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OKLAHOMA — [Tulsa County commissioners discuss incentive for Macy's distribution center, no property tax](#)

ALBERTA — [Ditch property taxes in Edmonton for a localized payroll tax?](#)

MISSISSIPPI — [Jackson, George among counties appealing surprise, significant loss of tax revenues after pipeline devalued](#)

NEW JERSEY — [NJ Supreme Court rules supportive housing programs entitled to property tax exemptions](#)

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AROUND THE WORLD

AUSTRALIA — [Council votes in rate reform debate](#)

LATEST & GREATEST

Legal Seminar Call for Papers

IAAO 35th Annual Legal Seminar will be held in Chicago, Illinois at the Doubletree Magnificent Mile. 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 issues in valuation, public policy and ethics. Submission deadline for the 200-word abstract is March 31, 2014. Abstracts may be submitted [online](#).



Due to Mandatory Continuing Legal Education requirements, speakers must submit a completed written paper by October 1, 2014 which will be reviewed by 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, [Deborah Cartwright](#) or the Legal Committee staff liaison, [Mary Odom](#).

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Workshop 651 – Geographic Information Systems for Assessors

An advanced GIS workshop is coming soon!



Time to Renew

Members, please be aware that your Membership Renewal Notices have been sent. Be sure to renew your membership and encourage your colleagues to do the same.

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AROUND THE CORNER



The Elusive Overall Cap Rate Webinar

Wednesday, February 19, 2014
1:00 pm–3:00 pm CST

Presented by Peter Korpacz

This webinar, presented by Mr. Korpacz who has spent most of his career at the forefront of cap rate analysis and education, will take a detailed look at the drivers of overall capitalization rates and the best sources for defensible, cap rates.

GIS/CAMA Technologies Conference

February 24-27, 2014
Jacksonville Hyatt Riverfront
Jacksonville, FL

IAAO and the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) are pleased to announce the 18th Annual GIS/CAMA Technologies Conference in Jacksonville, FL.



Preparation and Trial of the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Seminar

June 5 - 6, 2014
University of Missouri - Kansas City (UMKC)
School of Law
Kansas City, MO



The Legal Committee is presenting a new format for the 2-day training that will include sessions on trial advocacy, deposition techniques, making the decision to go to trial, implications of *Daubert & Frye*, electronic evidence and the use of technology at trial. Training will include presentations, mock trial vignettes, video demonstrations, and panel

BAHAMAS — ['Minimum' 20% rise targeted for road, real property tax](#)

GREECE — [Huge reduction in Greek property transaction tax, now down to 3%](#)

INDIA — [Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation extends incentive scheme for tax defaulters](#)

NEPAL — [KMC to take tough measures against tax defaulters](#)

WALES — [Rate relief scheme extended for another year in Wales](#)

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CHINA — [New property bureau to be set up](#)

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Check out the digital edition of Fair & Equitable magazine!



VALUED VENDORS

FutureView 2014

February 9-12, 2014
San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter

Speakers include IAAO Executive Board member [Tim Boncoskey](#).

[Los Angeles Consortium Selects Pictometry® to Provide Critical Data in Phase 4 of Digital Mapping Project](#)

15th Annual Tax Policy & Practice Symposium

February 19-20, 2014
The Ritz Carlton
1150 22nd Street, NW
Washington, DC

Presented by TCPI

but don't have the funds? IAAO can help. Hardship Scholarships are available to help defray the cost of membership. [Apply](#) for the Hardship Scholarship before 2/29/14.

Texas CEEA Recipients Qualify for Limited-Scope State Reviews

Texas Property Tax Code Section 5.102 states: At least once every two years, the comptroller shall review the governance of each appraisal district, taxpayer assistance provided, and the operating and appraisal standards, procedures, and methodology used by each appraisal district, to determine compliance with generally accepted standards, procedures, and methodology. In response to this statutory requirement, the Comptroller of Public Accounts created the Methods and Assistance Program (MAP) and adopted Rule 9.301 to implement the law. The program started in 2010 and serves as a tool for ensuring uniform property appraisal administration in Texas. The International Association of Assessing Officers' (IAAO's) Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration (CEEA) recognizes governmental units that integrate best practices into the workplace. The CEEA is a prestigious peer review that requires appraisal districts to submit a large amount of data for review. Appraisal districts that receive IAAO's CEEA will be recognized for the accomplishment during the 2014-15 MAP review cycle. These appraisal districts will be exempt from 20 percent of the full MAP review instrument. Five Texas appraisal districts qualify for limited-scope reviews for the 2014-15 review cycle: Dallas, El Paso, Taylor, Wichita, and Williamson County Appraisal Districts. For more information about the CEEA program, click [here](#).

In honor of IAAO's 80th anniversary, check out a timeline of our history!



NEWBIES & NOTABLES



65

Years!

The Institute of Municipal Assessors of Ontario, Richmond Hill, ON, Canada has been a member of IAAO for 65 years. Congratulations! For a list of other member anniversaries, click [here](#).

discussions.

FUN WITH FRIENDS



The Appraisal Foundation announced that the 2014-15 edition of the *Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP)* is now **officially effective as of January 1, 2014**. USPAP is

the generally accepted standards of practice for the appraisal profession in the United States, and congressionally authorized for real estate appraisers. The Appraisal Standards Board (ASB) has issued a [Q&A document](#) highlighting the changes.

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

The ASB has also issued the [First Exposure Draft of proposed changes for the 2016-17 edition of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice](#). Written comments are requested by **February 17, 2014**.

Public Meeting of the Appraisal Standards Board

Friday, February 21, 2014
9:00 am-12:00 pm

Embassy Suites Hotel International Drive/Convention Center
8978 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32819

Appraisal Institute Bestows First Review Designations in its History

The Appraisal Practices Board (APB) of The Appraisal Foundation has issued solicitations for Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) for *The Valuation of Green Buildings – Residential Properties* and *The Valuation of Green Buildings – Non-Residential Properties*. The respective solicitations can be found by clicking [here](#).

The application deadline is **March 1, 2014**.

BC Assessment Becomes Pilot User of Esri Canada's 3D Assessment Analyst Solution

Call for Applicants

The Appraisal Foundation Seeks Candidates for Vacancies on the Board of Trustees. Application Deadline is **March 14, 2014**.

9th Annual Mass Appraisal Valuation Symposium

June 18-19, 2014

Calgary Marriott Downtown Hotel
110 9th Avenue SE
Calgary, Alberta



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