

## Greetings Membership

I am very happy to be providing the opening comments to this, our first installment of the NEW MAAO monthly newsletter. The executive board strives to provide you the membership with as many benefits and incentives for membership that we can. This newsletter has been a long time coming and we now hope it adds value to each and every one of our members. This will be a place for current and upcoming events, reminders, and announcements from the Executive Board. It will also be a spot where the Department of Revenue can get out timely news, and the State Board of Assessor's can send out any announcements that Assessor's around the state need to be aware of. We will try to highlight recently completed events, and showcase articles from the organizations' Equal Eyes magazine. We will be advertising our weeklong and Dan Franklin scholarships and winners here. Jackie Coulter, our organizations Education Coordinator will be posting timely announcements for upcoming educational events. And many other contributors will also join us over time, to make this a very useful newsletter for all of us.

One of the things we would like to do with each newsletter is reach out to Assessors around the state and simply ask; "What does MAAO mean to you? How does its Mission, Vision, or Goals affect you or benefit you, and how do you implement them?"

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*- Kyle Holmes , MAAO  
President*

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Left to Right: Dan Whitman (Past President), Michelle Moen (2nd VP), Kyle Holmes (President), Nancy Wojcik (Immediate Past President), and Patrick Todd (1st VP)

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## Education Highlights

- Additional offerings of Basic Appraisal Principles and Basic Appraisal Procedures in St. Paul in February and March 2017.
- Change of Twin Cities course location to the Holiday Inn in East St. Paul and the Country Inn & Suites in Chanhassen.
- Assessment Laws and Procedures in January in St. Paul is almost full - Register soon! (41 of 50 spots taken as of today) - early registration for ALP ends January 6th, 2017.
- Early registration for Basic Appraisal Principles in February in St. Paul ends January 6th, 2017
- Early registration for Basic Appraisal Procedures in March in St. Paul ends January 27th, 2017.

## State Board of Assessor's Update

The State Board of Assessors recently completed a Statement of Need and Reasonableness for changes to [Minnesota Rules, Chapter 1950](#). Next step is a comment period, which will be posted through the [State Register](#). If no comments are received then there will be no public hearing required and the Rule changes will be in place in 8-12 months.

The state board will no longer keep any records of continuation education hours over the required amount. Licensing requirement courses will be stored in the database indefinitely.

## New MAAO Mentor!

**Anne Grunert**, Brown County Assessor, 12 Years of Assessing

"I truly love what I do. Our office is a team/family atmosphere and we work off of each of our strengths. I love to knit, run (when it's not the frozen tundra), travel to Mexico, and play with my Grandson." *Anne Grunert*

Anne is currently mentoring a newly appointed county assessor. Thanks for taking on this important mentoring role, Anne!

## Renew your MAAO Membership!

Go to [My Profile](#) to login and renew today!

If you have any questions regarding membership with MAAO, email [membership@mnmaao.org](mailto:membership@mnmaao.org).



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For me MAAO's Vision is simple. It is, '...the vision of MAAO to be the recognized statewide leader in assessment education, mass appraisal training, and the dissemination of information for mass appraisal and property tax administration. MAAO promotes high ethical standards for Minnesota assessors and also serves as the Minnesota chapter affiliate of IAAO (<http://www.iaao.org/>).' This vision is evident in everything I do here in my office in Carlton County. I personally am constantly pushing education within our staff, we try to get better every day and always strive to learn something new. I am very grateful of MAAO being there to provide top quality education to Assessor's each and every year. I am also personally very happy with the great network of family and friends I have developed through the years, being involved with MAAO. I know when I have a question or a unique situation I always have someone I can reach out to for advice or guidance within our organization. This helps make me a better Assessor and serve my county and our constituents well. MAAO is like family to me!

**Don't forget to check out the latest issue of [Equal Eyes](#)!**

## Ideas for the next Monthly Newsletter?

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