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IDAHO — [Idaho rejects tax shift sought by telecoms, railroads and utilities](#)

NORTH CAROLINA — [Towns react to wind energy plan](#)

PENNSYLVANIA — [State Senate mulls property tax freezes for seniors](#)

NEW HAMPSHIRE — [Assessed value of Bow power plant drops nearly \\$50 million; tax rates to spike](#)

NEW JERSEY — [Jersey City council awards 30-year tax break for Journal Square towers](#)

MONTREAL — [Jump in home values doesn't mean municipal taxes will skyrocket](#)

OHIO — [County seeks to hike property tax interest](#)

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[Why fear doesn't create accountability](#) – Laurie Cure on leadership

AROUND THE WORLD



AUSTRALIA — [Rates freeze threat for new councils](#)

AZERBAIJAN — [Azerbaijan extends tax exemption for agricultural producers](#)

FRANCE — [French union slams corporate land tax reform](#)

RUSSIA — [Russia raises corporate property tax](#)

DENMARK — [New property tax evaluation system by 2015](#)

GREECE — [New controversial estate tax bill to be revised](#)

SOUTH AFRICA — [Higher municipal rates deter SA's commercial property upturn](#)

LATEST & GREATEST



Call for Presentations

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



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.

Changes to IAAO designation program



Through December 31, 2013 the \$35 fee for filing a candidacy application for a professional designation will be waived! Some requirements are also changing as of January 1, 2014:

- Members applying for candidacy on or after January 1, 2014, must, prior to receiving the CAE designation, hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university.
- Members applying for candidacy on or after January 1, 2014, must, prior to receiving the RES designation, hold an associate's degree or higher from an accredited college, junior college, community college, or university.

If you become a candidate **before January 1, 2014**, you will be grandfathered under the current rules that require only a high school diploma for the CAE and RES designations. You would then have five years from your candidacy acceptance date to complete all requirements.

IAAO encourages all eligible members to apply for candidacy before the **January 1, 2014** cutoff. If you mail a candidacy application to IAAO Headquarters it must be postmarked by December 31, 2013, to meet the deadline. Candidacy applications sent by fax or e-mail must be received at IAAO Headquarters by December 31, 2013. If you have questions about the designation program, please contact Wanda Musick Witthar, witthar@iaao.org or 816-701-8137.

AROUND THE CORNER

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.



Working With the Media - Crafting a Positive Message for Your Jurisdiction Webinar

Wednesday, January 15, 2014
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Central Standard Time

Presented by Chris Bennett

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.**



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.

FUN WITH FRIENDS

9th Annual Mass Appraisal Valuation

Check out our
Career Center!



VALUED VENDORS

FutureView 2014

February 9–12, 2014
San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter

Speakers include IAAO Executive Board member Tim Boncoskey.

2014-15 USPAP Combo Package with Free Shipping

ArcGIS Online Update - Coming December 10, 2013

NYU Institute on State and Local Taxation

December 12-13, 2013
Grand Hyatt New York
New York, NY

15th Annual Tax Policy & Practice Symposium

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

New Online Course

Online Course 811: Introduction to GIS

Geographic Information Systems have been used by assessors for many years now and one of the best known of these systems is ARCGIS developed by ESRI. This workshop will acquaint the student with some of the basic functionality of that system using a combination of written material, suggestions for practice using supplied data files and instructional videos. This workshop has no recommended prerequisites but assumes the student has direct access to the ARCGIS software. It is worth 18 hours of continuing education credit. Cost is \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members.

NEWBIES & NOTABLES



60 years!

Congratulations to **Merle R. St. Amour, CAE**, of Boynton Beach, FL! He is celebrating his 60th

anniversary as an IAAO member this month! For a list of other December anniversaries, click [here](#).

Symposium

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

June 18–19, 2014

Esri Mid-Atlantic User Conference

December 10-11, 2013
Hyatt Regency Baltimore
Baltimore, MD

Cost and Comparable Sales for Mass Appraisal

January 20 and 21, 2014
Sheraton Ford Lauderdale Airport Hotel

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.**



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