



## The Appraisal Institute of Canada strikes President's Council on Diversity

For immediate release

**Ottawa (ON) (November 16, 2020)** - The Appraisal Institute of Canada (AIC) is pleased to announce the creation of the President's Council on Diversity. "AIC is dedicated to providing an atmosphere free of barriers in order to promote equity and diversity. We celebrate and welcome the diversity of all members, volunteers, employees and stakeholders," said AIC President Jan Wicherek, AACI, P.App. It is the policy of the AIC to foster an environment that respects people's dignity, ideas and beliefs thereby ensuring equity and diversity throughout the organization as well as the profession at large. AIC CEO Keith Lancaster adds, "We seek to demonstrate our commitment to diversity by providing a supportive environment and a corporate culture that welcomes and encourages equal opportunities for all members, volunteers and employees."

The President's Council on Diversity will assist the AIC Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities by reviewing and making recommendations to the Board regarding:

- Identifying barriers to participation and proposing solutions to enhance the participation of under-represented groups in the full spectrum of AIC volunteer opportunities; and
- Supporting AIC's efforts to promote membership and volunteerism to individuals from all demographic groups with a focus on those groups where under-representation is an issue.

It will be the Council's responsibility to:

- Advise AIC volunteer leadership and staff on issues that are specific to diversity;
- Promote and champion transparency and accountability in the volunteer; recruitment and development activities of the Institute;
- Review, as necessary, information to be posted to the membership and / or stakeholders including call for volunteers; and
- (From time to time) assume such other responsibilities as may be delegated by the Board.

The Board of Directors is currently seeking expressions of interest from qualified parties and will announce the Council's composition in early 2021.

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