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An Open Letter to the East Region Chapter Presidents

Dear Chapter Presidents:

On my arrival back in the East Region from the **Weekend Experience in Phoenix** (<http://www.LAI-PHX.org>), I really had to reflect on the under representation of the East Region. Regional Assistant Vice President, Louis Slade, George Washington Chapter and I were the only members from the East Region who registered. We had many members to register from Canada, United Kingdom, and other U.S. Chapters, but not from the chapters in the East Region. Of my five weekend experiences, this was among the most inspiring. The Phoenix Chapter was a perfect host and really went all out to extend their western hospitality.

The Phoenix Chapter staged an information filled weekend with tours, presentations on public and private developments, government initiatives, growth-oriented educational institutions and good food. There were well informed by engaged speakers and guides for every phase of the Weekend Experience.

As for Phoenix, it has grown to a population of over **1.3 million people in 2000** from a community of slightly more than **106,000 residents in 1950**. Over that time Phoenix, rose from America's 99th largest city to the 9th largest city. Strategically located between Texas and California; headquarters of Southwest Airlines and US Airways; home to a 45,000-student Arizona State University; a strong financial center in the West; and a lots of developable land with a reliable water supply, all factors that have contributed to strong economic growth. Phoenix is unique in that the Native American tribes and the government still control vast tracks of land. Much of the development is controlled by land leases with the Native Americans. And, our visit concluding activity was a tour and dinner at Taliesin, the western home of the renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright and a wonderful speaker.

Finally, Lou and I, personally encourage each Chapter President in the East Region to make an effort to motivated their members to attend the LAI

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Fall Experience in Toronto (Simcoe Chapter), from October 24th to 26th. Simcoe Chapter President Frank A. Clayton (<http://www.lai-simcoe.org>) did personally assure the LAI Governing Board members and Guests of a great weekend of land economics, Canadian style.

Please share the attached Brochure with your members and encourage them to plan to trek north of the border for the **Fall Weekend Experience in Toronto**.

If you have questions or comments, please contact me via E-mail: amuldrow2@parkermuldrow.com or the old fashion way at 410-244-6033.

Sincerely,



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Vice President - East Region

CC: Leslie S. Pollock, International President, LAI
Stephen Gragg, President, Phoenix Chapter
Frank A. Clayton, President, Simco Chapter (Toronto)
Terry Stevenson, Executive Director, LAI

Dear Steve

If was a wonderful Experience!
When you come East, you must
visit with us.

