



## **IAAO TALKING POINTS – FALL 2018**

IAAO is committed to meaningful growth and improvement so that involvement is even more valuable for you. We continue to increase the resources and services available to enhance your knowledge, save you time and money and boost your career. Here's what's happening at IAAO:

- The 39<sup>th</sup> Legal Seminar will be December 13-14 in Chicago, and the Early Bird Registration deadline is November 1. Included are programs on litigating strategies for Big Box properties and a panel on the issue.
- IAAO is offering the first class of a new online course, 331 - Mass Appraisal Practices & Procedures, beginning in November. The course is designed to build on Course 300 – Fundamentals of Mass Appraisal and prepares students to take more advanced mass appraisal courses.
- Registration opens soon for the 2019 GIS/CAMA Technologies Conference, February 25-28 in Portland, Oregon. The conference explores the important role that GIS and CAMA systems play in providing access to data and analysis of information.
- IAAO recently published *GIS for Property Tax and Assessment Professionals*, to help assessors understand and use GIS for all sorts of office operations. Written by property tax professionals, the book contains valuable information about the hands-on uses of GIS applications and technologies within all aspects of government valuation procedures and administration. The book is available from Amazon at \$29.99.
- IAAO has launched a new community tool to assist members in interacting with other members in the industry. The new platform, called **IAAO Connect**, replaces AssessorNet, and is a modern tool to allow members to connect and learn. IAAO Connect Communities will be your resource to ask questions you want answered by your industry peers in the form of a new discussion post.
- The IAAO election will take place from November 1st until November 15th. Along with voting for Board members, Regular members will vote on proposed changes to IAAO governing documents. There is also an Associate Member election this year. Ballots will be emailed on November 1st.
- You can earn an IAAO Professional Designation without a bachelor's degree! Credit can be received for experience or certain college courses. Also, those with credentials from other organizations may be able to receive equivalency to have that credential count toward IAAO designation requirements.
- IAAO membership dues are now payable for 2019. Nonmembers can join IAAO and get the remainder of 2018 and all of 2019 for just the 2019 rate.
- IAAO has created a Succession Planning Toolkit to serve as a succession planning guide specifically for valuation agencies to help members incorporate leadership development within their strategic planning efforts. The toolkit is available to download at [www.iaao.org/successionplanning](http://www.iaao.org/successionplanning)
- The *Assessment Industry Compensation Survey* published by IAAO, showed that nearly half, or 48%, of employed respondents plan to retire or leave the assessment industry within nine years, including 23% who plan to do so in less than five years. The survey also reviewed compensation information for positions in the industry.
- In addition, IAAO has unveiled the new Compensation Estimator as a quick and easy comparative analysis tool for IAAO members. Visit [www.iaao.org/estimator](http://www.iaao.org/estimator) for more information.