



IAAO TALKING POINTS – SUMMER 2019

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 IAAO Fee Simple Task Force recently completed its paper, "Setting the Record Straight on Fee Simple" and it has been released for exposure. The paper addresses issues surrounding the definition of the term fee simple, including the differences in the appraisal definition of fee simple and the legal definition, with a view that the appraisal industry definition should not be different. Comments are due by Friday, June 14th.
- Nearly 200 people attended the International Research Symposium, April 30 – May 2 in Melbourne. The symposium, co-sponsored with the Australian Property Institute, offered programs on global innovations, mass appraisal systems, reimaging global cities, appraisal and valuation technologies, smart cities, data analytics, a keynote address on current trends in Australia, and an optional learning lab on open data.
- Nearly 100 people attended the IAAO's first-ever Emerging Leadership Summit in late May in Washington, D.C. The summit focused on helping attendees in becoming good leaders. During the summit participants will explore emerging trends, leadership issues, professional development, property valuation and land administration for property tax development worldwide.
- Registration is open for the 2019 IAAO Annual Conference, September 8-11 in Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada. More than 120 educational sessions will be offered. Remember to get your Passport!
- The 2020 GIS/Valuation Technologies Conference, sponsored by URISA and the IAAO, is set for March 23-26 in Louisville, Kentucky. Formerly known as GIS/CAMA, the event has been re-branded to take into account the abundance of technologies that, when integrated with GIS, make valuation and assessment more accurate, efficient and applicable for jurisdictions of all sizes. The #GIS/ValTech2020 Conference Planning Committee is now inviting both workshop and presentation proposals.
- The Professional Development Department is working to streamline delivery of IAAO's educational products. IAAO recently started emailing, rather than postal mailing, course grades to students and is now beginning on projects to move other parts of the process online, enabling IAAO to serve more customers.
- IAAO recently released *Apendium* for sale on Amazon. The eight-book series is the single source for the body of knowledge that describes the expertise required to effectively work and succeed within the assessment profession.
- *Apendium* joins *GIS for Property Tax and Assessment Professionals* for sale on Amazon. The GIS book helps assessors understand and use GIS for all sorts of office operations. The book contains valuable information about the hands-on uses of GIS applications and technologies.
- IAAO Connect, the new community tool, continues to assist members in interacting with other members in the industry. **IAAO Connect** replaces AssessorNet and is a modern tool to allow members to connect and learn.
- 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.