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# ASSESSING INFO

January 8, 2015

## RIPPED FROM THE HEADLINES

**NORTH DAKOTA** — [N.D. counties oppose online property tax information requirement](#)

**OREGON** — [Bill ends farm property tax exemptions](#)

**PENNSYLVANIA** — [Nonprofits' property tax breaks under scrutiny](#)

**NEW JERSEY** — [Andrzejczak introduces measure to extend property tax benefits to veterans](#)

**MICHIGAN** — [Property taxes actually increase with tax abatements](#)

**TEXAS** — [Fees lowered for online property tax payments](#)

**ALBERTA** — [Edmonton sees big jump in property values](#)

**NEW HAMPSHIRE** — [Trial delayed in Epping property tax fight over health center land](#)

**VERMONT** — [Governor must take on property tax reform \(OpEd\)](#)

**MASSACHUSETTS** — [Mass. appellate tax board finding could open door to property tax challenges from solar developers](#)

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — [Hanwell ditches Fredericton fire services to avoid tax hike](#)

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA** — [Commercial buildings in D.C. face potential big property tax increases due in 2015](#)

**HAWAII** — [Kauai council kills separate tax for GMO research](#)

**TEXAS** — [Rulings conflict in property-tax loan cases](#)

**NEW JERSEY** — [N.J. property tax relief for senior volunteers is proposed](#)

[5 measures of a great leader](#)

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## LATEST & GREATEST



## Research Grants Available

The Academic Partnership Program invites applications for research grants from students and faculty of accredited colleges/universities. The APP's goal is to encourage and financially support research on the property tax. Benefits to faculty and students include:

- Funding for 1 year of \$2,500 to \$5,000.
- Free IAAO membership with the award.
- Published article in the JPTAA
- Opportunity to present at an IAAO professional conference.
- Facilitated access to assessment data.

**Research grants are available for students and faculty for the 2015-16 academic year. Application deadline is February 15, 2015.**

Please review the application guidelines and cover sheet on our [web site](#) and distribute these to students and/or faculty who might have an interest.

[Student Application](#)  
[Faculty Application](#)

## AROUND THE CORNER



### [MRA In Practice Webinar](#)

**Wednesday, January 14, 2015  
12:00–2:00 pm CST**

In Lee County, Florida an MRA model was introduced for residential properties as a method to evaluate and transform data, streamline the valuation process and generate more accurate and defensible values. This webinar explores and discusses thoughts, methods and results of the MRA implementation journey. **Note: Two (2) CEUs will be given for this webinar.**



### **19th Annual GIS/CAMA Technologies Conference**

**March 2-5, 2015  
Renaissance Oklahoma City Convention Center Hotel  
Oklahoma City, OK**

For more information or to register, click [here](#).

## FUN WITH FRIENDS

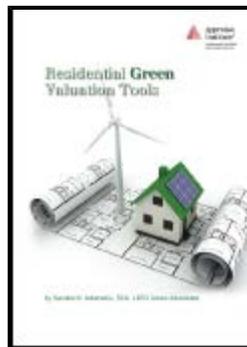
### **IVSC and The Appraisal Foundation Agree to Bring Greater Consistency to Valuation Standards**

The IVSC and The Appraisal Foundation have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at eliminating remaining differences between the International Valuation Standards (IVSs) and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP). The MoU



## IAAO 2015 Call for Presentations

IAAO is now accepting educational session presentation submissions for the 2015 Annual Conference, to be held in Indianapolis **September 13–16**. Potential presentations must be submitted by **Monday, January 26, 2015, 5:00 pm CST**. To view the submission guidelines and submission form, please visit [IAAO.org](http://IAAO.org) and click on the 2015 Conference Call for Presentations link, under What's New. You will be notified by **March 20, 2015** on the status of your submission. For questions, contact Leann Ritter via [email](mailto:email) or by phone at 816-701-8161.



## New Professional Resource

**Residential Green Valuation Tools**  
Appraisal Institute/ 2014  
Sandra K. Adomatis

Explores green home features—proper siting, water and energy efficiency, indoor air quality, materials, and operations and maintenance—and provides: an overview of the valuation of high-performance homes; case studies illustrating common scenarios and valuation problems; instructions for the AI Residential Green and Energy Efficient Addendum form; and tips for appraising Energy Star homes, passive solar houses, solar photovoltaic systems, and net-zero energy homes.

Books can be borrowed for a three-week loan period (members only). [E-mail](mailto:email) the library for more information or to borrow this book.

updates a 2006 agreement between the two organisations to cooperate on their standard-setting activities. This has resulted in considerable convergence between the IVSs and USPAP, with only a few differences remaining. A copy of the joint press release is available [here](http://here).

The next public meeting of the Appraisal Standards Board (ASB) is approaching. Please take the time to [register](http://register) for this meeting if you plan to attend.

**Date/Time:**  
Friday, February 6, 2015  
9:00 am–12:00 pm

**Location:**  
Le Pavillon Hotel  
833 Poydras Street  
New Orleans, LA 70112

On December 16, 2014 the Appraisal Standards Board (ASB) issued the [Fourth Exposure Draft of Proposed Changes to the 2016-17 edition of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice \(USPAP\)](http://Fourth Exposure Draft of Proposed Changes to the 2016-17 edition of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP)). Written comments are due by February 2, 2015, and verbal comments will also be accepted at this public meeting.

[Importance of Property Attributes Key to Market Value: The Appraisal Journal](http://Importance of Property Attributes Key to Market Value: The Appraisal Journal)



## Fannie Mae to Introduce Collateral Underwriter™

[Collateral Underwriter \(CU\)™](http://Collateral Underwriter (CU)™) is a proprietary model-driven tool developed by Fannie Mae that provides an automated appraisal risk assessment to support proactive management of appraisal quality.

The Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB) has issued the following: [December 2014 Q&As](http://December 2014 Q&As).

**2014 Annual Conference Photos for Sale!**

Looking for more online news and information?

Check out the digital edition of *Fair & Equitable* magazine!



### AROUND THE WORLD

**MALTA** — [Property taxes in Malta—let's start a debate](http://Property taxes in Malta—let's start a debate)

**NEW ZEALAND** — [Tasman property values on the up](http://Tasman property values on the up)

**UNITED KINGDOM** — [Scottish Labour commits to mansion tax plans](http://Scottish Labour commits to mansion tax plans)

**UKRAINE** — [Cabinet initiates taxation of commercial real estate in Ukraine](http://Cabinet initiates taxation of commercial real estate in Ukraine)

**CHINA** — [China to begin requiring property registration](http://China to begin requiring property registration)

**HONG KONG** — [Hong Kong reviews property tax measures](http://Hong Kong reviews property tax measures)

**INDIA** — [Property tax evaders will not get water connection](http://Property tax evaders will not get water connection)

**FRANCE** — [French tax man second greediest in the world](http://French tax man second greediest in the world)

**IRELAND** — [Homeowners get final warning to pay property tax bill for 2015](http://Homeowners get final warning to pay property tax bill for 2015)

**CROATIA** — [World Bank advises Croatia on tax reform](http://World Bank advises Croatia on tax reform)

**BARBADOS** — [A taxing issue](http://A taxing issue)

**UNITED KINGDOM** — ['Big Four' supermarkets face more pain over business rates](http://'Big Four' supermarkets face more pain over business rates)

**INDIA** — [Update property tax data on your own](http://Update property tax data on your own)



**PROUD PARTNERS**

**[The GIS Guide for Elected Officials](#)**

A new Esri-ICMA publication helps executives and elected officials learn how GIS technology is being used by governments across North America.

**[New Appraisal Institute Book Addresses Latest Methods for Valuing Contaminated Properties](#)**

Blue Marble is pleased to announce the release of [Global Mapper version 16.0](#). This update to Blue Marble's popular desktop GIS software offers many new and improved features and functions. This major release includes many significant updates and new tools for working with 3D data. This release also features dramatically improved processing speeds, new graphing/charting tools and many LiDAR enhancements and of course, many new formats. If you would like to download this version it is available here for [download](#).



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**2015 Membership Dues**

Thank you to those who have already paid their 2015 IAAO Membership Dues! You can pay your membership dues [online](#) via IAAO's website. Should you need another invoice, watch your mailbox early next week or you may [email](#) Shaun York, Membership Data Coordinator.

**Need Help with Membership Dues?**



Check out the Membership Renewal Assistance Grant (formerly the Hardship Grant). Grants are available in the amount of \$100. Click [here](#) to apply.

**NEWBIES & NOTABLES**



**New Designees**

IAAO would like to congratulate all new designees. For a list, click [here](#).



The Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB) has issued the following: [Exposure Draft of a Proposed Revision to the 2015 Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria and Guide Note 9 \(GN-9\)](#). All interested parties are encouraged to comment in writing to the AQB before the deadline of **January 15, 2015**. Respondents should be assured that each member of the AQB will thoroughly read and consider all comments.



**The 2014-15 USPAP is now available to IAAO members by clicking [here](#).**

The Appraisal Practices Board (APB) of The Appraisal Foundation is seeking valuation professionals for a national talent pool to serve as a resource to the Board. **The recruitment program has been changed from project specific solicitations to a more general call for developing a broad pool of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs).** If you are willing to share your expertise, click [here](#) for an application.

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