



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 Speakers: Kelly Davids, Alan Hummel, 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, 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 Dixon 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 Dixon 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

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	Lobby 2
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 (9 th 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 (9 th Fl)
9:15 A		10:15 A		USPAP Advisory Council Facilitator: Erin Dixon 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 (9 th 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 Live: Answering Your Questions from the State Regulator Corner of the Appraisal Profession Moderator: Jeremy Reed Speakers: Alan Hummel, 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!!!