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March 20, 2014

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**INDIANA** — [Capitol Connection: Annual property tax appeals could be thing of past](#)

**TEXAS** — [Property tax angst starts early](#)

**CONNECTICUT** — [Reviving property tax reform debate](#)

**PENNSYLVANIA** — [New tax law will target slumlords](#)

**KANSAS** — [City manager questions value of property tax legislation](#)

**SASKATCHEWAN** — [Chamber hosting panel discussion on Property Tax Assessment Process](#)

**MICHIGAN** — [Flat Rock, Melvindale officials relieved that personal property tax replacement could be coming](#)

**NEW YORK** — [Legal duo drops \\$21B property-tax bomb](#)

**SASKATCHEWAN** — [City yet to tackle issue of business competitiveness](#)

**NEVADA** — [Property tax cap not the problem](#)

**NEW JERSEY** — [Latest in rewards cards: property tax discounts](#)

**BRITISH COLUMBIA** — [Cities wary of medical marijuana property tax pitfall](#)

**LOUISIANA** — [Audubon Nature Institute 50-year tax plan rejected by New Orleans voters](#)

**ILLINOIS** — [Kane County property tax referendum draws opposition](#)

**FLORIDA** — [Miami Gardens wants Dolphins property-tax revenue 'forever'](#)

**NEBRASKA** — [First-round approval given to property tax credit plan](#)

**PENNSYLVANIA** — [Debate on property tax reform continues to swirl in Harrisburg](#)

**QUÉBEC** — [High Mile End property taxes drive seniors out of homes](#)

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## LATEST & GREATEST

### Registration, Exhibiting, and Sponsorship...Oh My!



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](#).

Exhibiting and sponsorship opportunities are now available. There are new sponsorship options and our Exhibit Hall is newly redesigned, but space is EXTREMELY limited, so make your decision early! Please check out our updated [Exhibitor Brochure](#) and [Sponsor Brochure](#) for all the details! If you have questions, please feel free to contact: Exhibitors—Cristalle Bozarth at [bozarth@iaao.org](mailto:bozarth@iaao.org) or 816-701-8109; Sponsors—Leann Ritter at [ritter@iaao.org](mailto:ritter@iaao.org) or 816-701-8161.

### 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 2014-15 school year and the application deadline has been extended to April 15, 2014.

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.

## AROUND THE CORNER



### What You Don't Know Can Hurt You: Online Branding Webinar

Wednesday, April 16, 2014  
12:00 pm–2:00 pm CDT

Presented by Tina Morton and Tiffany Seward

This Webinar examines how and what customers find when they search online for information about the assessment office and demonstrates how to leverage mobile communication services for the purpose of establishing and protecting the assessment office brand. **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, video demonstrations, and panel discussions.

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



### Evaluation of IAAO Course 811 - "Introduction to GIS"

"IAAO Course 811 "Introduction to GIS" was

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



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## AROUND THE WORLD

**CYPRUS** — [Differing property valuations predicted to cause legal tangle](#)

**SOMALIA** — [Cabinet endorses new tax system for Somalia](#)

**NEW ZEALAND** — [Special rate may be needed for stadium](#)

**SCOTLAND** — [Vulnerable hit by council tax freeze](#)

**NIGERIA** — [Landlords, prepare for property tax](#)

**INDIA** — [Govt's tax increment financing move raises eyebrows](#)

**AUSTRALIA** — [Quirk tight lipped on rates](#)

**UNITED KINGDOM** — [EU calls for UK tax on empty homes](#)

**IRELAND** — [Under-valued homes are targeted in property tax clampdown](#)

**SOUTH AFRICA** — [Municipal Property Rates Amendment Act adopted in Parliament](#)

**NEW ZEALAND** — [Christchurch City rating value rises](#)

**EGYPT** — [Cabinet amends property tax law](#)

**UNITED KINGDOM** — ['Discredited' Council Tax should be replaced with Property Value Tax](#)

**INDIA** — [Civic body refutes charge of levying extra property tax](#)

**BULGARIA** — [Bulgarians can pay taxes in Municipal Bank without paying any commissions](#)

**SINGAPORE** — [DC rates for commercial property up by the most](#)

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## IAAO Standards Now Available in Russian

The publication comes as a result of a long-standing agreement with the Russian Board of Appraisers (RBA). Negotiations began on the project in late 2004 and a contract was signed at the IAAO conference in 2005 in Anchorage, Alaska. A short time after the contract for translation was signed, the Russian Government changed their focus and the agreement was dormant for a number of years. In 2012 negotiations began anew, and an agreement was reached in April of 2013. The translations have been updated with the most current versions of the standards. The full book of all of the Russian translation of the professional standards was just completed and soon copies of those standards will be housed in the IAAO Paul V. Corusy Memorial Library.



## Awards, anyone?

IAAO wants to recognize the best in the industry! Submit an award nomination by **May 1, 2014**, to ensure that you and your colleagues are honored for professional achievements. See [IAAO.org](#) for more information, or review the [Awards Brochure](#).

## Legal Seminar Call for Papers

IAAO 35th Annual Legal Seminar will be held **December 11-12, 2014** 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 Odum](#).

actually a pleasant surprise. The layout and flow of the course made for easy use of materials with instruction coming from tutorial videos, written instructions and screen shots..." [READ MORE](#)

## FUN WITH FRIENDS

The Appraisal Foundation has published an infographic outlining the five myths they hear most from homebuyers. To take a look, click [here](#).

## Appraisal Institute Provides Its First Education in Persian Gulf

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 next public meeting of the Appraiser Qualifications Board will be held **Friday, April 11, 2014**, from 9:00 am–12:00 pm in **San Francisco, CA**. Click [here](#) for more information and to register online.



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. **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, 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

## Business Valuation Conference 2014



US VIRGIN ISLANDS — [US Virgin Islands lures businesses with tax breaks](#)

Looking for more online news and information?

Check out the digital edition of Fair & Equitable magazine!



### VALUED VENDORS

You're invited to an interactive workshop during the World Bank Land and Poverty Conference to learn more about Thomson Reuters Aumentum. The workshop will be held **Monday, March 24, 2014**, Room C2-131, World Bank Headquarters, **Washington, DC**, 12:00-2:00 pm. For more information or to register, click [here](#).



Access past issues of *Assessing Info!*



## Time is Running Out!

If you haven't paid 2014 dues, time is running out to renew! Connet, a firm contracted by IAAO, will be calling members who need to renew throughout March. **All unpaid accounts will expire on April 1 and those who have not paid will be dropped from IAAO membership.** Log in at [IAAO.org](#) to pay your renewal or pay by phone at **800-616-4226**. If you need assistance, apply for a [Hardship Grant](#).

### NEWBIES & NOTABLES

## Comhghairdeas!

Or "Congratulations" for those of us who don't speak Irish. IAAO has just chosen the next round of contest winners. Jeff Dart of Oregon won the Social Media contest, winning an amazing assortment of IAAO merchandise. The Refer-A-Member contest was won by Clela Hardy of Arkansas. She will receive a free webinar registration for 2014. Keep an eye on the IAAO social media sites for your chance to win!



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*

The Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB) has issued an [Exposure Draft of a Proposed Revision to the 2015 Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria](#). Written comments are requested by **April 9, 2014**.

### 9th Annual Mass Appraisal Valuation Symposium

June 18–19, 2014

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

*Presented by IPTI*

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