



SILENT AUCTION – APRIL 27, 2026

Thank you for attending Spring 2026 Silent Auction by the Association of Appraiser Regulatory Officials (AARO)! As an attendee, you agree to abide by the below silent auction guidelines.

1. To participate in bidding, each attendee must agree to the rules and regulations presented here. By bidding on an item, you are stating that you agree.
2. Each person bidding assumes all risks and hazards related to the auction and items obtained at the auction. Each bidder agrees to hold AARO, their elected and appointed officials, members and employees, the auctioneers, the auction company and its agents and employees, the event organizers, sponsors, and/or volunteers connected with the auction harmless from any liability.
3. Only registered attendees at the AARO Spring 2026 Conference may bid on auction items.
4. AARO reserves the right to add or withdraw auction items, without notice, to or from the auction.
5. Some items are subject to limitations/restrictions as listed in the bid sheet/description of item and/or on the gift certificate. By bidding on these items, the bidder agrees to accept these limitations and restrictions.
6. **All bids are subject to CA sales tax, and CA sales tax will be added to all applicable final bids.**
7. Items will have minimum bid increments and will vary based on the item. Bid increments will be listed on the bid sheet/bid app.
8. For auction items which are services to be performed or items to be ordered, it is the buyer's responsibility to make arrangements directly with the donor as indicated.
9. The auction item value listed is an estimate of Fair Market Value (FMV). Items have not been appraised unless so noted. AARO is a 501(c)(6) organization. Any bid over the item's FMV is considered a donation and may be tax deductible. Please consult your tax adviser to clarify the amount of deduction.
10. A valid bid is considered made by clicking on the desired item, typing in a valid bid that adheres to the increment guidelines, and pressing submit.
11. Bids are binding agreements to purchase the item at the bid amount.
12. Additional bids will not be accepted or valid after the silent auction item has been declared as "closed."
13. The highest qualifying bid (a bid that complies with these auction rules) at the closing time is the winning bid.
14. The auction will be closing at 8:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on April 27, 2026.
15. Once the auction item is declared "closed," the winner will be notified on their smartphone and/or email and be instructed to collect their winnings.
16. Payments for items purchased must be made in full by April 28, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. **Payments must include any applicable sales CA sales tax.**
17. Following your payment, you may pick up your winnings at the Conference Registration Desk or at the closing of the auction. You must show your payment confirmation and conference badge when picking up your item.
18. Winners must pick up all of their items by April 28, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time unless special arrangements have been made. No refunds will be given for items left behind by the winner at the venue.
19. Any item left unclaimed, without prior arrangements, will become property of AARO, even if the bidder has paid for the item. The item will be sold, or given to the second highest bidder, and all proceeds will go to AARO.
20. All sales are final. No refunds or exchanges will be permitted. No item is redeemable for cash. You are responsible for the safety and security of the item(s) once you have claimed the item.