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### LATEST & GREATEST



**IAAO 2015**

## Things Are Filling up Fast!

The early-bird deadline for the 2015 Annual Conference has passed, but there's still time to join us. Make sure to register, either [online](#) or via the [paper form](#), soon. Here are a couple other things you don't want to overlook:

- The JW Marriott is virtually full, so check out the overflow hotel, the Springhill Suites. (The Springhill Suites is located very close to the JW Marriott and is connected by a skywalk.) Call 866-704-6116 for reservations and make sure to mention IAAO to get the discounted rate.
- One-Day Forum 917—[How to Critique an Appraisal](#), will be offered September 16 from 1:00–4:30 pm and September 17 from 8:00 am–12:00 pm. **Registration must be received by August 7, 2015.**

Visit the [conference website](#) for more detailed information.



## Let IAAO Welcome You!

You absolutely won't want to miss the Welcome Reception, Sunday, September 13 from 6:30–8:30 pm. This year it is taking place at the [Indiana State Museum](#), a wonderful venue that offers something for everyone!

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### AROUND THE CORNER

#### Workshop for Developers and Reviewers

September 12 or 13, 2015  
Indianapolis, IN  
8:00 am–5:00 pm

IAAO is constantly looking for new developers and reviewers to help with the ongoing improvement of our education products. To that end, a seminar has been developed to train members who are new to course development or want to sharpen existing skills. **Developers and reviewers will be drawn from the pool of members who attend this seminar.**

Our workshop will be available Saturday, September 12 and then repeated on Sunday, September 13, from 8:00 am–5:00 pm, preceding our annual conference in Indianapolis. Each session will be limited to 25 persons to facilitate interaction with the instructor, so sign up quickly! If interested, please contact [Willa Jessee](#), with your name and e-mail address.

#### 36th Annual Legal Seminar

December 10-11, 2015  
Hyatt Regency  
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AROUND THE WORLD

- THAILAND** — [Property tax gets tweak](#)
- UNITED KINGDOM** — [Charities likely to receive £44m in discretionary business rate relief in 2014/15](#)
- VIRGIN ISLANDS** — [Senate property tax debate turns heated](#)
- AUSTRALIA** — [Property Council pushes 12.5pc GST, universal land tax](#)
- JAMAICA** — [Parish Councils want property tax in mortgage payments](#)
- ITALY** — [Italy's promised tax cuts will create growth, says Padoan](#)
- IRELAND** — [Is the Government dealing a death-blow to the property tax? \(OpEd\)](#)
- SOUTH KOREA** — [Court rejects tax policy on real estate](#)
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- PAKISTAN** — [Punjab govt asks excise to make audit of property tax collection](#)
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## Proposed Bylaw Change Exposure



## Free Conference Registration Winner

Sheri Blough-Neff, Jefferson County, IA Assessor, was the recipient of a free IAAO conference registration, given at the NCRAAO Conference in June. Congratulations!



## 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 Association of Assessing Officer](#)
- [Arkansas County Assessors' Association](#)
- [Assessors' Association of Pennsylvania](#)
- [Association of Assessing Officers of Manitoba](#)
- [Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey](#)
- [California Assessors' Association](#)

## Technologies Conference

Savannah, Georgia, USA • February 22–25, 2016



## Educational Opportunities

The New York State Assessors' Association has three upcoming One Day Seminars. They are:

- [Agricultural Exemptions](#)—August 14, 2015
- [Manufactured Home Valuation](#)—September 11, 2015
- [Advanced Data Collection](#)—September 18, 2015

## FUN WITH FRIENDS

The next public meeting of the Appraisal Practices Board (APB) will be held Friday, September 11, 2015 from 9:00 am–12:00 pm at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver, CO. Please take the time to [register](#) for this meeting if you plan to attend.

## 2015 IVSC Annual General Meeting

The 2015 IVSC Annual General Meeting is to be held in Paris on October 15. The IVSC Board of Trustees, Professional and Standards Boards and Advisory Forum are also meeting during the week.

## Jim Murrett Elected 2016 Appraisal Institute Vice President

## 9th International Conference on the Valuation of Plant Machinery and Equipment

The 9th International Conference on the Valuation of Plant Machinery and Equipment is taking place October 26–28, 2015 in Tokyo, Japan.

## Valuing Excess Land Creates Challenges for Appraisers: The Appraisal Journal

## FGDC Seeks Nominations for National Geospatial Advisory Committee

The Department of Interior and the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) announced on June 8 that they are seeking nominations for appointment to the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC). Nominations received through this call for nominations may be used to fill vacancies on the NGAC that will become available in 2015 and 2016.



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