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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.

Legislative Update

As always, things at the capital happen rapidly this time of year with numerous bills getting introduced. Some notable ones include creating a new classification 4b(5) for short term vacation rentals, expanding the relative Ag homestead qualifying relatives list to match those relatives qualifying for residential homestead, congressionally chartered veterans organization exemptions, and a value increase prohibition for homesteads owned by persons 65 or older. We continue to work closely with legislators and our affiliate organizations to make sure MAAO's positions are known and represented at the capital. Matt Hilgart is scheduling monthly MAAO Legislative Committee conference call meetings during the session to keep the committee members updated and involved with current legislative activity.

Mark Peterson, Cass County Assessor

New for 2020 MAAO Family Member Scholarship

Application deadline is May 1

- [Eligibility Requirements Document](#)
- [FAQ Document](#)
- [Click Here to Apply for the MAAO Family Scholarship](#) (need to log-in to use this form)

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Congrats New Designees!!

CMA

- Brandon Hodge, Anoka
- Laura Rossow, Jackson
- Dale Weichbrodt, Dakota
- Carrie Were, Olmsted

CMA, IQ

- Michael Bownik, Ramsey

AMA

- Mitchell King, Hennepin

SAMA

- Ronald Karow, Washington
- Ryan Kraft, Olmsted
- Brenda Vander Pol, Renville
- Matthew Zellmer, Ramsey

Safety Tips for Assessors

Have your excuse ready

Part of being prepared to deal with a threatening situation is having “an out.” Prepare a scenario in advance so that you can leave - or you can encourage someone who makes you uncomfortable to leave. Examples: Your cell phone or pager went off and you have to call your office or you left some important information in your car.

Tips adapted from the [National Association of Realtors 56 Safety Tips for Realtors](#).

What's your #1 safety tip?

Please share your safety tips by emailing holly.soderbeck@state.mn.us.

Education Updates

Registrations for summer courses are filling quickly and some offerings have only a few seats left!

Register today to reserve your spot:

- [Residential Assessing 101](#) June 8-9, 2020
- [Basic Apartment Valuation](#) June 17-18
- [Residential Case Study Workshop & Optional Exam](#) June 24-25
- [ALP with Ethics](#) July 6-9
- [Basic Appraisal Principles](#) July 20-23
- [Assessment Administration](#) July 27-30
- [IAAO 102- Income Approach to Valuation](#) August 10-14
- [Basic Appraisal Procedures](#) August 17-20
- [USPAP](#) – 15 hour, August 24-25
- [IAAO 112 – Income Approach to Valuation II](#) September 14-18

A complete list of 2020 courses can be found [at this link](#).

We hope you enjoy reading the MAAO Newsletter. If you have ideas for content or would like to be part of publication, contact us at:

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