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# ASSESSING INFO

November 21, 2013

## RIPPED FROM THE HEADLINES

**PENNSYLVANIA** — [Massive reductions in tax assessments could spell disaster for mill towns](#)

**NEW YORK** — [Property tax relief offered for Sandy victims](#)

**ALABAMA** — [Lawmakers suggest sin tax instead of property tax for emergency response funding in Cleburne County](#)

**ONTARIO** — [Millions on the line for city in U.S. Steel tax appeal](#)

**PENNSYLVANIA** — [Pennsylvania's bad penny](#)

**NEW JERSEY** — [New Jersey needs a better system for assessing casinos](#)

**MASSACHUSETTS** — [Taunton City Council votes to shift tax burden to homeowners](#)

**MINNESOTA** — [The difference between managing and leading](#)

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## AROUND THE WORLD



**BURMA** — [Tax scheme slows Rangoon's high-value property market](#)

**INDIA** — [Technology helps spur property tax collections](#)

**IRELAND** — [Publication of the Commercial Lease Database a step in the right direction](#)

**UNITED KINGDOM** — [Britons pay the highest property taxes in the developed world](#)

**EGYPT** — [Property tax amendments to lessen economic burden on investors: Government official](#)

## LATEST & GREATEST



### Elections

**REMINDER!** The IAAO elections are open until November 30. Click [here](#) for more info.



### Call for Presentations

[Call for presentations](#) for the IAAO 2014 Annual Conference is now open. Deadline for submission is January 24, 2014.



### Library Donation

The IAAO [Library](#) is pleased to announce that the Institute of Municipal Assessors (IMA) in Ontario, Canada has donated 36 boxes of assessment materials to our collection. "We are very pleased to be the recipients of more than 700

books, journals, reports, and government documents on the topics of Canadian appraisal and assessment. Our thanks goes to Mario Vittiglio, IMA Executive Director, and to the Institute for entrusting this collection to IAAO," said Mary Odom, MLS, IAAO Director of Library Services.

It was found in auditing the IMA catalog, that nearly 85% of the material is not currently a part of the library. Because the IMA needed to find a new home for these materials, it was a win-win situation for them as well as IAAO members. The process of integrating the recently donated collection into the IAAO Paul V. Corusy Memorial Library will take place over a number of months. Beginning in January members will start to see an increase in Canadian materials available in our online catalog.



### Time To Renew

Membership Renewal Notices have been sent. Be sure

## AROUND THE CORNER

**Legal Seminar**  
Fort Worth, TX  
Dec. 5-6, 2013



The Legal Seminar offers the unique perspective of members who are primarily involved in legal issues. The seminar presents substantive and procedural developments in law that affect assessments and valuation.



**Appraisal of Retail Inventory Webinar**  
Wednesday, December 18, 2013  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Central Standard Time

Presented by Robert Johnson, PPS

This Webinar presents a case study, in the context of Texas law, concerning commodities held as inventory by new furniture retailers. Understanding the economic principle of the "80/20 rule" and how to objectively measure its effects on held inventory allows the appraiser the means to determine economic depreciation. **Notes: 2.0 CEUs are given for participation in this Webinar.**

**GIS/CAMA Conference**  
Jacksonville, FL  
Feb. 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.



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## Ho, Ho, Holiday Cash Giveaway!

Recruit a new member (or two or three...) and be entered to win \$300 in holiday cash during October, November, and December.

### VALUED VENDORS

#### [AAS Case Study Review Workshop](#)

December 3-5, 2013  
Houston, TX

#### [FutureView 2014](#)

February 9-12, 2014  
San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter

*Speakers include IAAO Executive Board member Tim Boncoskey.*

**(Reuters)** — [Icahn warns stock market could face 'big drop'](#)

[2014-15 USPAP Combo Package with Free Shipping](#)

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 2/29/2014.

### NEWBIES & NOTABLES

## Congratulations to our new designees!

Robert W. Jackson, Jr., CMS - Mississippi  
Dale L. Peterson, RES, AAS - Utah  
Jerry Witt, AAS - Iowa  
Vincent E. Carlisle, CMS - Mississippi  
Ashley Aldred, CAE - Alberta  
Denise Schmidt, RES - Florida  
Alicia M. Cothen, CMS - Mississippi  
Jeffords D. Miller, Jr., RES - Florida  
James Hammond, RES - Florida  
James H. Duckworth, CMS - Mississippi  
David L. Wallis, CMS - Washington

### FUN WITH FRIENDS

#### [Appraisal Practices Board Meeting](#)

**The Hilton Scottsdale Resort & Villas**  
6333 North Scottsdale Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Friday, December 6, 2013  
9:00am - 12:00pm

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

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

June 18-19, 2014

**(RICS-Scotland)** — [RICS calls for tighter governance as Property Factors Act fails to protect home owners](#)

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