



AARO SPRING 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	Pacific Ballroom Foyer
7:00 A		8:00 A		Breakfast	Foyer
8:00 A		8:30 A		Opening Remarks Speaker: Dennis Badger	Ballroom
8:30 A		9:15 A		TAF Update Moderator: Pete Fontana Speakers: Kelly Davids, Nick Pilz, Jerry Yurek	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 Brennan, Jim Isbell, Marc Lewis	Ballroom
10:45 A		11:00 A		Snack Break	Foyer
11:00 A		12:00 P		Evaluating AQB Degree Equivalencies: Best Practices for State Regulator Agencies and Appraiser Qualifications Board: AQB Criteria Revisions and What Comes Next Moderator: Erin Dixson Speakers: Jerry Yurek, Lisa Desmaris	Ballroom
12:00 P		1:00 P		Lunch	N/A
1:00 P		2:00 P		AI, Computer Vision, and the Future of Real Estate Appraisal Regulation Moderator: Dave Cherner Speaker: Tony Pistilli	Ballroom
2:00 P		2:15 P		Stretch Break	N/A
2:15 P		3:15 P		ASC Update Moderator: Dennis Badger Speakers: TBD	Ballroom
3:15 P		3:30 P		Snack Break	Foyer
3:30 P		4:30 P		AARO Business Meeting President, Dennis Badger; Secretary, MiChell Bird Open – Member Jurisdiction Voting Delegate Attendance Requested	Ballroom
6:00 P		8:00 P		President's Reception Open to All Conference Attendees	TBD

CONFERENCE DAY 2

SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

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	2:00 P	Registration For Conference Attendees & Speakers	Foyer	
7:00 A	8:00 A	Breakfast	Foyer	
8:00 A	9:00 A	Hot Topic: Breakout: Grant Writing Workshop Facilitators: Bryn Kaelin OPEN	Room A	
8:00 A	9:00 A	AQB Advisory Council Facilitator: Ed Neelly OPEN	Room B	
8:00 A	9:00 A	Affiliate Member Advisory Council Facilitator: Deanna Ilk OPEN	Room C	
9:00 A	9:15 A	Stretch Break	N/A	
9:15 A	10:15 A	USPAP Advisory Council Facilitator: Erin Dixon OPEN	Room A	
9:15 A	10:15 A	ASC Advisory Council Facilitator: Bryn Kaelin OPEN	Room B	
9:15 A	10:15 A	Hot Topic: Breakout: Is There Racial Bias in Multifamily Appraisals Facilitator: Marty Skolnik OPEN	Room C	
10:15 A	10:30 A	Snack Break	Pacific Ballroom Foyer	
10:30 A	12:00 P	Administrator/Director Breakout Session* Facilitator: Vanessa Beauchamp RESTRICTED	Room A	
10:30 A	12:00 P	Affiliate Member Breakout Session Facilitator: Shannon Hiss OPEN	Room B	
10:30 A	12:00 P	Attorney Breakout Session* Facilitator: TBD RESTRICTED	Room C	
12:00 P	1:30 P	Lunch	N/A	
1:30 P	3:00 P	Investigator Breakout Session* Facilitator: TBD RESTRICTED	Room A	
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	Room B	
1:30 P	3:00 P	Board Member Breakout Session* Facilitator: TBD RESTRICTED	Room C	
3:00 P	3:15 P	Snack Break	N/A	
3:15 P	5:00 P	BOD Meeting	TBD	

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	Pacific Ballroom Foyer
8:00 A		9:15 A		Building a Defensible Enforcement Case: Technology and Other Evidence in the Workfile Moderator: TBD Speaker: Josh Walitt	Ballroom
9:15 A		9:30 A		Snack Break	Pacific Ballroom Foyer
9:30 A		10:30 A		Appraiser Talk Presents: The Most Asked USPAP Questions and CAP and State Harmonization: Improving Efficiency, Consistency, and Access Moderator: TBD Speakers: Nick Pilz, Pete Fontana, Lisa Desmarais	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	Ballroom
12:00 A		12:15 P		Snack Break	N/A
12:15 P		1:15 P		CAMC Framework: Certification, Compliance, and Consumer Protection Moderator: TBD Speakers: Pete Fontana, TBD, TBD	Ballroom
1:15 P		1:30 P		Closing Remarks President Dennis Badger	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!!!