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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 6

Counties:

- Big Stone
- Chippewa
- Kandiyohi
- Lac qui Parle
- Meeker
- Pope
- Renville
- Stevens
- Swift
- Yellow Medicine

Region Director:

- Doug Burns
Renville (as of Sept. 30)

President

- Michael Wacker
Pope

Secretary/Treasurer

- Sandy Vold
Big Stone

Four of the ten counties in Region 6 (Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Pope, and Renville) receive the solar energy production tax, accounting for 3.92% of the total taxable solar production during the 2018 calendar year.

Two of the ten counties (Chippewa and Meeker) receive the wind energy production tax, accounting for just under 1% of the total taxable wind energy production tax during the 2018 calendar year.



Education Update

Space is still available to register for [IAAO 112: Income Approach to Valuation II](#) (October 21-25, Chanhassen, MN).

- This course is approved for an Income Course towards your AMA (or as an elective, as long as you have 2 other income courses)
- It counts towards 1 of the 2 income courses you must have to be Income Qualified
- You can get 30 CEH's (28 CEH's without the exam) if you need Continuing Education

Please Note: MAAO Basic Income will not be offered again the future

2020 Course offerings will be announced and registration opened in November.

Keep an eye on the website for the 2020 schedule and registration information!

2019 Fall Conference Sept. 29 - Oct. 2 Sugar Lake Lodge in Cohasset, MN

- Commissioner of Revenue's Annual Meeting with Assessors
- MAAO Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
- Topical Educational Seminars
- Awards & Presentations
- Social Events

This might be the last offering of Ethics this licensing cycle!

See MAAO's [Fall Conference webpage](#) for more information and to register.

Board of Assessor's Update

Becoming Income-Qualified

Once you have completed a second board-approved income course, please submit your completion certificate in the [Assessor Licensing System](#). There is no application or fee to have your CMA license show that you are income qualified. You will receive a confirmation email stating that your CMA license has been upgraded to CMA IQ and you will be able to view this change on your online account and have the option to print a new license showing you are now CMA income qualified.

Legislative Update

The legislative committee held their annual meeting in St Cloud on August 19th. The MAAO position statement for the 2020 legislative session was reviewed and passed onto the executive board for approval. The committee recommended continuing MAAO's affiliation with AMC/Matt Hilgart to provide legislative representation at the capital. Highlighted assessor issues going into next year's session include classification simplification, assessor safety, personal property mobile homes, state assessed, Ag buffer credit/exemption, LBAE rules, dark stores, mistakenly billed language, short term vacation rentals, and the DAV exclusion.

Cory Leinwander stepped down as the Region IV representative on the legislative committee and was replaced by Robert Thompson, Cook County Assessor.

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