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July 16, 2015

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**MISSOURI** — [Corporate Welfare State: CoMo school board member supports giant property tax break for billionaire-owned Kraft Foods](#)

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## LATEST & GREATEST



IAAO 2015

## Last Call for Early-Bird Deadline!

The early-bird deadline for the 2015 Annual Conference is July 17! Make sure to register, either [online](#) or via the [paper form](#), before that date and save some money. Here are some other things you don't want to overlook:

- You can book your hotel [online](#) or by phone at 877-303-0104 or 866-704-6162. If registering by phone, please mention IAAO for the group rate of \$169/night. If you'd like to check out the hotel, click [here](#).
- You absolutely won't want to miss the Welcome Reception, Sunday, September 13 from 6:30–8:30 pm. This year it is taking place at the [Indiana State Museum](#), a wonderful venue that offers something for everyone!
- Discover more information about some of the education sessions that will be offered at conference. The new [IAAO Conference Blog](#) will be featuring highlights from several sessions over the next few months leading up to conference.
- Get all the details about the 2015 [Charitable Activity](#). *Rev up the fun and make it a competition among jurisdictions!*
- One-Day Forum 917—[How to Critique an Appraisal](#), will be offered September 16 from 1:00–4:30 pm and September 17 from 8:00 am–12:00 pm. Registration must be received by August 7, 2015.

Visit the [conference website](#) for more detailed information.

## AROUND THE CORNER

### Reviewer and Developer's Workshop

September 12 or 13, 2015  
Indianapolis, IN  
8:00 am–5:00 pm

IAAO is constantly looking for new developers and reviewers to help with the ongoing improvement of our education products. To that end, a seminar has been developed to train members who are new to course development or want to sharpen existing skills. **Developers and reviewers will be drawn from the pool of members who attend this seminar.**

Our workshop will be available Saturday, September 12 and then repeated on Sunday, September 13, from 8:00 am–5:00 pm, preceding our annual conference in Indianapolis. Each session will be limited to 25 persons to facilitate interaction with the instructor, so sign up quickly! If interested, please contact [Willa Jessee](#), with your name and e-mail address.

### 36th Annual Legal Seminar

December 10-11,  
2015  
Hyatt Regency  
Boston, MA



The Legal Seminar offers the unique perspective of members who are primarily involved in legal issues. The seminar presents substantive and procedural developments in law that affect assessments and valuation. [Register now!](#)



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AROUND THE WORLD

THAILAND — [Property tax 'likely to be fairer'](#)

UNITED KINGDOM — [Business rates and red tape top Summer Budget wishlists](#)

INDIA — [Government is the biggest property tax defaulter in Delhi](#)

CYPRUS — [Immovable Property Tax 2015](#)

SOUTH AFRICA — ['Hidden' fees to object to property valuations](#)

FIJI — [Exercise vigilance \(OpEd\)](#)

IRELAND — [Google maps system used to track property tax on homes](#)

NEW ZEALAND — [Treasury proposed Auckland-specific housing tax to send 'dramatic signal'](#)

CHINA — [China exempts oil, gas industry from land use tax](#)

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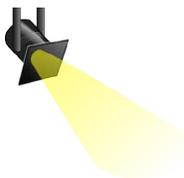
UNITED KINGDOM — [Government to tackle business rate avoidance using charities](#)

CYPRUS — [Tax incentives may cost €21 million](#)



Extend the Fun with Pre-/Post-Conference Trips

The 2015 Local Host Committee has put together two trips to help make your conference experience even more enjoyable. The [Pre-Conference Trip](#) will take you on a 90-minute guided tour of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, plus you will get to visit the pits and take a spin around the track. On the [Post-Conference Trip](#) you will experience all the great things available at the Historic West Baden Hotel, the French Lick Resort & Casino, and the Oliver Winery. Make plans today to take advantage of these fabulous opportunities!



Chapter and Affiliate Spotlight

In order to increase awareness about the Chapters and Affiliates that are so important to the success of IAAO, the next several issues will include links to information about some of IAAO's Chapters and Affiliates. If your area is interested in starting a new Chapter or Affiliate, please email [Hayley Rees](#).

- [Tri-State Chapter](#)
- [Utah Chapter](#)
- [West Puget Sound Chapter](#)
- [West Virginia Chapter](#)
- [Western New York Chapter](#)
- [Alberta Assessors' Association](#)

Need Help with IAAO Educational



Opportunities?

Check out the various [scholarship options](#) IAAO has to offer.

PROUD PARTNERS

[New Appraisal Institute Book Cites Unique Demands for Valuing Auto Dealerships](#)

[Technologies Conference](#)

Savannah, Georgia, USA • February 22–25, 2016

FUN WITH FRIENDS

The Appraisal Qualifications Board (AQB) seeks your input on a [concept paper](#) regarding alternative experience requirements.

[2015 IVSC Annual General Meeting](#)

The 2015 IVSC Annual General Meeting is to be held in Paris on October 15. The IVSC Board of Trustees, Professional and Standards Boards and Advisory Forum are also meeting during the week.

[9th International Conference on the Valuation of Plant Machinery and Equipment](#)

The 9th International Conference on the Valuation of Plant Machinery and Equipment is taking place October 26–28, 2015 in Tokyo, Japan.

[Valuing Excess Land Creates Challenges for Appraisers: The Appraisal Journal](#)

[FGDC Seeks Nominations for National Geospatial Advisory Committee](#)

The Department of Interior and the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) announced on June 8 that they are seeking nominations for appointment to the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC). Nominations received through this call for nominations may be used to fill vacancies on the NGAC that will become available in 2015 and 2016.

[RICS, industry laud commitment by two key groups to better align U.S. valuation standards with rest of world](#)



Fannie Mae to Introduce Collateral Underwriter™

[Collateral Underwriter \(CU\)™](#) is a proprietary model-driven tool developed by Fannie Mae that provides an automated appraisal risk assessment to support proactive

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**[The GIS Guide for Elected Officials](#)**

A new Esri-ICMA publication helps executives and elected officials learn how GIS technology is being used by governments across North America.

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**NEWBIES & NOTABLES**



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This person plans, implements, and continually evaluates a research program to serve the association, its members, and the assessing profession, in accordance with the current IAAO Strategic Plan. [Read more...](#)

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**The 2014-15 USPAP is now available to IAAO members by clicking [here](#).**

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