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# ASSESSING INFO

March 19, 2015

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**NEW JERSEY** — [N.J. Senate acts to force Christie administration to restore property tax info](#)

**PENNSYLVANIA** — [Pa. House Republicans still not backing Gov. Tom Wolfe's school property tax reform](#)

**NEW MEXICO** — [Property tax bill fails to advance after deadlocked vote in Senate committee](#)

**WISCONSIN** — [Madison loses appeal on retirement community property taxes](#)

**ALBERTA** — [The cost of tea versus taxes \(OpEd\)](#)

**MAINE** — [Maine considers a property tax on some nonprofits](#)

**KANSAS** — [Senate weighs tax on renewable energy producers](#)

**NEW YORK** — [Governor says proposed property tax credit could save qualified WNYers hundreds](#)

**ONTARIO** — [Perfetto Holding takes over Lively industrial park properties](#)

**MICHIGAN** — [Another blight for Detroit: Property taxes](#)

**KENTUCKY** — [Walgreens and CVS declare war on property taxes](#)

**ILLINOIS** — [New TurboAppeal.com seeks to help homeowners streamline their property tax appeals](#)

**SASKATCHEWAN** — [Tax Season 2015: First Nations pay more tax than you think](#)

**OREGON** — [Round-Up ends property tax challenge—for now](#)

**NEW YORK** — [How NYC does not tax the super-rich](#)

**TEXAS** — [Proposed property tax change will drive up Houston office rents, leaders say](#)

**KANSAS** — [Kansas considers tax incentives for artists](#)

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### LATEST & GREATEST

## 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 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 2015 Conference Registration

### AROUND THE CORNER



## Taxation of Minerals and Mineral Interests Webinar

Thursday, April 16, 2015  
12:00–2:00 pm CST

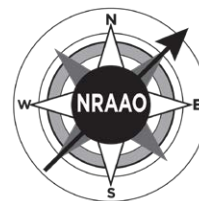
This webinar will discuss the legal issue of property taxation as applied to mineral interests, particularly those severed from surface interests, and how these affect the assessment process. A review of various approaches to the taxation of mineral interests in primary mineral-producing states will be considered. Investigation results will be shared on whether mineral taxes conform to the principles of a "good" tax. Suggestions will be provided on ways to improve assessment practices for mineral interests. **Note: Two (2) CEUs will be given for this webinar.**

## 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](#).



## 2015 NRAAO Annual Conference

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

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



**F&E March Digital Edition Available Now!**

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



**AROUND THE WORLD**

**THAILAND** — [Thailand shelves new real property tax](#)

**INDIA** — [BMC estimates 15% gain in property tax revenues with new rules](#)

**CHINA** — [China's legislators divided over how to impose property tax, says scholar](#)

**AUSTRALIA** — [Tony Abbott must lead debate on GST: SA Treasurer](#)

**MALTA** — [Property tax in Malta](#)

**PHILIPPINES** — [Vizcaya duns Aussie firm over unpaid taxes](#)

**GREECE** — [Greece needs a new narrative \(OpEd\)](#)

**IRELAND** — [Irish property tax drive yields results](#)

**JAMAICA** — [Errant builders refuse to pay parish council fees](#)

**UNITED KINGDOM** — [UK Gov't launches business rates review](#)

**THAILAND** — [Home taxable home](#)

**AUSTRALIA** — [Real estate industry fears property taxes will rise in WA budget](#)

**NEW ZEALAND** — [The pressure on rates](#)

Registration for the 2015 Annual Conference is now open! This year's [education program](#) includes 59 educational sessions, two plenary sessions & a one-day forum—SO many to chances to learn and interact with leading assessment experts! For all the details, visit the conference [website](#).



**IPTI 2015 Valuation Assessment Agency Benchmarking Survey**

IAAO is encouraging its members to participate in a survey being conducted by the International Property Tax Institute for the Australasian Council of Valuers General. [IPTI 2015 Valuation Assessment Agency Benchmarking Survey](#)

**New Workshop!**

The new Workshop 181 - *7-hour USPAP Update Course for Mass Appraisal* was developed by The Appraisal Foundation with the assistance of IAAO's very own David Harper and John Ryan, CAE. It focuses on USPAP and highlights common USPAP errors, deficiencies and misconceptions and includes illustrations and case studies that are relevant to the daily practice of mass appraisers. The course will be revised periodically to correspond with future editions of USPAP. Click [here](#) for more information.



**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. **Those members who have not paid by March 31, 2015 will be dropped from IAAO membership.**

**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.

**FUN WITH FRIENDS**

**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](#).

**Appraisal Practices Board Meeting**

The next public meeting of the Appraisal Practices Board is approaching. Please take a moment to [register](#) for this meeting if you plan to attend.

**Date/Time:**  
Friday, May 1, 2015  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Location:**  
Hilton Nashville Downtown  
121 Fourth Avenue South  
Nashville, TN 37201



**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 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 At-Large Trustee vacancies.

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**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.

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

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**NEWBIES & NOTABLES**



**Congratulations New Designees!**

IAAO would like to extend congratulations to the new designees! For more information about these designees, click [here](#). For more information about how to obtain a professional designation, visit the IAAO [Professional Designations web page](#).



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

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