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# ASSESSING INFO

July 3, 2014

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**NEW JERSEY** — [Can NJ property taxes be lowered?](#)

**ARIZONA** — [Solar companies sue to stop property taxes on leased rooftop panels](#)

**IDAHO** — [Private clubs challenge YMCA property tax exemption](#)

**ONTARIO** — [Council approving grants galore](#)

**NEW MEXICO** — [State court upholds property tax cap](#)

**PENNSYLVANIA** — [One of Philly's worst tax deadbeats. SEPTA to have \\$22M bill wiped from books](#)

**TEXAS** — [How Texans may see a property tax cut](#)

**BRITISH COLUMBIA** — [New business class for pot growers kills their farm tax status](#)

**KANSAS** — [Replacing property tax with sales tax divides Sedgwick County Commission candidates](#)

**MICHIGAN** — [OpEd: End personal property tax](#)

**PENNSYLVANIA** — [Susquenita School District has manipulated property tax values for years to balance budget, school official admits](#)

**ILLINOIS** — [Quinn signs pension reform bill, urges no property tax hike](#)

[Just one thing—The impact of a simple gesture](#)

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## AROUND THE WORLD

**INDIA** — ['New tax regime to stay'](#)

**ITALY** — [Italy suffers 'Black Monday' tax pay day](#)

**NEW ZEALAND** — [Higher rates the flipside of soaring house prices](#)

## LATEST & GREATEST

### Last Chance for Early-Bird Rate!

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](#).



Click [here](#) to see testimonials from former conference attendees.

The room block at the Hyatt for Sunday, August 24, Monday, August 25 and Tuesday, August 26 has sold out. There are rooms available at the [Hyatt](#) for other nights and the [Sheraton](#) still has rooms available for all dates, but make your reservations soon because they are filling up fast!

To receive the discounted early-bird rate, your registration must be received by July 7, 2014!

### 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](#).

### Scholarship Changes!

## AROUND THE CORNER



### [The Secrets to Hotel Casino Valuation: A Clark County \(Las Vegas\) Perspective](#)

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

Presented by Mary Ann Weidner, RES, Appraisal Analyst, Clark County, Nevada

With the expansion of legalized casino-style gambling over the past decade, more jurisdictions are faced with the challenges of valuing these types of properties for tax purposes. This webinar will provide an overview of the valuation of Hotel Casinos from the perspective of Clark County (Las Vegas), Nevada. **Note: Two CEUs are given for participation in this webinar.**

## FUN WITH FRIENDS

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



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

### [Michael Flynn elected MAAO President](#)

### Call for Applicants

The Appraisal Foundation seeks candidates for vacancies on the Appraiser Qualifications Board and the Appraisal Standards Board.

[Application Deadline is August 4, 2014](#)

**KAZAKHSTAN** — [Kazakhstan enacts investor tax breaks](#)

**SOUTH AFRICA** — [Rates and taxes a burning issue for South African property owners](#)

**EGYPT** — [Hotels chamber demands property tax to be based on replacement value](#)

**IRELAND** — [Government TDs warn of rebellion over property tax](#)

**PHILIPINES** — [4 in every 5 cities fall behind their potential property tax](#)

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.



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



Another Winner!

The 5th winner in our Refer-A-Member contest is Elisa H. Hand from the Harris County Appraisal District in Houston, Texas! She's been a member since Feb. 2012, is a Rep and has referred 7 new members over the past few months. She will get the \$80 Target gift card!

[F&E July 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.

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



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