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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.

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.

Minnesota Board of Assessors Update

The Board of Assessors is accepting new course requests for continuing education, for one-hour minimum seminar/workshop, provided by Appraisal Institute, Minnesota Department of Revenue, International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO), Kaplan Professional Schools (Brightwood Real Estate Education), McKissock Learning, Minnesota Association of Assessing Officers (MAAO), or the Minnesota Association Administration Personnel (MAAP).

\$1,000 Dan Franklin Scholarship is now accepting applications through December 1st, 2020.

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>

The 2020 Education Calendar is wrapping up but there is still time to register for Fall Offerings!

- Registration is open for the [2020 MAAO In-person and Virtual Fall Conference](#) until **Friday, September 18th**.
- Registration is still open for the [Online Income Case Study Workshop](#) (October 7-8) and [Residential Assessing 101](#) (October 21-22, Waite Park, MN).
- The 2021 Course Schedule will be announced in November and registration for 2021 will open at that time as well.

Safety Tips for Assessors

Take a few seconds as you walk towards your destination to check out potential risks:

- Be fully present . . . Don't be on your cell phone or distracted in any way.
- Does anything seem out of place or odd?
- Are people coming and going or is the area unusually quiet?
- Do you observe any obstacles or hiding places?
- Is there evidence that dogs or other animals could pose a danger? i.e. worn paths/areas in grass, droppings, etc.

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

What's your #1 safety tip?

COVID-19 affects each county and city differently. How is your workplace adapting? Any safety tips for those performing in-person visits?

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

In the News

The New York Times article, [Black Homeowners Face Discrimination in Appraisals](#), published August 25, 2020. Companies that value homes for sale or refinancing are bound by law not to discriminate. Black Homeowners say it happens anyway.

Rinke Noonan article, [How Can Appraisals Be So Different?](#), published September 2015. Much like asking lawyers or economists their opinion - what you get from an appraiser is an "opinion."

Legislative Committee Roster Update

Josh Hoogland (Hennepin County) was appointed by Region IX to fill the position previously held by Ricardo Perez.

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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