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April 17, 2014

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TEXAS — [Irving mayor candidate suggests seniors stop paying property taxes](#)

NEW JERSEY — [Christie calls on Prieto to renew key NJ property tax law](#)

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RHODE ISLAND — [Critics question tax breaks given to Providence properties](#)

MISSOURI — [Property tax exemptions for Missouri's nonprofit luxury retirement communities](#)

NEW BRUNSWICK — [David Alward's property tax policy helping 60 seniors](#)

CALIFORNIA — [California Senate approves property tax break for space firms](#)

WISCONSIN — [Wisconsin schools seek receive voters' approval for property tax increases at historic rates](#)

NOVA SCOTIA — [Citadel Hill tax fight heads to federal panel in May](#)

PENNSYLVANIA — [Property tax reform still vexing in Pennsylvania](#)

NEW YORK — [NY budget gives tax relief but disappoints others](#)

BRITISH COLUMBIA — [Property assessment appeal rates fall below one percent](#)

DELAWARE — [Milton residents await decision on property taxes for green energy](#)

KANSAS — [In weird twist, Kansas Senate approves property tax exemptions for for-profit health clubs](#)

[You need a real vacation \(and so do your employees\)](#)

LATEST & GREATEST**Hotel Valuation Survey**

The IAAO Research Committee is conducting a survey for the purpose of compiling information on hotel valuation, specifically regarding the valuation of the intangible component/going concern (Rushmore Method,

Business Enterprise Valuation/Lennhoff Method) to be presented at the 2014 annual conference in Sacramento, California. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in this survey. All answers are anonymous. To participate, click [here](#).

Who Should Attend Conference? Everyone!

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 24-27, 2014**, in **Sacramento, CA**. You can register online [here](#) and find general information [here](#).

**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](#).

Scholarships Available

IAAO offers a wide variety of scholarships for members. The [IAAO Scholarship Fund](#) is available for members looking to pursue IAAO educational opportunities. Need help renewing your membership? The [Hardship Grant](#) can provide assistance. For more information about the scholarships available, click [here](#).

**AROUND THE CORNER****Demystifying Commercial Property Appraisal Terminology**

Wednesday, May 21, 2014
12:00 pm–2:00 pm CDT

Presented by Jim Todora, CAE, MAI

This is an introductory Webinar designed for those new to appraisal or those with an interest in commercial property valuation. It focuses on vocabulary commonly found in the appraisal of commercial property and provides a preliminary point for future education of commercial property valuation.

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.

FUN WITH FRIENDS

The Appraiser Practices Board (APB) has issued the following document for comment. [Second Exposure Draft – Valuation of Green Buildings: Background and Core Competency](#). Written comments are requested by **May 30, 2014**.

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](#).

The next contest is coming soon.
Keep an eye on our social media sites for all the details!




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



TELL US ABOUT IT!

Comments on both drafts are invited by April 30, 2014.



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

AROUND THE WORLD

- GRENADA** — [Idle Land Tax aims to rekindle agriculture sector](#)
- PAKISTAN** — [RCB to hire services of eunuchs to recover tax](#)
- AUSTRIA** — [Austrian gov't told to make property tax equitable](#)
- UNITED KINGDOM** — [Shrewsbury roundabouts floral displays under threat from 'advertising tax'](#)
- CYPRUS** — [Praise for Cyprus from Ollie Rehn, immovable property tax reform on the way](#)
- NEW ZEALAND** — [Councils mull alternatives to rates](#)
- SOUTH AFRICA** — [New Joburg rates contain power shock](#)
- SLOVENIA** — [Slovenia's Bratusek seeks confidence vote as tax dispute simmers](#)
- PHILIPPINES** — [City real property tax collections up 28.6%](#)
- UNITED KINGDOM** — [Tens of thousands face new property tax](#)
- IRELAND** — ['No boost for Dublin city' from property tax windfall](#)
- CHINA** — [Xinhua Insight: China's property market grows up](#)

NEWBIES & NOTABLES



In

Memoriam

Robert W. McGowan of Reno, NV passed away recently. Bob was a long time IAAO member, former Executive Board member and he served on several committees over the years. IAAO's "In Memoriam" piece will appear in the May issue of *Fair & Equitable*. An obituary can be read [here](#). IAAO would like to express our sincere condolences to Bob's friends and family.

[F&E April Digital Edition Available Now!](#)

Looking for more online news and information?

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



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, FL

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

Presented by IPTI

[9th Annual Mass Appraisal Valuation Symposium](#)
June 18-19, 2014

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

Presented by IPTI



Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner!

Two more lucky members have won some great prizes in our March Membership Contests. (Although neither prize included chicken.) **Jim Duckworth, CMS**, Assessor for Pike County in Magnolia, MS won our March Refer-A-Member Contest. He is the proud new owner of a portable DVD player. The March Social Media Contest was won by **Jeff Dart** of Oregon. He received a fabulous assortment of IAAO merchandise. Our April Social Media Contest is happening very, very soon, so be sure to keep an eye on the IAAO social media sites. **Congratulations to both winners!**

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



VALUED VENDORS

[Durham County, NC Selects
Modria Resolution Center to
Power Property Tax Appeals](#)

[*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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