



# Alberta Assessors' Association E-Clipboard

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## We Have a New Executive Administrator/Registrar

On behalf of the Executive, I am very pleased to announce that Laurie Hodge has accepted the position as Executive Administrator/Registrar with the Alberta Assessors' Association. Laurie brings extensive knowledge and expertise to this position having served on not-for-profit organizations as well as various roles in municipal government. Laurie will be commencing her role on March 21, 2011. Please welcome Laurie to her new position. **Congratulations Laurie!**

Suzette DeMott, AMAA  
President

## Alberta Assessors' Association Conferences April 4—8, 2011

The Alberta Assessors' Association 2011 Conference Brochure and registration forms are on the Association website! Hotel reservations can be made now on the block of guest rooms reserved for the Alberta Assessors' Association at the Capri Centre by calling 403-346-2091, toll free 1-800-662-7197 or email: [reservations@capricentre.com](mailto:reservations@capricentre.com). Guest room rates for the reserved block are \$134 for Superior, non smoking, 2 Queen in Tower, or Deluxe, non smoking, 1 King in Tower.

- **IMPORTANT**—the **deadline for submitting registrations** for the conference is March 18. Note that this deadline was set primarily to assist with confirming the number of attendees to firm up session rooms and meal requirements — the late registration fee doesn't take effect until April 1st. However, if you are planning to come to the conference, please submit your registration as soon as possible. Also, please ensure that your guest room booking dates correspond with your length of stay — the Assessors' Banquet is on the Thursday night, so most will require a room for the night of April 7th as well. **Note: Registrations, extra meal and banquet tickets will not be available for purchase 'at the door', so please ensure you have purchased your requirements in advance with your registration.**

## EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Denise Ziegler-Handel, AMAA  
(Chair)  
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## IMPORTANT DATES

### AAA 2011 Annual Conference *Power of Change*

April 4-8, 2011  
Capri Hotel  
Red Deer, AB

### CPTA Educational Seminar

March 7-8, 2011  
Radisson Hotel  
Calgary, AB

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## Welcome New Members

The Association would like to welcome its newest members who were approved by the Registration Committee on November 22, 2010:

- ◆ **Steven Toews**, Cypress County
- ◆ **Yang Wang**, City of Calgary

The Association would like to welcome its newest members who were approved by the Registration Committee on February 17, 2011:

- ◆ **Darcy Geseron**, City of Lethbridge
- ◆ **Gary Good**, City of Calgary
- ◆ **Laura Harrison**, County of Grande Prairie
- ◆ **Vanessa Lavalley**, City of Calgary
- ◆ **Carmen Snelgrove**, Muniserve Corporation

## Congratulations Newly Accredited Members

The following members were recently granted their designations by the Registration Committee on February 17, 2010:

- ◆ **Stephen Leroux**, AMAA City of Edmonton
- ◆ **Chris Rumsey**, AMAA City of Edmonton
- ◆ **Robert Smyth**, AMAA Special Areas Board, Hanna
- ◆ **Jerry Sumka**, AMAA City of Edmonton

*Congratulations to you all on your accreditation and on a job well done!*

## Real Estate Council of Alberta

### AAA Representative on the Real Estate Appraisers Advisory Committee

Verle Blazek, AMAA, with the City of Lethbridge is currently our volunteer on the Real Estate Council of Alberta's (RECA) Appraisers Advisory Committee as the AAA's representative. Verle advised the AAA that RECA is seeking another advisory committee member from our association. Ideally, the volunteer representative for this position would be in the Calgary area in order to more easily participate in meetings held at least once, and usually three times, a year. The representative must be an AMAA and become a licensed appraiser under RECA. Though it involves completing a criminal background check, gaining a license to appraise is not too difficult. If you are interested in helping to guide the real estate appraisal industry in Alberta, please contact the Association office. More information on the mandate of the Appraisers Advisory Committee can be found on the RECA website at <http://www.reca.ca/industry/content/about-reca/industry-sector-advisory.htm>.

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## 2011 Conference Committee Request

At the 2011 conference, the Alberta Assessors' Association would like to pay tribute to any past, present, active or retired members who passed away in 2010-2011. If you know of someone, please inform the Association office so they can be recognized.

## 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 Wednesday morning, April 6, 2011, just prior to the Plenary Session—legal Panel at the 2011 Conference. Both the rural and urban assessors will be meeting separately to discuss items brought forward.

## Calling All Volunteers!

Volunteers are the driving force behind not-for-profit organizations, and the Alberta Assessors' Association is no exception! Without the energy and leadership of members participating on committees, the Association would be hard-pressed to operate, much less move forward. Whether your special talents are creative, administrative, financial or legislative, contributing your time, however large or small, can make a big impact – and be a rewarding experience in return. If you are interested in becoming more involved with your professional association, please email [membership@assessor.ab.ca](mailto:membership@assessor.ab.ca) now to express your interest for involvement with the upcoming year's committees or activities.

## Website Updates

- ◆ **Policy 60-2 Education and Accreditation Requirements**
- ◆ **The 2010 Strategic Plan**

Please visit the **Members Only** section.

## Employment Opportunities

New job postings for this issue:

- ◆ **Assessment Data Collector (May-Sept), MD of Taber**
- ◆ **Manager, Operations Linear Property Assessment, Alberta Municipal Affairs**
- ◆ **Assistant Assessor, County of Lethbridge**

For links to archived postings, please visit the Association website **Employment** page.

## Random Notes

Doing nothing is hard to do — you never know when you're done.

The opinions or commentary expressed in articles submitted to the E-Clipboard by outside organizations may not reflect the views of the Alberta Assessors' Association.