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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.

Message from MAAO President

Hello MAAO, I am the new President of MAAO Patrick Chapman. I am excited for the challenge of the next year of trying to stabilize our organization and provide the high-quality education that we have come to expect from the MAAO group. I hope all of you are well and are adjusting to what ever your new normal is. I understand that this epidemic has affected different parts of the state in different ways. I will work to try and provide the experience that each area of the state expects. I am really excited to work with all members to move MAAO through this this difficult time. I would like to recognize the President before me Daryl Mohler. Daryl handled the toughest situation with great skill and guided us to great year through the toughest of times. I think we all as MAAO owe Daryl a big thank you! Thank you all for reading this and let's make this a great year in MAAO.

Thank you,
Patrick Chapman, SAMA
President MAAO

\$1,000 Dan Franklin Scholarship

Deadline - December 1st!

Please encourage your eligible friends and family members to apply for this scholarship.

The requirements have been changed in recent years to encourage increased participation.

Requirements are:

- Open to all majors, undergraduate or graduate students.
- Applicant required to be taking 10 or more credits the semester the scholarship is awarded. Verification/evidence of enrollment required prior to final award.

Click here to apply: <https://www.mnmaao.org/maao-scholarships>

2021 Course Schedule & Registration

The 2021 MAAO Course Offerings are now listed on the [Educational Offerings Page](#) and registration is open for most classes! Visit [MAAO's website](#) for the full schedule.

Direct questions to educationcoordinator@mnmaao.org.

Legislative Update

The bonding bill, containing property tax provisions, was passed during the 5th special session, and was signed into law on October 21, 2020. Property tax provisions within the bonding bill included: short-term vacation rental classification, disabled veterans homestead market value exclusion expansion, county auditor waiver to allow removal of structure before taxes paid and extending tax court appeal deadline to May 20 for taxes payable 2020 only. The Department of Revenue sent out their 2020 property tax law summary on October 27th. The 2021 regular session of the Minnesota Legislature is scheduled to convene on Tuesday January 5.

Assessor Education: PACE and Ethics

During the first 12 – 18 months of a new licensing cycle the Property Tax Outreach Team develops the Ethics for MN Assessors course and PACE course. Both of these courses are required to be completed by the end of a licensing cycle, which is June 30, 2024. Our goal is to begin offering these courses in 2022. Please keep this in mind as you start working towards accomplishing your education requirements and for education budget purposes. Questions regarding Ethics and PACE can be emailed to Proptax.Outreach@state.mn.us.

Department of Revenue Update - Interactive Property Tax Data

In recent months, all 87 counties became current for all years of PRISM submissions. One of the benefits of having complete data from all counties is that many of the department's online reporting tools now provide customers with the most current information available. This helps increase transparency and accessibility to data so that local governments, legislators, and taxpayers are able to make more informed decisions.

[Interactive Property Tax Data](#)

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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