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The 2011 Minister's Guidelines for Linear Property, Machinery and Equipment, Railway, and Farm Land were approved on December 6, 2011. Modifiers and cost factors can be found at http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/documents/as/2011_MG_Bulletin.pdf

You are encouraged to use the link to Municipal Affairs on the Association website Links page. This link will take you directly to the Government's Property Assessment and Taxation site. As well, on the "Forms and Publications" page on the Association website, there is a link directly to Property and Taxation Bulletins where current and archived bulletins are accessible.

Call for Nominations - Executive Committee

Suzette DeMott, Chair of the Nominations Committee, is looking for volunteers interested in filling the following positions on the Executive Committee: President-Elect; Vice President; Urban Director; and, Financial Director. If you are interested in serving on the Executive Committee in any of these capacities, please contact Suzette DeMott by email suzette.demott@airdrie.ca indicating your interest and contact information.

Conference Update

"Valuation in an Unpredictable Marketplace" is the theme for the 52nd Annual Conference. The Conference Committee Chair, Hilary Argento, along with her Committee volunteers, is planning some excellent and entertaining diversions between the working sessions. The Practice Review Committee continues to work to finalize the pre-Conference education courses and the Conference workshops. Details will be posted as soon as they are available. Please continue to check the Current Events link of our website. You are reminded, once again, to make your hotel bookings at the Coast Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre by calling 1-800-661-1464 and quoting "Alberta Assessors' Association" for the conference rate.

Volunteering - your Association needs you



An organization registered under the *Professions and Occupational Associations Registration Act (POARA)* is required to have a governing body (in our case, the Executive Committee), a Registration Committee, a Practice Review Committee and a Discipline Committee. The Association Bylaws allow for the formation of additional committees and sub-committees to which the Executive Committee can delegate specific duties. To that end, five additional committees (soon to be six) and one sub-committee exist to assist the Executive Committee in meeting the legislated needs of the provincial Registrar, the operational needs of the Association and the expectations of the membership.

Annually, the President, the President-Elect and members of the Executive Committee solicit interest among regulated members to volunteer on any one of these committees. It must be said that the interest and willingness of members to serve is gratifying and noteworthy. Generally speaking, committees ‘meet’ by teleconference. Only the Examination Sub-Committee gathers in the Administration Boardroom on a quasi-regular basis. That said, committees may choose to meet face to face and that option is available with the necessary approvals (budget-related).

Volunteering is defined as “freely offer[ing] to do something” (Oxford English Dictionary, 11th Edition) and “working or done without payment.” In a regulated profession, it also becomes a necessary aspect of the regulatory function and of the governance of operations.

At this time of year, the President, the President-Elect and Committee Chairs will be determining interest among sitting Committee members regarding volunteer opportunities, including vacancies and the desire of members to renew appointments. Given that several positions open up each year, the Executive Committee encourages members to express their interest - if such interest exists - in specific committees or just serving generally. If you wish to volunteer, you are urged to submit your name and interest to the Executive Administrator. If you have a specific interest, mention it. If you are unsure what a committee’s activities might entail, go to the Members’ Only section of the website, click on “Legislation” and review the different committees’ Terms of Reference in the Policy Manual.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Association Bylaws state as follows:

A written notice stating the day, hour and place of an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting, shall be served either personally or by sending such notice to each regulated member at the last address of that member known to the Association Registrar through the post, by facsimile or by email, at least ten days before the date of a meeting.

Official notice is forthcoming for the planned April 26, 2012 Annual General Meeting. In this regard, we ask that you confirm your contact information to ensure material sent by post or email is sent to the correct address.

Remembering Colleagues and Friends

Brent Young accredited February, 28, 1986. Retired from the City of Edmonton and cancelled his membership in 2007 due to illness. Mr. Young passed away on November 17, 2011.

Dianne Irvine, a 40-year member of the Alberta Municipal Affairs Assessment team, passed away on January 1, 2012.

Steve Roth a “Past Member” for many years was accredited January 28, 1971. Mr. Roth died of complications from an illness on January 23, 2012.

“Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to guide you into this place I have prepared.” (Exodus 23:20)

Educational Offerings

Any members interested in the Beginner or Intermediate Farmland courses should contact Member Services or call 780-483-4222 to sign up. At least 10 registrations are needed to run the course. If you’d like more information, please refer to the Current Events page on the website for course syllabi.

Membership Renewals

Renewal Notices are mailed in February. As with the Notice of Annual General Meeting, we ask that you review your contact information on the website to ensure its accuracy. This information is used to verify our database.

Membership fees are due and payable within 60 days of the issue date (Policy 20-3).

Welcome New Members

Congratulations to newly Accredited Members:

- ⇒ **Tessa Brady**, City of Lethbridge
- ⇒ **Julie Theresa Peters**, Municipal District of Foothills
- ⇒ **Teresa I. Young**, City of Edmonton
- ⇒ **Tracy Ryan**, City of Edmonton
- ⇒ **Ning Zhen**, City of Edmonton

Random Quotes

“Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren’t used to an environment where excellence is expected.” (Steve Jobs 1955-2011)