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IMPORTANT DATES

IAAO Annual Conference
August 29– September 1, 2010
Orlando, Florida

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

Volunteers Needed



Urgently required, volunteers for our upcoming Fall Career Fairs!

If you would like the opportunity to promote the Association and our designation, please consider volunteering for one of our upcoming career fairs!

Career Fairs the Association is participating in this year are as follows:

- ♦ September 22/10 Career Days - U of A Butterdome, Edmonton
- ♦ October 19/10 Career Fair - Vermillion Campus, Vermillion
- ♦ Nov. 19 & 20/10 Canada Career Week Fair- Agricom, Edmonton

Please contact the Association office if you would like to volunteer for one of the above events. Your valuable time and consideration in assisting in the promotional aspect of our profession is greatly appreciated.

Please reply to lsmalley@assessor.ab.ca

USPAP Course

(Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices)

The Association is requesting members who would like to take the above course to please contact the Association office. Please reply to lsmalley@assessor.ab.ca

Educational Presentations

CPD (Cont. Professional Development) Fridays -- Feed Your Future

When: October 1, 2010, *Tme:* 9am-11am Pacific; 12am-2pm Eastern)

This course is intended to explore the principles and techniques of commercial and residential lease analysis. It assumes no particular background for the reader, other than an interest in commercial real estate and a desire to learn. After reading the course materials, the reader will have a good basic knowledge of lease analysis theory and its practices. Lesson 1 explains the types of tenure, lease clauses, lease definitions, and provides an overview of commercial tenancy law. Lesson 2 expands on the mathematics of lease analysis as well as reviewing several standard leases.

To find out more about this session, including tuition and registration details, please visit the website: <http://www.realestate.ubc.ca/webinar>

Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP

RMRF ASSESSMENT HELP LINE

Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP is pleased to provide Alberta Municipal Assessors with the Assessment Help Line. The Assessment Help Line offers a 15 minute call at no charge to discuss any question relating to property assessment and taxation. From questions relating to collecting construction cost information, handling requests for additional depreciation or navigating the legislative requirements for exemption requests, please call toll free **1-800-661-7673** to speak with any of our team lawyers to discuss any question or issue that you may be facing.

The First Procedural Decisions Under the New Legislation - Bill 23

prepared by Carol M. Zukiwski—Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP

The Composite Assessment Review Boards in Edmonton and Calgary have issued decisions interpreting and applying some of the Bill 23 amendments to the MGA, and certain sections in the *Matters Relating to Assessment Complaints Regulation* (MRAC). Decisions have been rendered on whether complaints have been filed on time, whether the complaint form was complete, on the meaning of the phrase "at least ___ days before the hearing", adjournments, and on the simultaneous 7 day exchange provisions before a one member panel. Copies of the decisions can be found at the link below.

<http://rmrf.com/index.php?section=131>

Real Estate Council of Alberta News

Red flags indicate the possibility of a concern. The Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA) has information bulletins on topics of interest to the real estate appraisal industry; for viewing please find the link below.

<http://www.reca.ca/industry/content/legislation-bulletins/real-estate-appraisal.htm>

University of Alberta Promotion

The University of Alberta through Government Studies operates a national online certificate for municipal administrators. At the moment we are in search of an instructor that would be available to teach this course. As previously mentioned this is an online course utilizing WebCT. Approximately, 90% of the students in this class reside in the province of Alberta. The curriculum of the course "Property Taxation and Assessment" is already written and has been offered numerous times. Assignments, final exam, and grading criteria are also in place. The course begins in January 2011, and is thirteen (13) weeks in length with the final online exam in April. If you are interested please contact **Robert R. Burrows at (780) 494-5717**.

Contributions to the E-clipboard

The Association is always seeking for content submission's from our members. The following information items are examples that may be submitted for consideration of use in the E-Clipboard Newsletter;

- ◆ Member engagement, marriage or milestone birthdays;
- ◆ Member retirements; Member accomplishments;
- ◆ Valuation articles; Editorial articles;
- ◆ Member children or grandchildren birth announcements;
- ◆ Employment Opportunities and Requests for Proposals;
- ◆ Biography on group and photo; Team building stories and photos';

We look forward to hearing from you, if you have items for submissions please direct them to ismalley@assessor.ab.ca



Organizational Profile - Linear Assessment Unit, Alberta Municipal Affairs



Clockwise from top left: **Kathy Zupcic, Anita Sjouwerman, Claire Pemberton-Piggot, David Imrie, Janelle Kochan, Janet Fortin, Michael Georgeson**; Middle Row: **Gail Reykdal, Alfred Coralejo**; Front Row: **Kelly Lee, Chris Risling, Brenda Therrien**

New on the Website

Analyzing the Commercial Lease Manual - by Gordon MacNair

Employment Opportunities

New job postings for this issue:

- ◆ **Assessor III, County of Grande Prairie**
- ◆ **Property Assessor, Special Areas Board, Hanna**
- ◆ **Assistant Assessor, County of Lethbridge**
- ◆ **Assessor, Rocky View County**
- ◆ **Assessment Coordinator and Analyst, City of Red Deer**
- ◆ **Farmland/ Residential Assessor, Accurate Assessment Group**

For links to current opportunities and archived postings, please visit the Association website

[**Employment**](#) page.

Random Notes

"No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit." - *Helen Keller*

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