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January 2, 2014

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DELAWARE — [Solar panel tax angers Milton residents](#)

CALIFORNIA — [Marin assessor wins Proposition 13 case](#)

CALIFORNIA — [Panel considers giving up property tax portion](#)

INDIANA — [Think carefully before abolishing tax](#)

NEW YORK — [Taxes likely to top agenda for governor, state legislature](#)

VERMONT — [Nonprofits fight to keep tax exemptions](#)

ILLINOIS — [Washington estimates lost property taxes after damaging tornado](#)

ALBERTA — [Flood washes away \\$316M in assessed value of homes](#)

ALBERTA — [Reserve fund to cover Calgary property tax losses](#)

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AUSTRALIA — [State plans new land tax](#)

CHINA — [New China property taxes to cool overheated housing market](#)

MALAYSIA — [Ku Nan: Only 80,000 objections to DBKL rate hike](#)

PUERTO RICO — [Amnesty for property tax debtors](#)

MALTA — [Property agents await details on rental tax](#)

SCOTLAND — [Business rates in Scotland capped at two per cent to boost Scottish economy](#)

GREECE — [Greek farmers protest controversial property tax](#)

LATEST & GREATEST



It's a Party...

...and you're invited! Join in the celebration of IAAO's 80th Anniversary. Instead of receiving gifts, IAAO is handing out a gift each month to those who recruit new members in 2014. The more members you recruit, the more opportunities you have to be chosen to receive an anniversary gift!

Click [here](#) for all the details.



January 24, 2014.

Call for Presentations

[Call for presentations](#) for the IAAO 2014 Annual Conference is now open. Deadline for submission is

Thank you for your patience!



The Professional Development Department has received many designation candidacy applications over the past month. We appreciate your patience as we work to process the substantial increase in applications.



Time to Renew

Membership Renewal Notices have been sent. Be sure to renew your membership and encourage your colleagues to do the same.

Want to renew your membership with IAAO but don't have the funds? IAAO can help. Hardship Scholarships are available to help defray the cost of membership. [Apply](#) for the Hardship Scholarship before 2/29/14.

AROUND THE CORNER



[Working With the Media - Crafting a Positive Message for Your Jurisdiction Webinar](#)

Wednesday, January 15, 2014
12:00 pm–2:00 pm CST

Presented by Chris Bennett and featuring Manuel Gallegos, chair, IAAO Communications Committee

This webinar provides an overview of media opportunities; techniques for crafting a consistent, positive message; components of an effective message; media dos and don'ts; staff roles; and advance preparation tips. The presentation will help jurisdictions ensure that the right message is being sent. Note: This free event is limited to the first 100 registrants.

[The Elusive Overall Cap Rate Webinar](#)

Wednesday, February 19, 2014
1:00 pm–3:00 pm CST

Presented by Peter Korpacz

This webinar, presented by Mr. Korpacz who has spent most of his career at the forefront of cap rate analysis and education, will take a detailed look at the drivers of overall capitalization rates and the best sources for defensible, cap rates.

[GIS/CAMA Conference](#)

Jacksonville, FL
February 24–27, 2014

IAAO and the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) are pleased to announce the 18th Annual GIS/CAMA Technologies Conference in Jacksonville, FL.



FUN WITH FRIENDS

[Cost and Comparable Sales for Mass Appraisal](#)

January 20 and 21, 2014
Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel

Presented by IPTI

Have you won an award? Changed jobs? Accomplished something of interest to our readers?

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VALUED VENDORS

[FutureView 2014](#)

February 9-12, 2014
San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter

Speakers include IAAO Executive Board member Tim Boncoskey.

[15th Annual Tax Policy & Practice Symposium](#)

February 19-20, 2014
The Ritz Carlton
1150 22nd Street, NW
Washington, DC

Presented by TCPI

NEWBIES & NOTABLES

Premier of Saskatchewan Recognizes 2013 Virginia Cup Winner

In 1990, the Virginia Association of Assessing Officers challenged other U.S. states and Canadian provinces to increase the number of designees in their area and to increase professionalism in the assessing field. The symbol of this achievement is the Virginia Cup. The cup recognizes the state or province with the most new designees during the award period.



IAAO recently received a [letter](#) from the Premier of Saskatchewan, Brad Wall, congratulating the 2013 Saskatchewan designees on the honor of being the first Canadian province to earn this prestigious recognition.

These two one-day seminars focus on the cost and sales comparison approaches for Mass Appraisal. Each seminar will be presented separately and participants may register for one or both. **Each seminar is eligible for 6.5 hours of continuing education credits from IAAO.**

[Public Meeting of the Appraisal Standards Board](#)

Friday, February 21, 2014
9:00 am–12:00 pm

Embassy Suites Hotel International
Drive/Convention Center
8978 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32819

The Appraisal Foundation is pleased to announce that the Appraisal Practices Board (APB) has issued the following: [Exposure Draft – The Valuation of Customer-Related Assets](#)

All interested parties are encouraged to comment in writing to the APB before the deadline of **March 1, 2014**.

[9th Annual Mass Appraisal Valuation Symposium](#)

June 18–19, 2014

Calgary Marriott Downtown Hotel
110 9th Avenue SE
Calgary, Alberta

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