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Our organization's way to provide you the most current information regarding all things related to MN Property Tax Assessment Administration.

Let's get to know Region 4

Counties:

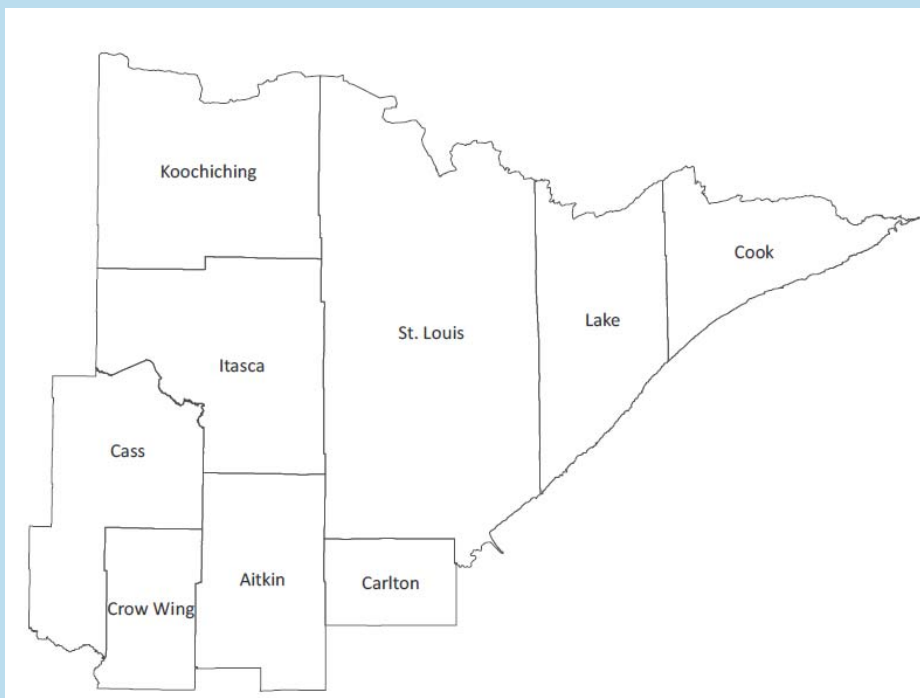
- Aitkin
- Carlton
- Cass
- Cook
- Crow Wing
- Itasca
- Koochiching
- Lake
- St. Louis

Officers:

Director - Mike Dangers - Aitkin

President - Amber Peratalo - Itasca

Secretary/Treasurer - Lori Ruth Tibbetts - Aitkin



St. Louis is the only county in Region 4 that receives Wind Energy Production Tax, from one wind energy conversion system with 10 towers (25 MW capacity).

Vendor Sponsorship

The MAAO Executive Board is proud to announce a step forward in continuing our strong relationship with all our partner vendors. The Executive Board has approved a sponsorship policy for 7 sections in our award winning Equal Eyes publication. These section sponsorships are being offered up on a first come first serve basis and the sponsorships will begin with the first issue in 2020. If you are a vendor and interested please contact the MAAO Editorial Committee by email at Editor@mnmaao.org. Spots are limited and interest is high, so please don't delay!

Virtual Room



The department uses several different Virtual Rooms for different communication with county employees, each with a different purpose. Each VR is maintained by different sections in the Property Tax Division. Make sure you reach out to each VR to update contact information with employee changes.

Education updates

Summer courses are filling quickly and several are already full with waitlists.

If want to attend a course but haven't registered yet, please visit MAAO's website and register ASAP to reserve your seat: <https://maao.memberclicks.net/educational-offerings>.

Legislative Update

After the 2019 legislative session adjourned on May 20 followed by a brief special session to finalize bill negotiations, we have a tax bill (HF5) passed and signed by the governor. Property tax changes are contained in Article 4 of the bill. The changes addressed issues such as the authorization of data sharing between veterans service officers and assessors, changing the threshold for filing a CRV from in excess of \$1,000 to \$3,000, Ag fractional homesteads owned by tenants in common determined on ownership percentage, DAV homestead exclusion application deadline changed from July 1 to December 15 and eliminates the eight-year limit on the spousal benefit, allows agricultural homestead classification for properties owned by one business entity and operated by a separate business entity if specific requirements are met, modifies the statute that allows certain properties owned by trusts to qualify for homestead, allows lands to continue to qualify for agricultural classification even if up to three acres of the land is used to serve environmental purposes. You can view the complete bill at the Minnesota legislature website. <https://www.leg.state.mn.us/>

State Board of Assessors

Annual License Renewal

All Minnesota licensed assessors must renew their licenses every year by June 30. You must have an active assessor license to do any assessment work starting on July 1.

- If you submit your application and pay the fee by June 30, your license renewal is effective July 1.
- If you submit your application and pay the fee July 1 or later, your license renewal is effective on the postmark or online submission date. A reinstatement fee applies to anyone who has not renewed their license by July 1.

There is a list of all active licensed assessors on the [State Board of Assessors website](#), you can view the lists in Alpha or County order for fiscal year 2020.

Minnesota Rules Chapter 1950 - Board of Assessors

Changes were made to the rules pertaining to the State Board of Assessors and Officially adopted on April 8, 2019. These changes take effect for the licensing cycle beginning on July 1, 2016.

For more information on these changes, click the links below:

- [Adopted Rule Changes](#)
- [Office of the Revisor of Statutes](#)

Cheers to you on reaching the next step in your license!



Temporary:

Michael Bownik, Ramsey

Teresa Cornellison, Hennepin

Certified Minnesota Assessor:

Amanda Johnston, Crow Wing

Andrew Nadeau, Pope

Melissa Voigt, Meeker

Paul Winghart, Department of Revenue

Accredited Minnesota Assessor:

Whitney Benson, Beltrami

Thomas Goedken, Olmsted

Wesley Hegna, Local in Becker, Beltrami & Hubbard

David Johnson, Local in Becker & Hubbard

Darin Katzenmeyer, Local in Hubbard

Paul Sellwood, Ramsey

Jonathan Springer, Stearns

Robert Thompson, Cook

Senior Accredited MN Assessor:

Jeffrey Faust, Hennepin

Brian House, Carlton

Corey Schwartz, Le Sueur

Tyler Synstelien, Otter Tail

Website



The new Minnesota Department of Revenue website launched on June 4!

Check your bookmarks. Our address will remain www.revenue.state.mn.us, but most pages have a new URL.

Do you have summer interns?!

The time is NOW to have them apply for the Dan Franklin Scholarship! Please share this information with your interns and have them apply [here](#)!

Questions? Contact Carrie Borgheiinck, 612-543-2089 or scholarship@mnmaao.org.

New Education Coordinator

Emily Squyres comes to MAAO with a background in nonprofit educational events management and coordination. Most recently, she worked for The Food Group organizing the annual Emerging Farmers Conference in St. Paul as well as public events and educational community programming. She enjoys coordinating logistics and doing behind-the-scenes work that supports meaningful, engaging, and effective educational initiatives. She is excited to be part of MAAO and to play a part in advancing its mission to provide education and promote excellence for its members.

We hope you enjoy reading the MAAO Newsletter.

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