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# ASSESSING INFO

May 21, 2015

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**NEW YORK** — [Flanagan wants permanent property-tax cap](#)

**OKLAHOMA** — [Oklahoma property tax exemption program benefits power plants, wind farms](#)

**SOUTH CAROLINA** — [TASC asks South Carolina's legislators to take action on property tax to protect the landmark Solar Act](#)

**ILLINOIS** — [Property tax 'freeze' inches forward in Illinois House](#)

**MONTANA** — [Officials hope new state property tax system will help taxpayers](#)

**NOVA SCOTIA** — [Halifax gives Irving Shipbuilding a deal on property taxes](#)

**TEXAS** — [Stop property-tax lenders from preying on Texans](#)

**OREGON** — [Genentech wants enterprise zone tax benefits for Hillsboro expansion](#)

**PENNSYLVANIA** — [PA Senate next to debate tax shift and property tax relief bill](#)

**ALBERTA** — [New arena deal: How the city plans to fill a \\$32 million budget hole](#)

**MINNESOTA** — [Business groups on edge with property tax cuts in limbo](#)

**WASHINGTON** — [State lawmakers 'behind' in work to solve property tax problem in school funding](#)

**NEW YORK** — [Why billionaires don't pay property taxes in New York](#)

**ONTARIO** — [YMCA loses tax-free status at Welland facility](#)

**KANSAS** — [Ash Grove opts to not pay property taxes due](#)

**NEBRASKA** — [Woodmen landmark moves another step closer to property tax exemption](#)

**ILLINOIS** — [Will next pension fight lead to higher property tax bills?](#)

[10 ways to shorten long meetings](#)

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### LATEST & GREATEST



## Things You Know...And Some Things You Don't

Things you know about the 2015 Annual Conference, September 13–16:

- You can register for conference [online](#) or via the [paper form](#).
- Don't forget to [reserve](#) your hotel room.
- The [education program](#) will be informative and CEUs are always helpful.

Some things you *might not* know about the 2015 Annual Conference:

- The [IAAO 2015 Golf Classic](#) will be held at the Brickyard Crossing Golf Course in Speedway, Indiana. This is the golfing experience of a lifetime with four holes located inside of the World Famous Indianapolis Motor Speedway. That's right; you will actually be playing golf inside of the track!
- Located right next to the JW Marriott, Indiana's only urban state park, [White River State Park](#) offers an awesome array of attractions and exciting entertainment, including the [Indianapolis Zoo](#), [White River Gardens](#), [Indiana State Museum](#), [IMAX® Theater](#), [Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art](#), [NCAA Hall of Champions](#), [Victory Field](#) and the [Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial](#).
- There will be a "Fun Run" presented by Pictometry on Tuesday, September 15. More details will be coming soon.

### AROUND THE CORNER



### [Valuation of Regional Malls](#)

Wednesday, June 10, 2015  
1:00–3:00 pm CDT

The valuation of regional malls is a continuing exercise that presents a number of unique issues. Mall classification methodology is very important within the mall part of the retail industry, but is not yet fully understood and embraced by appraisers. Fee simple and leased fee property interest controversies have needlessly complicated cap rate derivation and other valuation methodology and techniques. Lack of understanding of how malls operate and how investors view their positive and negative performance issues often results in methodology mistakes. This presentation will look to the marketplace to resolve these items and various other issues arising under all three traditional approaches to value. **Note: Two (2) CEUs will be given for this webinar.**



### 2015 NCRAAO Conference ["Wet and Wild in Wisconsin"](#)

June 14–17, 2015  
Chula Vista Waterpark and Resort  
Wisconsin Dells, WI

The NCRAAO Annual Conference provides an opportunity to learn new skills, network, review new hardware and software, and share experiences that will enhance appraisal practices.

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

### FUN WITH FRIENDS

**AROUND THE WORLD**

**EGYPT** — [Banks can appeal property tax assessment: Finance Ministry](#)

**AUSTRALIA** — [Land tax hike for property investors](#)

**IRELAND** — [Report calls for more tax relief for Irish landlords](#)

**INDIA** — [Educational institutes made to pay double property tax](#)

**UNITED KINGDOM** — [Retired vicar who refused to pay council tax as matter of principle wins High Court victory over excessive costs](#)

**NEW ZEALAND** — [New property tax and tighter rules for foreigners in New Zealand](#)

**MALTA** — [Property tax waiver scheme partially extended](#)

**GUAM** — [Guam property owners dispute revaluation: Rev and Tax acknowledges assessment problems](#)

**CHINA** — [Time for China to embrace property tax?](#)

**INDIA**— [Tablets mean to collect property tax now gather only dust](#)

**NEW ZEALAND** — [Councillors protest rate rise](#)

**AUSTRALIA** — [Fantasy budget 2015: goodbye stamp duty, hello land tax](#)

**UNITED KINGDOM** — [General Election 2015: Tory election victory triggers London luxury property market surge as mansion tax fears dissolve](#)



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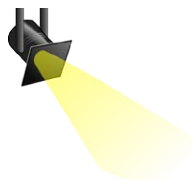
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**September 11–13, 2015  
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Indianapolis, IN**

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**Chapter and Affiliate Spotlight**

In order to increase awareness about the Chapters and Affiliates that are so important to the success of IAAO, the next several issues will include links to information about some of IAAO's Chapters and Affiliates. If your area is interested in starting a new Chapter or Affiliate, please email [Hayley Rees](#).

- [Arizona Chapter](#)
- [Arkansas Chapter](#)
- [Central Washington Chapter](#)
- [Columbia River Chapter](#)
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**Call for Candidates**

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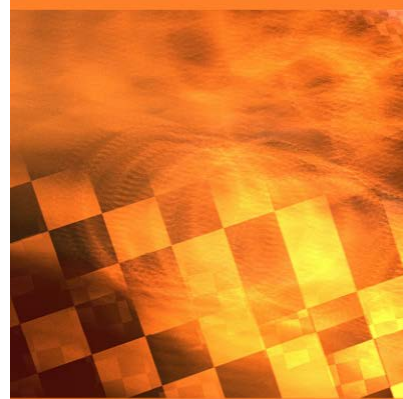
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[New Appraisal Institute Book Addresses Evolving Role of Appraisal Review](#)

The 2014-15 **USPAP** is now available to

and elected officials learn how GIS technology is being used by governments across North America.



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### NEWBIES & NOTABLES



## New IAAO Members

Over the past few months, IAAO has been fortunate to welcome several new members to its ranks. Click [here](#) for a list.



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