



IAAO TALKING POINTS – Spring 2026

Here is what is happening at IAAO:

- Members interested in running for the IAAO Board need to submit materials by July 1. The election will be Nov. 1-15 for Regular Board Member and Officer positions. The IAAO website has information and forms.
- Registration opens in late April for the 2026 IAAO Annual Conference, Oct. 13-16 in Calgary, Canada. The conference format changes this year, with the Welcome Reception on Tuesday and sessions on Wednesday to Friday. Attendees should check their passports if arriving from outside of Canada.
- Former Canadian Olympian Dr. Hayley Wickenheiser, considered one of the best female hockey players of all time, will be the annual conference keynote speaker.
- The IAAO Local Host Committee has put together two optional special conference events, *Curling 101: A Canadian Experience* on Wednesday, Oct. 13, and a *Self-Guided Day Trip to Banff* on Saturday, Oct. 17.
- Professional Development Committee members are offering Zoom chats on the second Thursday of every other month to answer questions and share experiences about IAAO designations. The next chat is June 4 on the CAE designation, followed by a chat on the MAS designation on Aug. 6.
- Upcoming IAAO webinars include *Defending the Country's Biggest Tax Roll: Assessment Appeals in Los Angeles County* on May 6 and *Succession Success in Seven Steps* on June 3.
- The Women's Initiative Network will present *WIN'ing Conversations: Professional Growth: Growing Yourself and Growing Others* on May 12. The conversation will be on Zoom at no charge.
- The International Property Tax Institute and IAAO will present a joint (virtual) Mass Appraisal Valuation Symposium on June 24-25. Registration is currently open.
- Registration for two Instructor Evaluation Workshops (IEW) is now open. Participants who pass the event will be junior IAAO instructors, qualified to teach either in-person or live online classroom. The in-person IEW takes place Aug. 27-29 in Kansas City, and the virtual IEW is Dec. 10-12 via Zoom.
- Registration for the Legal Seminar, Dec. 10-11 in Atlanta, will open in July, and registration for the International Research Symposium, Dec. 2-3 in Dublin, Ireland, will open in June. The IRS meeting will be hosted by IAAO and IPTI. IAAO is currently accepting submissions of program topics for both events.
- IAAO is offering a new workshop in May, *Valuing Properties with Renewable Energy Features*. The online IAAO-U course is designed for appraisers and assessors who want to enhance their knowledge and skills in the rapidly evolving field of renewable energy. Workshop 265 is offered on May 11-12.
- IAAO offers a monthly podcast, *Assessing the Situation* and episodes feature insights from leading voices across the industry covering topics that matter to today's assessors.
- IAAO Professional Consulting Services (PCS) can help jurisdictions establish performance benchmarks through our gap analysis service. The gap analysis examines your assessment office and compares existing practices and procedures with industry best practices as outlined in IAAO Technical Standards.