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# ASSESSING INFO

## RIPPED FROM THE HEADLINES

**NEW YORK** — [Tax breaks in NY triple over six years](#)

**PENNSYLVANIA** — [U.S. Steel's lower taxes causing budget headaches for local governments and school districts](#)

**MASSACHUSETTS** — [Selectmen vote for same tax rate for residents and businesses](#)

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA** — [Report ranks states with best and worst tax administration](#)

**MINNESOTA** — [Ford wants property tax payments back](#)

**MONTANA** — [Supreme Court rules against cable company in property tax case](#)

**NORTH DAKOTA** — [Governor creates task force for property tax reform](#)

**ONTARIO** — [Province now charging property taxes to park 'tenants'](#)

[The leadership lessons of Nelson Mandela](#)

[How did 2013 treat public employees?](#)



## AROUND THE WORLD



**NORTHERN IRELAND** — [Review 'to improve Northern Ireland rates collection'](#)

**GREECE** — [Greece to stop collecting property tax via electricity bills](#)

**INDIA** — [PMC expects to recover Rs10 crore property tax through special drive](#)

## LATEST & GREATEST



### The results are in!

IAAO is pleased to announce the results of our 2013 election.

#### President-Elect

Martin D. Marshall

#### Vice President

William A. "Pete" Rodda, CAE, RES

#### Executive Board, Region 1

Amy Rasmussen, RES, AAS

#### Executive Board, Region 2

Thomas May, AAS

#### Executive Board, Region 3

John C. Isbell, AAS

For more details, visit the [Election Results](#) page on our website. Congratulations!

## 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 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.**

### [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.



## Professional designation

### FAQ



IAAO has seen a substantial increase in filings for professional designation candidacy due to the waived fee and requirement changes which will take effect on January 1, 2014. Here are some things to know if you have already filed or are considering filing for professional designation candidacy:

- If applying by fax or e-mail, so long as your application is received on or before December 31, 2013, you have successfully met the deadline.
- If applying by mail, so long as your application is postmarked by December 31, 2013, you have successfully met the deadline.
- If you do not have any supporting documentation available, go ahead and submit the application without the additional documentation. The other documents can be forwarded at a later date, but the application **MUST** be received/postmarked by the deadline.
- Please submit your application only once. Receiving multiple submissions only slows down the process.
- Please be patient as we work to process the substantial increase in applications. Applications received by the deadline will receive a candidacy acceptance letter dated no later than December 31, 2013. We will definitely contact you if we need additional information.

If you have questions about the designation program, please contact Wanda Musick Witthar, [witthar@iaao.org](mailto:witthar@iaao.org)

Looking for more online news and information?

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



## FUN WITH FRIENDS

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

January 20 and 21, 2014

Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel

These two one-day seminars focus on the cost and

**UNITED KINGDOM** — [Council tax benefit change attacked](#)

**ISRAEL** — [Israel doubles tax on empty properties](#)

**MALAYSIA** — [KL residents protest property tax hike](#)

**RUSSIA** — [Cadastral value of Moscow real estate to rise 10%](#)

**TAIWAN** — [Ministry of Finance extends luxury tax to virgin plots of land](#)

or 816-701-8137.



## 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.

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.**

The Appraiser Qualifications Board (aqb) has issued [December Q&As](#) on the following topics:

- Experience
- Education
- 2015 Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria-Related Issues (including Background Checks, Examination, and Supervisory Issues)

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

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

**June 18–19, 2014**



Have questions?  
Find the answers  
on **AssessorNET!**

## VALUED VENDORS

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

## [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

## NEWBIES & NOTABLES

### Aubrey Moore, CMP

Aubrey Moore, IAAO Director of Meetings, recently completed the program to earn the Certified Meetings Professional designation. We are pleased and excited to offer her our congratulations!



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

**TELL US ABOUT IT!**



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