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Happy Holidays



The Executive Committee, (l-r) Larry, Brian, Lawrence, Suzette, Kathy, Kim, Stan and Brad—along with our public member Frank (who's chillin' south of the border) wish you all the blessings of the season and joy for 2012.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

(from Laurie and Lisa as well.)



Re-Certification Cycle - Annual 5% Audit

In accordance with Policy 60-3, Mandatory Re-certification, an annual audit of credits reported by members is conducted on 5% of the accredited membership. This being the first year of a new credit cycle as well as the first year of a new re-certification policy, this first audit is especially important.

At the date of audit, there were 295 accredited members, so 15 members were chosen at random. There are no issues among the 5%, however, as the Executive Committee has placed a cap on the number of *learning credits* that can be reported per activity, over-reporting was expected. Interestingly, of the 15 members audited, only 7 had over-reported by indicating 20-30 learning credits for some courses. These will have to be lowered to 10 learning credits.

It is also worth noting that four members audited had over-reported *general credits*. General credits have long been capped at 4 per activity. Any members who have reported greater than 4 *general credits* per activity should amend their profiles

More than half the membership - 147 accredited members - have not reported any credits in 2011. We encourage you to update your profile as soon as you complete an eligible activity. If you are unsure how to update your profile, **click here** for instructions - we've added a "how-to" section to the Contact Us page. Memories become faulty over time; it's much more efficient to continually update your profile and report your learning activities.

Apologies

...to **Robert Thorgeirson**. In the November eClipboard, Mr. Thorgeirson was named as "suspended for lack of certification." In truth, Robert retired from the City of Edmonton and had submitted a request to cancel his membership which was not processed. The Executive Committee has, therefore, rescinded the suspension and has cancelled Robert's membership according to his request. On behalf of the Association, the Executive Committee wishes Robert a happy and well-earned retirement.

Membership Changes

Congratulation new Accredited members:

- ⇒ Mike Arnold, AMAA, City of Red Deer
- ⇒ Gail Beierle, AMAA, City of Airdrie
- ⇒ Ashley Aldred, AMAA, City of Airdrie
- ⇒ Wes Bowie, AMAA, City of Camrose
- ⇒ Les Chute, AMAA, Town of Strathmore
- ⇒ John Allan, AMAA, City of Medicine Hat

Welcome new Candidate members:

- ⇒ Danielle Brundell, Saddle Hills County
- ⇒ Brent McQuaig, County of Grande Prairie

Finally, best wishes for a long and happy retirement to Patricia Ohlinger, AMAA, Ret. (formerly City of Calgary), and to Bruce Cameron, AMAA, Ret. (formerly County of Grande Prairie).

Educational Offerings

Tools for Practicing Assessment in Alberta

The next session for Online Tools will begin on or about January 24, 2012 and we have places open on our roster for interested Candidates. For a course syllabus, please visit the Current Events page on the Association website. Registration cost is \$175+GST. Please contact **Member Services** to register.

Marketing Committee News

The Marketing Committee has recently been tasked with the oversight of the website which has served us well, but might benefit from a freshening up. As such, the Marketing Committee has struck an ad hoc sub-committee and is looking for 2-3 volunteers to assist in a review and possible upgrades - the scope of the project will be determined by the sub-committee. Please contact **Member Services** for information and or to register your interest in working with the sub-committee.

Kneehill County Request

Many of us from time to time face the problem of preparing a valuation for which we have no comparable properties. Well that issue has fallen to me recently.

In Kneehill County we have one airport that is currently on Provincial-owned land and operated by a local commission. As we all know airports of any size seldom trade in the market place which makes for a difficult market valuation assignment.

I would like to hear from any rural or urban assessors that may have had a sale of an airport or land in close proximity to an airport. Any information may be of assistance and would be appreciated. Please call or email: C. Frank Grills AMAA at 403-443-5541; 1-866-443-5541; or, assessor@kneehillcounty.com.



Employment Opportunities

- ♦ **Senior Assessment Auditor**, Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA)

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

Random Notes

For last year's words belong to last year's language
And next year's words await another voice.
And to make an end is to make a beginning.
~T.S. Eliot, "Little Gidding"

