



MAAO is pleased to begin exploring the idea of repurposing the CAMA committee into an all things Residential Committee. After extensive discussion at the Executive Board meeting last week it was determined by the majority that this would be a very worthwhile endeavor. Should you or any of your staff have any interest in serving as a member of this committee please reach out to me at President@mnmaao.org. At this time we are just in the exploratory phase so this is the best time to engage and form and shape this committee with your ideas to help move it and MAAO forward in the best way possible.

Also, I am happy to announce that the Executive Bd. has allowed me to proceed with a U40/10 group. At this time, as with the Residential Committee, this is just in the beginning stages. Ultimately at this time or very soon each County and City Assessor will in the near future be getting an email from me or a helper trying to identify those in our organization that are under 40 years of age or have under 10 years of membership with MAAO. The thought behind this is we would like to try to get our newer members more engaged earlier in their careers and to introduce MAAO and our officers and our committee chairs to those seeking help, support, or just about any questions they may have regarding MAAO. At this point we intend to have a gathering at Summer Seminars to get to know those folks that are attending there, and perhaps another at Fall Conference to try to reach out to those attending that event.

For both of these opportunities, please see the Spring issue of Equal Eyes for more details.

Kyle Holmes, MAAO President
Carlton County, County Assessor

IAAO Annual Conferences—Volunteer in 2017 and 2018!

The 2018 IAAO Annual Conference is just 18 months away and planning has begun...but wait! First the 2017 Annual Conference will be held September 24-27, 2017, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

At the conference in Las Vegas we have the opportunity to promote the 2018 conference and showcase our great state at a booth for conference attendees to visit. The booth will be open from Saturday, September 23 through Wednesday, September 27. We will need to staff the booth during these times. Please contact [Rebecca Malmquist](#) if you plan to attend the conference and are interested in volunteering at the booth. A link to an online sign up schedule will be available later this spring.

The conference will be September 23-26, 2018, at the Hilton Minneapolis.

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Assessor Development

Wes Hanson, Joseph Tschida, and Bonnie Lay recently passed their form reports!

Department of Revenue Updates

The department sent a county specific Property Taxes Services Report to each County Assessor, Auditor and Treasurer on 2/27/2017. You can also find a state-wide summary report on our [website](#).

PRISM sent an email to county auditors on 2/15/2017 with Key Steps for county testing for PRISM submissions. [Here is a link to the County Testing Process documents](#).

Engage Locally and Connect Globally

IAAO Membership: Special Promotional Introductory Rate Available for MAAO Members

As a member of MAAO, you are eligible for a special promotional introductory membership rate for THREE YEARS! The introductory rate is \$125 (all benefits are electronic) versus the standard rate of \$190.

Contact [Rebecca](#) today or go to the [IAAO website](#) for more information.

Do you have ideas for webinar topics? Send your ideas to:
holly.soderbeck@state.mn.us

Equal Eyes has a new department! It is called "Top Ten." Be sure to check out the Spring issue of Equal Eyes for the first installment: "My House Used to Have One of Those! 10 Things You Rarely See in Houses Anymore"

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The Local Host Committee consists of Tami Paulson, Paul Knutson, Patrick Chapman, Laura Fridgen, Tom May, Saray Garnett-Hochuli, Matt Gersemehl, Stephen Baker, Patrick Todd and Rebecca Malmquist. While the Local Host Committee has been formed, this is just a fraction of the volunteers that will be needed to make the 2018 conference a success. Approximately 80 volunteers will be needed at the conference to assist with a variety of activities including registration, educational sessions, promoting the charitable activities, and guiding attendees to events both on and off-site. Those who volunteer at least six hours will receive a discounted conference registration rate. Please contact [Rebecca Malmquist](#) if you are interested in volunteering at the 2018 conference.

Education Highlights

Save the Date the Date for Summer Seminars!

May 24 & 25, 2017 - Holiday Inn St. Cloud

Topics include: Linking Special Agriculture, If Houses Could Talk, Form Report Prep, Buffer Strips, Green Houses, Legal Descriptions, Apartments/Senior Housing, Sales Verification, Hands-on GIS, Describing and Measuring Single Family Homes, Tax Court Prep, and MCAST/eCRV.

Ideas for the next Monthly Newsletter?

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