

Notes on Appraisals and Appraisers

There are at least two major professional associations that certify appraisers. They are: (1) The American Society of Appraisers (ASA) and (2) the International Society of Appraisers (ISA). Members are certified only after passing rigorous examinations.

The names which appear in the list below in no way constitute a recommendation or even imply that the U.S. Department of State recommends them. This list is merely intended to help the employee get started.

It is wise to discuss with the prospective appraiser what you want to have appraised. There are numerous people who do Fine Arts. For now (1/30/06) at least, there is no one accredited in the area who actually specializes in oriental carpets. However, some of the people listed under General Appraisers also do oriental carpets.

You should determine fees before you start. Generally, you should look for someone who has a stated hourly rate as opposed to someone whose fee is a percentage of the cost of the item being appraised. Again, as of this writing, no decision has been made on claiming appraisal fees under the Miscellaneous Portion of SR 240, the Foreign Transfer Allowance. Until told otherwise, it is acceptable to include these expenses on the Travel Voucher (SF 1190) which the employee turns in at post when travel and the move are completed.

When obtaining the documents for the appraisal, be certain that the stationary states that the appraiser is a member of either the ASA or the ISA.

If you need an appraiser for a specific type of goods, you can call either organization for recommendations. There were no e-mail addresses available. You can also call them for recommendations in a specific geographic location.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF APPRAISERS (ASA)

TEL: 703 478 2228 FAX: 703 742 8471

Certified Appraisers accredited to ASA:

General:

Weschler and Sons (Adam Weschler –Senior Member of ASA) 909 "E" Street, NW Washington, D.C. TEL: 202 682 1281

Richard Driscoll (District of Columbia) TEL: 202 293 2323

Allan Stypeck (MD) TEL: 301 770 0477

John Lanterman (in Maryland) TEL: 301 365 8688 Stephanie Kenyon (Chevy Chase MD) TEL: 301 320 2270

FINE ARTS

Linda Kaplan (District of Columbia) TEL: 202 234 0309

Ted Cooper (District of Columbia) TEL: 202 965 3800

Jean-Pierre de Andino (District of Columbia) TEL: 202 861 0638

Eda Joyce (Chevy Chase MD TEL: 301 654 5314

Sandra Tropper (Bethesda MD) TEL: 301 229 2058

Josephine Thrasher (Alexandria VA) TEL: 703 751 3478

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF APPRAISERS (ISA)

TEL: 206 241 0359 FAX: 206 241 0436

Accredited to ISA

General:

Jill Kent (District of Columbia) TEL: 202 483 7209

Charles Goldstein (Rockville MD) TEL: 301 340 6775

David Maloney (Frederick MD) TEL: 301 228 2279

Angela Silverman (Alexandria VA) TEL: 703 836 5363

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