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# ASSESSING INFO

October 2, 2014

## RIPPED FROM THE HEADLINES

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA** — [Many places tax 'summer people' different from 'townies'](#)

**IDAHO** — [LLC lease structure costs Idaho charity property tax exemption](#)

**UTAH** — [Blog: Are property taxes exacerbating western states' water woes?](#)

**WISCONSIN** — [State legislators want to end business personal property tax](#)

**BRITISH COLUMBIA** — [Canada's highest, lowest property taxes](#)

**FLORIDA** — [Worldcenter could add \\$24M in property tax, but is developer trying to keep most of it?](#)

**HAWAII** — [County eyes property tax revisions](#)

**OHIO** — [Delinquent water, sewer bills are placed on property taxes: Community Voices](#)

**CALIFORNIA** — [Property tax credit creates uproar in San Diego's City Council race](#)

**BRITISH COLUMBIA** — [BC Assessments expected to appeal tax ruling](#)

**IOWA** — [Eastern Iowa business owners notice new property tax break](#)

**INDIANA** — [Tax caps have greatest impact for rental property, farm owners](#)

**WISCONSIN** — [Don't touch personal property tax, say mayors](#)

**ALABAMA** — [Tax exemption could save elderly residents thousands on property taxes](#)

**ONTARIO** — [For YMCA of Toronto, tax is a two-letter word](#)

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## AROUND THE WORLD

**KENYA** — [Nairobi property owners brace for higher land rates](#)

## LATEST & GREATEST



IAAO is conducting a Communication Practices Survey to better understand member communication preferences and provide better services. The survey has been updated to reflect new technologies and communication choices. The average time to complete the 41-question survey is 15 to 20 minutes. Your participation is appreciated.

[Take Survey Now](#)



**November 1-30**

Personalized emails will be sent to all Regular Members by election vendor Intelliscan Inc. and paper ballots will be mailed. Click [here](#) to view candidate profiles.



## Need Help With Membership Dues?

Check out the Membership Renewal Assistance Grant (formerly the Hardship Grant). Grants are available in the amount of \$100. Click [here](#) to apply.

## AROUND THE CORNER



**Free Upcoming Webinar**  
November 19, 2014  
12:00-1:00 pm CST



Learn how to navigate the *County & Municipal Directory* and the *InfoTrac Journal Database* with this 1-hour training class. If you'd like to do your own research, take time to learn about the resources available to you through the IAAO Library. Attendees will discover how to quickly find relevant results on a variety of assessment and appraisal topics. This webinar carries no CE credit. Register [here](#).

## 2014 Legal Seminar Registration Now Open

December 11-12, 2014  
Doubletree  
Magnificent Mile  
Chicago, Illinois



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



## When You Share The Time, You Share The Tax Burden Webinar

Wednesday, October 15, 2014  
12:00-2:00 pm CDT

This webinar will explore the three valuation methods as applied to Timeshare Properties. **Note: 2.0 CEUs are given for participation in this webinar.**

## FUN WITH FRIENDS

The next public meeting of the Appraisal Standards Board (ASB) is approaching. Please take the time to [register](#) for this meeting if you plan to attend.

**Date/Time:**  
Friday, October 17, 2014

**SPAIN** — [Real property tax will never disappear](#)

**TAIWAN** — [Protestors slam property tax proposals](#)

**EGYPT** — [Egypt begins collecting property tax for 1.5m residential and non-residential units: Finance Minister](#)

**AUSTRALIA** — [Treasurer questions million-dollar 'beehive' land tax sting](#)

**UNITED KINGDOM** — [Poor design of business rates system affects employment rates, leaders claim](#)

**NEW ZEALAND** — [Unpaid city rates total \\$10m](#)

**GREECE** — [Property tax details released](#)

**INDIA** — [Understanding the role of circle rates](#)

**CHINA** — [China shifts taxes to land](#)

**UNITED KINGDOM** — [Londoners could buy a whole house somewhere else for just what they pay in property tax](#)

**IRELAND** — [Property Tax: Playing politics with the vulnerable](#)

**AUSTRALIA** — [Editorial: Land tax laws in need of reform](#)

**INDIA** — [Computerized property assessment pilot project begins](#)



## RES Requirements Changing

Members applying for candidacy on or after **January 1, 2015**, must have a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university in order to receive an RES designation. For more information or to apply, please contact [Wanda Music Witthar](#).

### NEWBIES & NOTABLES



## IAAO Welcomes New Curriculum Manager...

Willa Jessee recently joined the IAAO staff as the new Curriculum Manager in the Professional Development department. Willa grew up in Kansas City and taught in the Kansas City, Missouri School District. Her husband's job took them to St. Louis and then to South Central Pennsylvania, where they lived for 15 years. They followed their children back to Kansas City three years ago, mainly to be close to such cute grandchildren, but also to be closer to other family. For non-grandchild fun, she plays at being a fiber artist—spinning yarn, weaving fabric, knitting and sewing. She participated in several "sheep-to-shawl" contests in Pennsylvania—where a team of people shears a sheep, spins yarn from the wool and weaves a shawl, all in about five hours. She also gardens, cooks, plays with her dogs and reads anything with print on it.

9:00 am–12:00 pm

**Location:**  
Marriott Metro Center  
775 12th Street NW  
Washington, DC 20005



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

The next public meeting of the Appraiser Practices Board (APB) is approaching. Please take the time to [register](#) for this meeting if you plan to attend.

**Date/Time:**  
Friday, November 14, 2014  
9:00 am–12:00 pm

**Location:**  
InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza  
401 Ward Parkway  
Kansas City, MO 64112

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

Looking for more online news and information?

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



The Appraisal Foundation is pleased to announce that the Appraisal Standards Board (ASB) has issued the Third Exposure Draft of proposed changes for the 2016-17 edition of the *Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice* and the First Exposure Draft of proposed new Advisory Opinions and Advisory Revisions in conjunction with the 2016-17 edition of the *Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice*.

[Third Exposure Draft of USPAP](#)  
[First Exposure Draft of AOs](#)

Issued on August 27, 2014. Written comments for both documents requested by **October 10, 2014**. Send comments [here](#).

### [Deconstructing Elements Key to Valuing Defunct Railroad Corridors: The Appraising Journal](#)

[Arizona Tax Conference](#)  
October 8–10, 2014  
Tucson, AZ

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Have questions?  
Find the answers on AssessorNET!

### 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.

Blue Marble is pleased to announce the release of [Global Mapper version 16.0](#). This update to Blue Marble's popular desktop GIS software offers many new and improved features and functions. This major release includes many significant updates and new tools for working with 3D data. This release also features dramatically improved processing speeds, new graphing/charting tools and many LiDAR enhancements and of course, many new formats. If you would like to download this version it is available here for [download](#).



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Appraisal Foundation is seeking valuation professionals for a national talent pool to serve as a resource to the Board. **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, click [here](#) for an application.

## ...And New Professional Development Administrative Assistant

The Professional Development department also recently welcomed a new Administrative Assistant, Lacey Crough-Meier. She lives in the Northland with her husband, Adam, and their two pups. Her background is in public relations, but she just started graduate school to become a school librarian. She loves a good adventure and she and her husband spend most of their free time traveling. She's a huge fan of brunch on Saturday mornings, antique stores and taking photos.

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