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# ASSESSING INFO

February 5, 2015

### RIPPED FROM THE HEADLINES

**COLORADO** — [Higher home prices in Colorado should boost property taxes](#)

**TEXAS** — [Tax attorney: Property taxes collection rate phenomenal](#)

**ILLINOIS** — [Ford Co. considers assessment appeal](#)

**BRITISH COLUMBIA** — [Tax disparity on UVic land](#)

**NEBRASKA** — [Renters / homeowners could benefit from property tax measure](#)

**NEW YORK** — [Debate over controversial property-tax abatement flares up](#)

**IDAHO** — [AARP: Many Idahoans are not taking advantage of property tax reductions](#)

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — [David Coon calls for full LNG property taxes which could total \\$8M](#)

**NEW JERSEY** — [Rebate 'shell game' makes it hard to track property tax facts in New Jersey](#)

**CALIFORNIA** — [Should Legoland pay for tax filing goof?](#)

**NORTH CAROLINA** — [N.C. official calls for renewing historic property tax credits in visit to downtown Fayetteville](#)

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR** — [City puts 20 properties with overdue taxes up for grabs](#)

**KANSAS** — [County endorses Hutch Mall property TIF](#)

**VIRGINIA** — [Fiscal court: Grand Campus should pay property taxes](#)

**VERMONT** — [Reduce unfunded education mandates to ease property taxes. VLCT chief says](#)

**TEXAS** — [Attempt to pay property taxes in \\$1 bills lands man in jail](#)

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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](#)

## Legal Seminar Call for Papers



IAAO 36th Annual Legal Seminar will be held in Boston, Massachusetts at the Hyatt Regency.

The Legal Committee is seeking qualified professionals to present on topics of interest to attorneys and assessors. Topics will be considered from the following categories: unique valuation problems, effective representation, national trends and legal issues in valuation, public policy and ethics. **Submission deadline for the 200-word abstract is March 31, 2015.** Abstracts may be submitted [online](#).

Due to Mandatory Continuing Legal Education requirements, speakers must submit a completed written paper by **October 1, 2015** which will be reviewed by

### AROUND THE CORNER



## [Animating Your Vision Webinar](#)

**Wednesday, March 11, 2015  
12:00–2:00 pm CST**

Changing the culture of an office can be one of the most challenging tasks an organization will ever face. This presentation will guide participants through a new administration's first year in office and demonstrate how it brought its vision to life through a comprehensive strategic planning process, employee morale initiatives, and technological innovations. **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](#).



## 2015 NRAAO Annual Conference

**May 17-20, 2015  
Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel  
Portsmouth, NH**

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**AROUND THE WORLD**

**NEW ZEALAND** — [PM dismisses council tax request](#)

**INDIA** — [NMC 'seals' police station for tax default](#)

**PAKISTAN** — [Urban property tax collection up by 30% to 40%](#)

**SOUTH AFRICA** — [Roll invalid, says SRPA](#)

**UNITED KINGDOM** — [Business rates - will the owner have to pay for stripped out space?](#)

**GHANA** — [Accra, Kumasi and Tema Assemblies generate higher revenue](#)

**AUSTRALIA** — [Surge in Hills land values a mixed blessing for investors](#)

**IRELAND** — [Minister Fitzgerald publishes draft legislation to merge Property Registration Authority, Valuation Office and Ordnance Survey Ireland](#)

**AFRICA** — [How property tax would benefit Africa](#)

**INDIA** — [AMC may seal city mall for evading property tax](#)

**NEW ZEALAND** — [Super City costs and services](#)

**UNITED KINGDOM** — [Council to cut rates for firms paying living wage](#)

**INDIA** — [MC dangles property tax carrot, 10% rebate on payment by Feb 28](#)

various state MCLE commissions and provided to all attendees in a bound spiral notebook at the seminar. PowerPoint slides cannot be accepted for the MCLE review process, although PowerPoint slides are welcomed at the seminar itself. Speakers who cannot meet this deadline will not be considered.

For more information, contact the Legal Committee Chair, [Gaylord "Jay" Wood](#) or the Legal Committee staff liaison, [Mary Odom](#).

**IAAO Course 300— Fundamentals of Mass Appraisal**

**May 11–15, 2015**  
**Arnoma Hotel**  
**Ratchadamri Road, Bangkok**

IAAO, Thai Real Estate Business School, and Thai Appraisal Foundation are jointly organizing an international presentation of IAAO Course 300—Fundamentals of Mass Appraisal.

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

**New Professional Resource**

***A Global Compendium and Meta-Analysis of Property Tax Systems***  
**Lincoln Institute of Land Policy/ 2013**  
**Richard Almy**

A global compendium of significant features of systems for recurrently taxing land and buildings. Its aim is to provide researchers and practitioners with useful information about these sources and with facts and patterns of system features, revenue statistics, and other data in 187 countries.

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



**2015 Membership Dues**

Thanks to those who have paid their 2015 IAAO Membership dues. If you need another invoice, please [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.

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

**FUN WITH FRIENDS**

**Free Journal Covering Property Tax and K-12 Education**

A special issue of the journal *Education Finance and Policy*, devoted to new research on the property tax and the financing of K-12 Education, is now available. Thanks to funding from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, anyone can download, without charge, the eight articles in the Fall 2014 issue of the journal from the Association of Education Finance and Policy [website](#).

**International Property Tax Conference - Sustainable Strategies for Local Revenue Mobilization: Public and Private Sector Perspective**

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and the International Property Tax Institute (IPTI), in partnership with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, are pleased to present this event.

This event is being held on **March 25-26, 2015, in Brasilia, Brazil**. The conference will be in English with simultaneous translation in Portuguese.

For more details please see our brochure [here](#). Please register [here](#).



**Fannie Mae to Introduce Collateral Underwriter™**

[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.

**Read the Appraisal Institute's recent press release regarding the program [here](#).**

The Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB) has issued the following: [Fifth Exposure Draft of a Proposed Revision to the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria and Guide Note 9 \(GN-9\)](#).

**The Appraisal Foundation Seeks Candidates for Vacancies on Board of Trustees**

The Appraisal Foundation is searching for qualified candidates to serve on its Board of Trustees (BOT). Completed applications for vacancies on the BOT must be received by **April 1, 2015**. There are four At-Large Trustee seats to be filled. Click [here](#) to download the application packages for the



**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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**NEWBIES & NOTABLES**



**In Memoriam**

B. A. "Mac" McIntosh, age 69, of Little Rock, Arkansas, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 3, 2015. "Mac" was one of 16 founding members of the Arkansas Chapter of IAAO formed in 1985 and was the first Arkansas Chapter President. Our sincerest condolences go out to his friends and family. An obituary may be found [here](#).

At-Large Trustee vacancies.



**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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