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OTHER COMMITTEES

IMPORTANT DATES

**Alberta Assessors' Association
2010 Conference**
*Celebrating 50 Years and Valuing
The Future*
April 20-23, 2010
Chateau Lake Louise, AB
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IAAO Annual Conference
August 29– September 1, 2010
Orlando, Florida

Welcome New Members!

The Association would like to welcome its newest members who were approved by the Registration Committee on March 16, 2010:

James Brocklebank, Candidate Member (City of Calgary)
Michael Georgeson, Associate Member (Alberta Municipal Affairs)
Riley Kloss, Candidate Member (City of Red Deer)
Janelle Kochan, Associate Member (Alberta Municipal Affairs)
Carol Lee, Candidate Member (City of Calgary)
Kelly Lee, Associate Member (Alberta Municipal Affairs)
Kristopher Meadows, Candidate Member (Accurate Assessment Group)
Brenda Therrien, Associate Member (Alberta Municipal Affairs)

The List of Newly Accredited Members Grows!

The following members were granted their AMAA designation by the Registration Committee on March 16, 2010:

Rob Kotchon, AMAA (City of Red Deer)
Kneale Parker, AMAA (MD of Rocky View)
Christopher Snelgrove, AMAA (Benchmark Assessment Consultants Inc.)
Andrew Swoboda, AMAA (City of Edmonton)

Congratulations to you all on achieving this milestone!

Accreditation Deadline Policy Change

The Registration, Practice Review and Executive Committees have unanimously agreed to update the clause in the newest draft Association Policy (60-2) that refers to requests to extend accreditation deadlines beyond the eight-year limit. With the streamlining of the accreditation process that has taken place over the past few years, it was determined that eight years is ample time for Candidate Members to complete their accreditation requirements, and that no extensions to the eight-year deadline will be granted. Candidates exceeding the deadline would therefore automatically become Associate Members or, if they wished to continue pursuing their accreditation, would have to reapply as a Candidate Member under the accreditation requirements in place at that time.

Urban/Rural Assessors Meeting

Please submit Urban and Rural Assessors meeting agenda items to the Association office as soon as possible. The meeting will be held on Friday morning, April 23, 2010, just prior to the Association's Annual General Meeting at the 2010 Conference. Both the rural and urban assessors will be meeting together to discuss items brought forward to date, such as, earlier notification in linear assessments, privately owned sewer and water systems, and an update on the AUMA Task Force on Assessment activities.

Alberta Assessors' Association Annual General Meeting

The Notice of the Alberta Assessors' Association Annual General Meeting was emailed to all members on Tuesday, April 23, 2010. Those without email addresses were sent hard copies. If you did not receive a copy with the email, the Notice is posted on the Current Events page of the AAA website. The members who have allowed their names to stand for election to the Executive Committee at the AGM has been updated as:

President-Elect: Glen Snelgrove, AMAA (The Muniserve Corporation)
Kathy Gillis, AMAA (The City of Edmonton)
Vice-President: Collin Hindman, AMAA (City of Edmonton)
Financial Director: Lawrence Buchart, AMAA, returning (City of Calgary)
Urban Director: Brian Lutz, AMAA (City of Red Deer)

All members are reminded that nominations will still be accepted from the floor at the time of the elections during the AGM.

AAA Re-certification Compliance Auditing

As per Policy 60-3 Mandatory Re-certification of Members for Professional Development, five percent of the Association's Accredited Members who had reportedly reached their required credits for the current re-certification cycle were randomly selected to be audited. Fifteen Accredited Members' records out of 298 were reviewed. The results indicate that all 15 members are compliant, however, a number of irregularities were noted:

- 1) the transfer of information from the Association's database to the web self-reporting system resulted in the end date being recorded the same as the start date, regardless of the number of hours the activity ran. These had to be re-checked against the manual reports from 2006 to the end of 2008, prior to self-reporting taking place;
- 2) Credit hours were found to be rounded up for parts of an activity hour, when they should have been rounded down as per policy. Members are reminded that 1 hour of **instruction time** equals 1 credit for both valuation and general credits, however general credits are capped at a maximum of 4 credits per activity. **Credits for partial hours in both types of credits are to be rounded down;** and
- 3) It seems the difference between valuation and general credits is still unclear. The new policy to be in place for the 2011 to 2016 cycle will help to clarify the definitions. However, for the balance of this cycle, **valuation credits** may be obtained through **appraisal or assessment related workshops, seminars and educational courses delivered by recognized assessment or appraisal organizations.** **General credits** are obtained through participation in **related** appraisal or assessment activities, including attendance at conferences and volunteer work for the Alberta Assessors' Association.

There were also 65 Accredited Members as of February 22, 2010 who had not yet reached the required number of credits for this cycle. The deadline for achieving the 30 total credits for the current cycle is December 31, 2010. A reminder that there is no carry-over of credits to the next cycle.

Organizational Profile

- **Alberta Municipal Affairs, Audit Unit**

Assessors and staff from the Lethbridge, Peace River, Calgary, Red Deer and Edmonton offices.



From left to right: Barrie Hosack, Brian Ferguson, Ron Bennett, Darren Rossiter, Cate Watt, Ruth Cassady, Sandy Husar, Michael Lavigueur, Karen Dickie, Linda Ambrosi, Ben Chan, Steve Kutanzi, Peter Loh, John Scott, Barry Campbell. Missing: Dean Cramer, Gilles Lapointe, Jason Tucnik, Keith Martin

Employment Opportunities

New job postings for this issue:

- **Team Leader, City of Calgary**

For links to current opportunities and archived postings, please visit the Association website [Employment](#) page.

Random Notes

Life is a journey, not a guided tour.

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