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AMEA Appraisers' Forum Recap

— Bob Yeoman, CEA, Forum Chair

The AMEA Appraisers' Forum returned to Chicago in 2016 with a three day program that provided attendees access to a 7-hour USPAP course, industry presentations, a St. Patrick's Day celebration hosted by the Chicago MDNA Chapter, networking receptions and a tour of the Mazak Technology Center in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Based on all accounts, 2016 was another success made possible through the planning efforts of the AMEA Appraisers' Forum Committee, our contributors and presenters, event sponsors and of course AMEA Director of Member Services, Meghan McLellan and MDNA Executive Vice President, Mark Robinson who pay attention to all the necessary details for an event of this magnitude.

The 2016 Appraisers' Forum Committee consisted of Don Bentley, CEA & AMEA Second Vice President; Bob Yeoman, CEA; David DiBenedetto, CEA; John A. Josko, ASA & CEA and Brian Block, CEA. This group planned for many months and gave careful consideration to create program topics, recruit speakers and coordinate sponsors to make this AMEA educational event fresh and informative.

USPAP, for most of us Appraiser types, is the most difficult class we must take to maintain our credentials. We were again fortunate to have instructor, Jean Novotny teach our 7-hour course. Jean has the ability to make USPAP interesting by coupling her experience as an Appraiser and Used Machinery Dealer to provide current day illustrations as it applies in today's appraisal world.

The Chicago Chapter of MDNA, John A. Josko Chairman, scheduled their chapter meeting to coincide with the Appraisers' Forum and invited all attendees for an opportunity to eat, drink, and network. This year the meeting coincided with St Patrick's Day and in that convivial spirit everyone enjoyed the celebration of the green "Chicago Style."



Mazak was the plant tour for this event. Located in Schaumburg, Illinois, this 56,000 square foot Technology Center is one of eight Mazak facilities in North America. Our host, Kevin Bates, Mazak Regional General Manager, provided a history of the company and product review. This facility provides Mazak customers with the latest access to machine tool technology for testing new product solutions, process and application engineering, training and educational seminars, and collaboration opportunities with work holding, cut-