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Good Morning,

It has come to my attention that on September 1, 2012, a posting appeared on the Facebook page of The Hagar Institute (THI) that was also disseminated publicly via e-mail communication, stating that it was "sorry to report that all scheduled classes for Arizona have been postponed."

The posting continued, "The Arizona Board of Appraisal (ABOA) cannot be certain that they will have the opportunity to review and approve any continuing education (CE) courses, including those selected by Arizona Appraisers from the Hagar Institute due to a combination of circumstances. The ABOA Board is currently faced with the challenge of replacing the Executive Director position; at the same time the ABOA staff is overwhelmed and burdened by the extensive number of public records requests placed recently. These matters have unfortunately delayed all CE submittals for now and into the foreseeable future."

As Chair of the Board, I feel compelled to respond to this statement as it is false and suggests that Board staff are unable to carry out their responsibilities. The posting erroneously states that "all CE submittals" have been delayed. This is simply not true.

THI last sought, and received, course approval for three courses in March of 2012. The Hagar Institute has not applied for any additional course approval since then. Moreover, all other complete applications for course approval have been referred to the Education and Testing Committee on a timely basis and have also been subsequently reviewed and referred to the Board for consideration in a timely fashion. There has been no delay in the processing of course approval applications nor does the Board anticipate any future delay.

I personally contacted Mr. Hagar and asked for clarification regarding the above-referenced post. Mr. Hagar indicated that he had not seen the communication and after researching the Facebook post and related e-mail, Mr. Hagar indicated that "no one in his office was responsible for the post."

Notwithstanding an inability to determine ultimate responsibility for the post, it is regrettable that such an inflammatory, unfair and untrue statement was broadcast to the Arizona Appraisal Profession. The Arizona Board of Appraisal and the Board staff are committed to protecting the public and serving the appraisal profession as per our charge.

As our meticulous search for a new Executive Director continues, the Board is pleased to announce the arrival of Margaret Burns, Interim Executive Director. I look forward to introducing Ms. Burns at the September Board meeting. Please contact Ms. Burns if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin R. Yeanoplos".

Kevin R. Yeanoplos, Chair
Arizona Board of Appraisal