiser or AMC regulatory body within a member jurisdiction regardless of if it's an advisory board or decision-making board.

Investigator: Open to any person who performs complaint investigations or appraisal compliance reviews within a member jurisdiction's appraiser or AMC regulatory body as part of the USPAP compliance process AND who holds an active contract or is actively employed by the jurisdiction. Includes contract reviewers, peer reviewers, investigators, investigator managers, discipline committee members of the Board, etc.

If you are unsure if you qualify to attend a restricted session, please reach out to the Managing Director, the session facilitator, or AARO leadership in advance of the session.

Thank You for Attending!!!