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IMPORTANT DATES

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August 29– September 1, 2010
Orlando, Florida

AAA Fall Symposium & Golf
September 15-17, 2010
Nisku, AB

2010 Conference Summary - See pages 2 and 3!!

Intensive Offering of BUSI 444

— Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal

The City of Edmonton is offering a UBC BUSI 444 Intensive course, Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal, scheduled for June 21st to 25th, 2010 and July 5th to 9th, 2010 to be held at Chancery Hall, City of Edmonton.

- This course is a hands-on approach to computer-assisted mass appraisal techniques. Students use statistical software (SPSS) to develop cost, direct sales and income models designed to improve the consistency and quality of real property assessments.
- The course includes chapter multiple choice questions, three projects and a final take-home project.
- The take-home examination requires the incorporation of the cost model and the direct sales model developed earlier in the course as project assignments. It is a reconciliation of the two approaches and will follow the detailed format of a professional report.
- BUSI 444 includes additional lessons on topics related to assessment valuation, such as nonlinear regression and integration of GIS and CAMA.

Although computers are available during the day sessions, students will need to have access to a computer/laptop with SPSS, (not included in tuition) version 17 (or 18) to do their projects.

If you are interested in enrolling in this course, please contact David Markiwsky at 780-495-9915 or david.markiwsky@edmonton.ca or review the UBC website and bookstore for more information.

http://www.sauder.ubc.ca/en/Programs/Real_Estate_Division/Credit_Programs_and_Professional_Development_Courses/Overview/Course_Descriptions

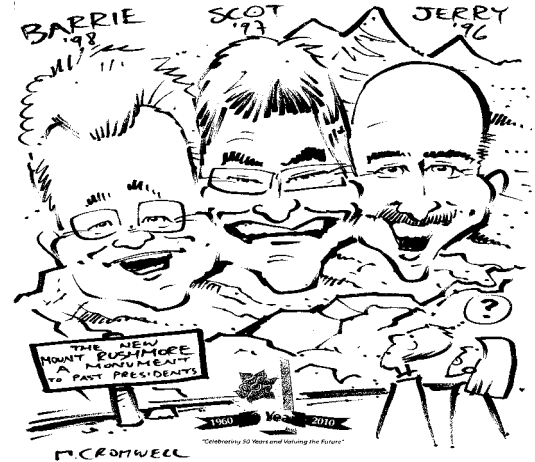
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This course qualifies for an Assessment Education Grant covering the course costs of tuition, software, exam grading and 50% of the instructional fee charged on a per student basis. This grant is administered by the Alberta Assessors' Association, contact the association for rebate criteria.

2010 Conference Follow-up

The Association's 50th Annual Conference and AGM—Celebrating 50 Years and Valuing the Future—was a celebration of the Association and the assessment profession that will be remembered with great pride for many years to come. From the caricaturists who entertained at the Icebreaker Reception to the Association's own member Karac Hendriks' band wrapping up the Assessors' Banquet, the 'wow' factor that the conference committee set out to maintain throughout the conference was achieved. Thank you to all who volunteered their assistance throughout the four-day event.

In particular, one final HUGE thank you to all of the conference sponsors for their gracious support:



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Kudos

The Association gives a huge round of applause to the 2010 Conference Committee members: Al Knight, Art Larner, Scot McAlpine, Cal McArthur, Larry Riep, Barrie Hosack, Brad Hurt, Lawrence Buchar and, of course, Chair Jerry Husar for their hard work over the past two years preparing and delivering the 50th Annual Conference. Special thanks to Ann Huskinson for coordinating the Assessor Banquet, to Paul Boutin for being the official conference photographer/documenter, and especially to Brad Hurt for his fabulous work on a tight schedule in putting together the assessor video presentations.

Behind the Scenes of the 2010 Conference

There is no doubt that pulling off an event such as the 2010 Conference is a tremendous undertaking. Being the 50th Anniversary, however, meant some digging in terms of identifying historical information, events and photos in order to pass on the Association's legacy to members — how far the Association has come and the people who helped make it happen in the past 50 years. Our team of assessor 'archivists' (not your usual librarian types, for sure!) put in many hours of piecing together the Association's history for photo and video presentations for both the 50th Conference and to keep on record for the next milestone and future generations of assessors. A heartfelt thanks to **Alan Fenton, AMAA** (and 43-year Association member) who lead the crew of **Norm Girard, Adrian Waters** and **Rene Kozack** in searching through Association documents and public archives to find "the answers". Special thanks to Jerry Husar for taking the historical pieces further and melding the Association's history with that of assessment in the Alberta historical context for the celebration video. A job well done by all!

2010 Banquet Photos

The complimentary photos taken just prior to the Assessors Banquet on Friday April 23rd in the Red Room of the Chateau Lake Louise have been emailed to their respective owners. If you have not received your copy, or copies as the case may be, please contact the Association office as soon as possible.

New Collage

The 50th Anniversary Collage will hold its place beside the original collage completed for the 25th Anniversary of the Association housed in the Association office. Thank you to photo artist Julie McEvers and the Kamena Gallery in Edmonton for putting this together so beautifully.



New on the AAA Website

With the Association's AGM held on April 23rd comes an updated list of committee volunteers for 2010-11. Check the Association's website for the new Committee List on the About Us page. The 'catchy' video that announced the 2010 Conference has also been moved to the About Us page. The 2010 Conference Evaluation Summary and some of the presentations are posted on the Current Events Page of the website. Stay tuned for the Photo Gallery and the Power point presentation of the conference coming soon! (Targeted for the next issue of the E-Clipboard).

Organizational Profile

◆ Leduc County



Clockwise from top left: Brad Hurt, AMAA; Shauna Fandrick; Rob Ballhorn, AMAA; Steve Lepp; Barb Youngren; Kim McVicar, AMAA.

Employment Opportunities

New job postings for this issue:

- **Senior Assessor (Assessor III), Mountain View County**

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

Random Notes

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. (Will Rogers)

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