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December 18, 2014

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**MASSACHUSETTS** — [Mass appellate tax board finding could open door to property tax challenges from solar developers](#)

**VERMONT** — [Report recommends fundamental changes to education spending, property tax system](#)

**NORTH CAROLINA** — [Revaluation brings hundreds of tax bills for Mecklenburg homes they didn't own in 2011](#)

**NEW JERSEY** — [Bill to restore N.J. property tax information removed by Christie administration advances](#)

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — [Roger Melanson reverses PC property tax cut for businesses](#)

**NEW YORK** — [The Council's vanishing property-tax commission](#)

**NEW HAMPSHIRE** — [My Turn: Lottery expansion plan would lower property taxes \(OpEd\)](#)

**MARYLAND** — [Your property taxes cut because of Horseshoe Casino? Don't bet on it](#)

**BRITISH COLUMBIA** — [Surrey tax increases could pay for more RCMP officers](#)

**WISCONSIN** — [Louise Klopp: End the property tax grab by TIF districts](#)

**VIRGIN ISLANDS** — [St. John group sues to rescind 2013 property tax bills](#)

**PENNSYLVANIA** — [Pennsylvania should consider the value of natural gas when levying property taxes \(OpEd\)](#)

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## AROUND THE WORLD

## LATEST & GREATEST



### Publication Schedule Change!

Normally, *Assessing Info* is published on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Due to the upcoming holidays, the publication schedule for January will be changed. *Assessing Info* will be published on the second and fourth Thursdays in January (1/8 and 1/22). The normal schedule will resume in February.



### Election Results

The results are in for the election of the 2015 IAAO Executive Board.

**President**—Martin D. Marshall  
**President Elect**—W.A. (Pete) Rodda, CAE, RES  
**Vice President**—Randy Ripperger, CAE  
**Region 1**—Greg McHenry, AAS  
**Region 2**—Roger A. Mc Carty  
**Region 3**—Tina W. Stone, PPS

For more detailed election results, click [here](#).  
Congratulations to all new Board members!



## AROUND THE CORNER



### 19th Annual GIS/CAMA Technologies Conference

**March 2-5, 2015**  
**Renaissance Oklahoma City Convention Center Hotel**  
**Oklahoma City, OK**

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

## FUN WITH FRIENDS

### Holiday Half-Price Sale



### IVSC and The Appraisal Foundation Agree to Bring Greater Consistency to Valuation Standards

The IVSC and The Appraisal Foundation have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at eliminating remaining differences between the International Valuation Standards (IVSs) and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP). The MoU updates a 2006 agreement between the two organizations to cooperate on their standard-setting activities. This has resulted in considerable convergence between the IVSs and USPAP,

**SINGAPORE** — [Singaporean homes to pay less property tax in 2015](#)

**ISLE OF MAN** — [Proposal to progress reform of rating system](#)

**UNITED KINGDOM** — [Government claims businesses are 'divided' on reform of business rates](#)

**TRINIDAD** — [New system 'to allow equity'](#)

**AUSTRALIA** — [Crown jackpot: Casino saves \\$320,000 on rates bill](#)

**GHANA** — [The city of Kumasi goes digital](#)

**DENMARK** — [Property tax in Denmark second highest in EU](#)

**RUSSIA** — [Bad times for investors: New taxation regime on non-residential real property](#)

**IRELAND** — [Urgent need to change rates system, says O'Donovan](#)

**EGYPT** — [Delays in real estate tax estimation leads to budget deficit increase: Farag](#)

**INDIA** — [BMC moves to tax slum properties](#)

**THAILAND** — [Private sector's views needed on proposed land, construction tax](#)

**UNITED KINGDOM** — [Guarded welcome for UK business rates review](#)

**PROUD PARTNERS**

[\*\*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.

[\*\*New Appraisal Institute Book Addresses Latest Methods for Valuing Contaminated Properties\*\*](#)

## Call for Presentations

IAAO is now accepting educational session presentation submissions for the 2015 Annual Conference, to be held in Indianapolis **September 13–16**. Potential presentations must be submitted by **Monday, January 26, 2015, 5:00 pm CST**. To view the submission guidelines and submission form, please visit [IAAO.org](#) and click on the 2015 Conference Call for Presentations link, under What's New. You will be notified by **March 20, 2015** on the status of your submission. For questions, contact Leann Ritter via [email](#) or by phone at 816-701-8161.

## New Exposure Draft

[Standard on Digital Cadastral Maps and Parcel Identifiers](#)

Comments can be submitted until **January 2, 2015**.

## 2015 Membership Dues

Thank you to those who have already paid their 2015 IAAO Membership Dues! You can pay your membership dues [online](#) via IAAO's website. Should you need another invoice, please [email](#) Shaun York, Membership Data Coordinator.

## 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.



## 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 Musick Withar](#).

**NEWBIES & NOTABLES**

with only a few differences remaining. A copy of the joint press release is available [here](#).

[\*\*Importance of Property Attributes Key to Market Value: The Appraisal Journal\*\*](#)



**Fannie Mae to Introduce Collateral Underwriter™**

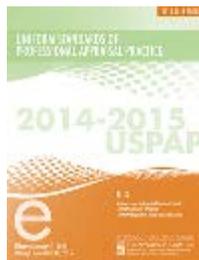
[Collateral Underwriter \(CU\)™](#) is a proprietary model-driven tool developed by Fannie Mae that provides an automated appraisal risk assessment to support proactive management of appraisal quality.

[\*\*The Appraisal Foundation Appoints New Officers and Members to the Board of Trustees, Appraisal Standards Board, Appraiser Qualifications Board and Appraisal Practices Board\*\*](#)

**2014 Annual Conference Photos for Sale!**



The Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB) has issued the following: [Exposure Draft of a Proposed Revision to the 2015 Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria and Guide Note 9 \(GN-9\)](#). All interested parties are encouraged to comment in writing to the AQB before the deadline of **January 15, 2015**. Respondents should be assured that each member of the AQB will thoroughly read and consider all comments.



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

[\*\*F&E December Digital Edition\*\*](#)

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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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## IAAO Welcomes New Developer and Data Manager

Mike Ardis previously oversaw technology for an insurance trade association in Kansas City and has also worked in the Public Information Office of the state utility commission in Kansas. He has undergraduate and graduate degrees in Journalism from the University of Kansas and resides in Kansas City with his wife and their three cats.

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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. **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.

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