

When I think back about how things have changed in our profession over the last twenty-five years it's really quite remarkable how much progress has been made. Many counties were still using the ledger books to do their assessment and legacy CAMA systems were rapidly gaining acceptance throughout the State. Digital cameras weren't even invented yet and State Board orders were commonplace.

Today virtually every County has a CAMA system, and some of us are making the move to the next generation of CAMA technology that's fully integrated from field device on through to the tax statement. Digital aerial photography is readily available and State Board orders are rare in comparison to the past.

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MAAO and the Department of Revenue were partners through much of this change, and that is the best lesson that we can take from our experience. When we worked together we achieved big things that vastly improved the quality of our work and enhanced the credibility of our organizations and membership.

Public employment is a difficult endeavor when budget decisions often outweigh quality concerns. We often have to accomplish more with less. Our only chance in this scenario is to work smarter and more efficiently. I think we've done this by sharing our knowledge and resources to find better solutions to common problems. To make that knowledge known through education, and to adopt policies and procedures that facilitate such change.



I'm proud to be a part of MAAO and the opportunity to experience and to participate in this challenging mission. I would like to encourage all of our members and affiliates to become active partners in this.

John E. Keefe, Chisago County Assessor, 2013 MAAO President

Upcoming Education in 2018!



Assessment Laws and Procedures	January 22nd - 25th, 2018	Hotel Metro, St. Paul
Assessment Laws and Procedures	July 9th-12th, 2018	Kelly Inn, St. Cloud
Residential Case Study Workshop	July 16th-17th, 2018	Kelly Inn, St. Cloud
Appraisal Principles	July 23rd-26th, 2018	Kelly Inn, St. Cloud
Assessment Administration	July 30th-Aug. 2nd, 2018	Hotel Metro, St. Paul
Appraisal Procedures	August 6th-9th, 2018	Kelly Inn, St. Cloud
Basic Income Approach	August 13th-17th, 2018	Country Inn, Chanhassen
Mass Appraisal Basics	August 20th-24th, 2018	Kelly Inn, St. Cloud
IAAO 102 - Income Approach to Valuation	August 27-31st, 2018	Country Inn, Chanhassen
USPAP	October 22nd-23rd, 2018	Kelly Inn, St. Cloud

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MAAO allows me to create professional relationships, share ideas, ask for advice, teach, and become a member of a committee which all support and help me in reaching my professional goals. Thanks MAAO! - Amy R.

"I appreciate MAAO for providing an opportunity for education, networking, and mentoring" - Holly S.



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Department Updates

Timeline for appealing your 2017 Study market condition trends:

- **December 7** Last day to make edits for trend calculations.
- **December 8** Final preliminary trends and ratios issued
- **December 15** Deadline for trend appeals
- **January 16** Trend appeal determinations are made and final trends issued to the counties.

2017 Law Change Webinars

The department held two webinars to discuss the 2017 Law Changes. Check out the webinars at our [website!](#)

[Webinar 1 - August 7](#)

[Webinar 2 - October 19](#)

2017 State Assessed Property Fall Forum

The State Assessed Property Section held the Fall Forum on November 1, 2017 at the Department of Revenue.

Our section would like to thank everyone that participated. Participation is the key to a successful forum.

You can download a copy of the presentation at our [forums webpage](#).