

IAAO Highlights & Helpful Information



IAAO is Your Association

IAAO is your internationally recognized leader and preeminent source for innovation, education and research in property appraisal, assessment administration and property tax policy. IAAO provides mass appraisal standards, education, designations and research for property valuation and property tax policy professionals around the world.



IAAO Membership

- Membership keeps you up to date on trends and standards, provides personal and professional development, gives full library access and offers discounts on books and events.
- IAAO welcomes you into a global family of 7,000 colleagues



Standards and Publications

- IAAO is the international industry leader setting the standards for property valuation and tax policy. Jurisdictions from all parts of the globe look to IAAO for guidance.
- IAAO provides the publications needed to learn about assessment administration and mass appraisal best practices. We educate our members and make sure they have the latest information through a monthly magazine, biannual journal, email newsletters and a wide array of important textbooks.



Education and Designations

- IAAO offers a multitude of courses, workshops, forums, webinars and online classes covering all aspects of property valuation to ensure your success.
- IAAO Professional Designations are recognized as the highest level of achievement and are a way to set yourself apart and advance your career.

The six IAAO Professional Designations are:

CAE - Certified Assessment Evaluator

RES - Residential Evaluation Specialist

AAS - Assessment Administration Specialist

CMS - Cadastral Mapping Specialist

PPS - Personal Property Specialist

MAS - Mass Appraisal Specialist (*new, will likely be awarded beginning in late 2017*)



Library and Research

- IAAO is your source for any and all information on property taxation and assessment administration. We're here to help you with two librarians, a dedicated researcher and numerous member volunteers on committees supporting library and research services.



Library and Research (*continued*)

- Our collection contains more than 19,000 resources including 65 eBooks. Our Library also provides access to the InfoTrac database with over 500,000 articles that can be translated in 20 languages and provided as audio files.
- Survey results covering topics from ratio studies to staffing are available. A roll call of requirements for assessor licensing throughout the U.S. was just released. A comprehensive salary survey is being conducted and will be published in late 2016.



Meetings, Seminars and Symposiums

- IAAO's unique events provide assessment professionals and others connected to the industry with opportunities to learn and engage. Meet with the best and brightest, hear innovative ideas and feel how great it is to belong to a family of like-minded professionals.
- IAAO's 82nd Annual Conference in Tampa, FL, August 28-31, 2016, will be a highlight of the year with over 60 education sessions as well as fantastic special events.
- IAAO is holding an International Research Symposium in Amsterdam, Netherlands September 19-20, 2016, and it is our first event outside the U.S. in many years.
- The Annual Legal Seminar covers key case law updates and trends in property valuation policy issues. Our biennial Preparation and Trial of the Property Tax Appeal Seminar offers training on everything from analyzing an appraisal to witness examination and includes a mock trial.
- The GIS/CAMA Technologies Conference is held annually in conjunction with URISA. This meeting showcases the latest tools available, fosters collaboration and aids the integration of data, technology and functionality.

Vision

IAAO will advance its role as the internationally recognized leader and preeminent source for innovation, education and research in property appraisal, assessment administration and property tax policy.

Mission

The mission of the Association is to promote excellence in property appraisal, assessment administration, and property tax policy, through innovative professional development, education, research, and technical assistance.

IAAO by the Numbers

IAAO is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational and research association for mass appraisal professionals. IAAO is led by an Executive Board of 14 volunteers assisted by a professional staff of 25. There are approximately 7,000 individual members across 25 countries as well as over 25 Chapters and more than 50 Affiliates worldwide. IAAO now has six Professional Designations (CAE, RES, AAS, PPS, CMS and MAS). Since the first CAE was awarded in 1952, over 2,000 assessment leaders have earned IAAO designations.

IAAO History

IAAO was founded in 1934 as the National Association of Assessing Officers and transformed in 1959 to the International Association of Assessing Officers with more non-U.S. members. IAAO was headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, from the 1930's until 2005. The office is now in Kansas City, Missouri. For more IAAO history, read Our Story on the website and view the Timeline created for our 80th anniversary.

Send your questions to: membership@iaao.org