



AARO SPRING 2026 CONFERENCE AGENDA
Wyndham San Diego Bayside Hotel, San Diego, CA
April 27-29, 2026

CONFERENCE DAY 1

APRIL 27, 2026

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START	END	EVENT	LOCATION		
6:30 A	1:30 P	Registration For Conference Attendees & Speakers	Pacific Ballroom Foyer		
8:15 A	9:00 A	Pre-Conference New Attendee Meet and Greet - Open to All Attendees *** Limited Seating ***	Pacific C		
9:30 A	10:30 A	Opening Remarks Speaker: Dennis Badger, Angela Jemmott (Ambassador)	Pacific A & B		
10:30 A	10:45 A	Snack Break	N/A		
10:45 A	11:45 A	Case Studies on Irregularities in Regulatory Agencies Moderator: Erin Dixson Speaker: Josh Walitt, Victoria Reel-Kersch	Pacific A & B		
11:45 A	1:00 P	Lunch (On Your Own)	N/A		
1:00 P	2:00 P	The Appraisal Foundation Update Moderator: Pete Fontana Speaker: Kelly Davids, Nicholas Pilz, Jerry Yurek	Pacific A & B		
2:00 P	2:15 P	Stretch Break	N/A		
2:15 P	3:15 P	From Exposure to Evaluation: What AQB is Hearing on Proposed Changes to the Criteria Moderator: Russel Rice Speaker: Kelly Davids, Jerry Yurek, Valerie Scott	Pacific A & B		
3:15 P	3:30 P	Snack Break	Pacific Ballroom Foyer		
3:30 P	4:30 P	Appraisal Subcommittee Update Moderator: Vanessa Beauchamp Speaker: Frederick Griefer, Rae Frederique, John Brenan	Pacific A & B		
4:30 P	4:45 P	Stretch Break	N/A		
4:45 P	5:30 P	AARO Business Meeting President, Dennis Badger and Secretary, MiChell Bird Open - Member Jurisdiction Voting Delegate Attendance Requested	Pacific A & B		
6:00 P	8:00 P	President's Reception - Dinner Buffet with Silent Auction Open to All Conference Attendees (Dinner Served From 6:00-7:00)	Loma Vista Terrace		

CONFERENCE DAY 2

APRIL 28, 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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START	END	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 A	2:00 P	Registration For Conference Attendees & Speakers	Pacific Ballroom Foyer
8:00 A	9:00 A	Hot Topic: Breakout with ASC & TAF Facilitator: Frederick Griefer, Kelly Davids OPEN	Pacific A
8:00 A	9:00 A	ASC Advisory Council Facilitator: Bryn Kaelin OPEN	Pacific B
8:00 A	9:00 A	Affiliate Member Advisory Council Facilitator: Deanna Ilk OPEN	Pacific C
9:00 A	9:15 A	Stretch Break	N/A
9:15 A	10:15 A	USPAP Advisory Council Facilitator: Erin Dixson OPEN	Pacific A
9:15 A	10:15 A	AQB Advisory Council Facilitator: Ed Neelly OPEN	Pacific B
9:15 A	10:15 A	Hot Topic: UAD 3.6 Facilitators: Larry Disney, Mark Smeltzer OPEN	Pacific C
10:15 A	10:30 A	Snack Break	Pacific Ballroom Foyer
10:30 A	12:00 P	Administrator/Director Breakout Session* Facilitator: Dave Campbell, Jodie Campbell RESTRICTED	Pacific A
10:30 A	12:00 P	Affiliate Member Breakout Session Facilitator: Stacy Caprioli OPEN	Pacific B
10:30 A	12:00 P	Attorney Breakout Session* Facilitator: Neva Conway RESTRICTED	Pacific C
12:00 P	1:30 P	Lunch Break (On Your Own)	N/A
1:30 P	3:00 P	Investigator Breakout Session* Facilitator: Bryn Kaelin RESTRICTED	Pacific A
1:30 P	3:00 P	Hot Topic – Artificial Intelligence Facilitators: Chandra Mast, Nicholas Pilz, Paul Ryll OPEN	Pacific B
1:30 P	3:00 P	Board Member Breakout Session* Facilitator: Fran Oreto RESTRICTED	Pacific C
3:00 P	3:15 P	Stretch Break	N/A
3:15 P	4:30 P	BOD Meeting	Pacific D

CONFERENCE DAY 3

APRIL 29, 2026

General Sessions

APRIL 29, 2026			
START	END	EVENT	LOCATION
9:30 AM	2:30 PM	Registration For Conference Attendees & Speakers	Pacific Ballroom Foyer
8:00 A	9:00 A	Gray Areas in Appraisal Cases: When Is It Intent, Negligence, or Just a Mistake? Moderator: Laura Smith Speaker: Mel Black, Craig Capilla	Pacific A & B
9:00 A	9:15 A	Snack Break	Pacific Ballroom Foyer
9:15 A	10:15 A	An Inside View of State Regulator Experience: The Building Framework of High-Quality Practicum Programs Moderator: Angela Jemmott Speaker: Randy Flowers, Mujiburrahman Khateer, Carmen Dones, DeAnna Gossett, Chantal Grayson	Pacific A & B
10:15 A	10:30 A	Stretch Break	N/A
10:30 A	11:30 A	Fannie Mae Update Moderator: Tom Veit Speaker: Lyle Radke, Kevin Smith	Pacific A & B
11:30 A	1:00 P	Lunch (On Your Own)	N/A
1:00 P	2:00 P	Freddie Mac Update on Appraisal Quality Moderator: Dave Cherner Speaker: Scott Reuter	Pacific A & B
2:00 P	2:15 P	Stretch Break	N/A
2:15 P	3:15 P	The Cost of Consistency: A Case Study in Uneven Enforcement Moderator: Malinda Griffin Speaker: Craig Capilla, John Dingeman	Pacific A & B
3:15 P	3:30 P	Closing Remarks President Dennis Badger	Pacific A & B

***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!!!