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May 15, 2014

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MAINE — [Property tax breaks for select few under fire in Maine](#)

PENNSYLVANIA — [Pa. property tax reform moving at snail's pace](#)

ONTARIO — [Why did owners of vacant units in Toronto get \\$367M in tax rebates?](#)

NEW JERSEY — [Court: Red Bulls must pay \\$2.8M in property taxes](#)

INDIANA — [New blight law changes property tax sales method](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA — [Legislators considering bills to allow some to keep 4 percent property tax rate](#)

BRITISH COLUMBIA — [Corporate Canada pays low taxes but contributes in 'lots of other ways'](#)

NORTH CAROLINA — [Property tax limit part of draft fracking bill](#)

MINNESOTA — [Lawmakers agree on \\$103M more in tax relief](#)

ONTARIO — [Wind opponents stage new fight](#)

OKLAHOMA — [Coding issues lead to owner questions on property taxes](#)

WASHINGTON — [Seattle mayor rejects property tax initiative to save Metro](#)

ALBERTA — [Councillor wants to cut 'a lot of fat' from city hall in light of fee hikes](#)

PENNSYLVANIA — [Tax relief from gambling hasn't been a sure bet](#)

CALIFORNIA — [Dan Walters: Proposition 13 changes stymied by Democrats' loss of supermajority](#)

IOWA — [Rise in tax-exempt properties threatens D.M. services](#)

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LATEST & GREATEST

New This Year...The Hub!

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](#).



Experience the Exhibit Hall in a whole new way this year. The Hub, which contains a new Learning Lab, will provide a variety of new and interesting programs. Check out the details [here](#).

Put Your Experience and Education to Good Use—Become an IAAO Instructor!

Instructor Training Workshop (ITW)
August 22–24, 2014
Sacramento Convention Center
Sacramento, CA

The ITW is an intensive 3-day interactive workshop. The ITW is not intended to teach individuals how to instruct, but rather to evaluate participants' ability to teach IAAO material in a classroom setting. For all the details and to register, click [here](#).



The Future Is All About "Change"!

The Florida Chapter IAAO (FCIAAO) has launched a new and improved website, www.fciaao.org. A new logo was also

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.

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



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AROUND THE WORLD

RUSSIA — [Finance Ministry wants to raise property tax on homeowners tenfold](#)

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NEW ZEALAND — [Revaluation objection period extended for Red Zoners](#)

UNITED KINGDOM — [European court says 'human rights of Mormon Church' have not been violated by tax demand](#)

INDIA — [Most building owners in Kochi fail to file tax papers](#)

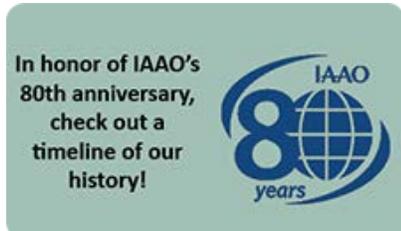
SCOTLAND — [The investment implications of Scottish independence](#)

CHINA — [There are 6 things that could trigger a property market crash in China](#)

LUXEMBOURG — [IMF supports higher VAT rates for Luxembourg](#)

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GERMANY — [OECD urges Germany to pursue reforms to narrow social divide](#)



developed to update the brand. Several drafts were established and agreed upon and the Board submitted them to IAAO for their review to assure the design did not conflict with or compromise the IAAO logo. One design was agreed upon by both groups and a new FCIAAO logo was born!

The logo and website were unveiled at the recent FCIAAO Annual Conference held April 30–May 2. Conference attendees accepted the new brand with excitement!

The future is about “Change” and the Florida Chapter IAAO looks forward to a new look on the website and a new logo to launch us into the future!

Scholarship Changes!



IAAO recently made changes to the maximum award amounts for the [IAAO Scholarship Fund](#), which is available for members looking to pursue IAAO educational opportunities. The changes are as follows: IAAO 1-3 Day Course maximum increased from \$750 to \$1,000; IAAO 5 Day Course maximum increased from \$1,000 to \$1,250; IAAO Conference or Seminar maximum increased from \$1,000 to \$1,250; and IAAO ITW maximum increased from \$750 to \$1,000. For more information about the IAAO Scholarship Fund and all the other scholarships available, click [here](#).

NEWBIES & NOTABLES



IAAO Welcomes New Meetings Director

Matt Merrigan recently joined the IAAO staff as our new Director of Meetings. Merrigan most recently served as the Director of Membership and Meetings for the Arkansas

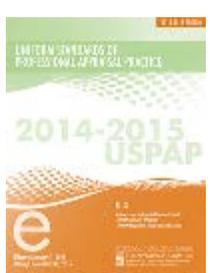
[URISA and IAAO Issue Call for Presentations for GIS/CAMA 2015](#)

The Appraisal 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 Charter Township of West Bloomfield Announces The Appointment of Lisa A. Hobart to The](#)

[Appraisal Foundation Board of Trustees](#)



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

[F&E May 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

VALUED VENDORS

[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.

Pharmacists Association. Prior to that he was Manager, Membership Services for the American Case Management Association; Specialist, Membership and Community for the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine; and Membership Specialist for the American Association of School Personnel Administrators.

Originally from the Kansas City, MO area, Merrigan holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Relations from University of Central Missouri and a Master of Science degree in Organizational Development from Avila University.

He is a member of the Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA), American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), and the Kansas City Society of Association Executives (KCSAE).

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