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# ASSESSING INFO

February 20, 2014

## RIPPED FROM THE HEADLINES

**COLORADO** — [Combating zombie subdivisions: How three communities redressed excess development entitlements](#)

**CONNECTICUT** — [Fix Hartford's property tax burden](#)

**GEORGIA** — [Phoebe paid nearly \\$1 million in property taxes](#)

**ILLINOIS** — [Panel denies nuclear tax appeals in Byron](#)

**NORTH CAROLINA** — [Counties concerned by potential for state cost-shifting](#)

**SASKATCHEWAN** — [Proposed property tax hike the largest in Regina in over a decade](#)

**COLORADO** — [Colorado marijuana farmers unlikely to see farm tax perks](#)

**NEW JERSEY** — [Revaluation will be done in 2014](#)

**WISCONSIN** — [How TIFs work: When done correctly, values in these districts will grow](#)

**ALBERTA** — [Tax break proposed for flood-hit Calgarians](#)

**IOWA** — [Iowa Senate panel OKs \\$9 million tax rebate for NASCAR-owned Newton speedway](#)

**KANSAS** — [Kansas YMCAs fight against revocation of tax-exempt status](#)

**MISSOURI** — [St. Louis County assessor to review property tax exemptions](#)

**NEW HAMPSHIRE** — [Some Concord properties haven't been assessed since 1990](#)

**ILLINOIS** — [Special tax deal to bring more businesses to Ottawa](#)

[Golden rules from gold medalists](#)

Have you won an award? Changed jobs? Accomplished something of interest to our readers?

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## LATEST & GREATEST



## Registration is Open!

Registration for the 80th Annual International Conference on Assessment Administration is now open. The conference, "The Gold Standard for 80 Years," will be held **August 25-28, 2014**, in **Sacramento, CA**. You can find the registration form and more information [here](#). Information about sponsorship and exhibiting opportunities will be forthcoming in early March.

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



## 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



## AROUND THE CORNER

### [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.



### [Evaluating the Costs of Litigation Webinar](#)

Wednesday, March 12, 2014  
12:00 pm–2:00 pm CST

*Presented by W. Kenneth Nolan and Melinda Blackwell*

This webinar will discuss the cost of litigation both from a purely financial perspective as well as the "cost" of allowing opposing counsel to learn your litigation strategy and insights. **Note: Two CEUs are given for participation in this webinar.**

### [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,

**AROUND THE WORLD**

- AUSTRALIA** — [Fixing Australia's leaky tax system](#)
- DENMARK** — [Property taxes will remain frozen, says economy minister](#)
- GREECE** — [Greece's Supreme Court: "Emergency Property Tax 2011 is against the Constitution"](#)
- INDIA** — [Secunderabad Cantonment Board to crack down on property tax defaulters](#)
- IRELAND** — [Government told to pay its way on rates](#)
- NAMIBIA** — [Discussion on land tax starts](#)
- NEW ZEALAND** — [Criticism in court of Mangawhai rates validation bill](#)
- PHILIPINES** — [Chaos marks Manila realty tax queues; deadline moved](#)
- RUSSIA** — [Shuvalov reassures on property tax breaks](#)
- SINGAPORE** — [Most now paying less property tax](#)
- SLOVENIA** — [Slovenian real estate tax suspended by Constitutional Court](#)
- SWITZERLAND** — [Swiss canton Lucerne votes to abolish property tax](#)
- UNITED KINGDOM** — [Retail reveals ground breaking rates reform options](#)
- WALES** — [Wales is falling behind in business rates relief](#)


not be considered.

For more information, contact the Legal Committee Chair, [Deborah Cartwright](#) or the Legal Committee staff liaison, [Mary Odom](#).

**Now available!**

*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.

Want to renew your membership with IAAO 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.

Check out our Career Center!



**NEWBIES & NOTABLES**



**And**

**the Winners Are...**

Stuart Topliff won IAAO's first social media quiz by finding the "specially dressed" 80th Anniversary logo on the [IAAO.org](#) website. (It was on the "Our Story" page, near the "Vision Statement" section, in case you were wondering.) Stuart won a fabulous collection of IAAO merchandise. Tina Stone, PPS, won the first monthly drawing for members who refer new members to IAAO. Her prize was a Keurig coffee maker. If you would like to be entered in the next monthly "Refer-A-Member" drawing, go [here](#) for an IAAO application you can share with others. And keep an eye on IAAO's social media sites for your next chance to enter our social media quiz!

video demonstrations, and panel discussions.

**FUN WITH FRIENDS**

The IVSC Standards Board is inviting comments on proposed changes to the International Valuation Standards, IVSs, that will be of particular interest to those involved in the real property markets. The Board has approved the issue of two [Exposure Drafts](#). Comments on both drafts are invited by **April 30, 2014**.



**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 as it develops future voluntary guidance on generally recognized valuation methods and techniques. If you are willing to share your expertise, be part of a broader conversation, and receive recognition for your contributions, click [here](#) for an application.

**[Introduction to Regression and Spatial Analysis used in Mass Appraisal](#)**

**April 28–29, 2014**

**Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel**  
1825 Griffin Road  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

This seminar is approved for **16 hours** of continuing education credits with IAAO.

*Presented by IPTI*

**[Call for Applicants](#)**

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

**[Business Valuation Conference 2014](#)**

**March 24–25, 2014**

**Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre, Level 4**  
10 Bayfront Ave, Singapore 018956

*Presented by the Institute of Valuers and Appraisers of Singapore*

**[9th Annual Mass Appraisal Valuation Symposium](#)**

**June 18–19, 2014**

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

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