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WHICH PATH ARE YOU ON?



Whether you are working on earning the State Certified Assessor designation, or taking the next step toward the State Certified Assessor, Advanced designation, or studying to pass the exam for the Institute of Assessing Officers (IAO) designation, NYSAA is here to help you achieve your professional goals!

The Cornell Seminar on Appraising is your professional advancement conference. Watch for basic certification classes and courses to help you achieve those SCAA and IAO designations!

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NYSAA is here for your educational needs!

EDUCATIONAL CALENDAR

Please visit www.nyassessor.org/one-day-seminars to register.

IAO One-Day Seminars:

Partial Property Tax Exemptions
February 10, 2023

Instructors: Anne Sapienza, FIAO and Denise Trudell, IAO

Valuation of Agricultural Properties
February 17, 2023

Instructor: James Kirsch

Overview of RPS V4
March 3, 2023
Teri Ross, IAO

Preparation for BAR & SCAR
March 24, 2023
Instructor: Bill Purtell, IAO

Ethics and the Assessor
April 14, 2023
Instructor: Anne Sapienza, FIAO

Valuation of Wineries and Breweries
June 2, 2023
Instructor: John Zukowski, IAO, MAI, SRA

The following classes are tentatively scheduled and not yet open for registration:

Valuation of Solar/PILOTS
March 10, 2023
Instructor: Edye McCarthy, IAO

RPS: Custom Reports and Letters
May 12, 2023
Instructor: Teri Ross, IAO

Cost Approach: A Case Study
June 23, 2023
Instructor: John Zukowski, IAO, MAI, SRA

Income Approach: A Case Study
June 28, 2023
Instructor: Edye McCarthy, IAO

Valuation of Funeral Homes
June 30, 2023
Instructor: John Zukowski, IAO, MAI, SRA

2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**IAO Board of Trustees**

April 20-21, 2023

NYSAA Executive Board

April 21-22, 2023

Both meetings will be held at the NYSAA office, 116 Salina St., Suite 8, Liverpool, NY 13088.

Cornell Seminar on Appraisal

July 16-21, 2023

Cornell Campus & Hotel Ithaca, Ithaca, NY

Annual Conference

October 3-6, 2023

Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga Springs, NY

The Cornell Seminar on Appraisal and the Annual Conference are currently planned as hybrid events.

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President's Message

It's February already, and it seems that most of our offices are busy valuing properties, renewing exemptions, and answering my favorite question of all: "Why isn't my STAR exemption on my town and county tax bill?" Then, additionally this year, a lot of offices are answering the phones and getting office visits as a consequence of the new second notice law, along with the volunteer firefighter/EMS exemption law the governor signed in December.

Our legislative team is working tirelessly on these issues to get some clarification for next year. NYSAA Executive Director Warren J. Wheeler, IAO; NYSAA Legislative Liaison Scott Shedler, IAO; NYSAA First Vice President Maggie Alix; and I visited Albany last week and met with the new Assembly Real Property Tax Committee members. As I look through our past NYSAA Bulletins, it seems that we continue talking about the same issues every year: condo bill, solar model, new exemptions, etc. Our promise is to continue doing everything we can, legislatively and generally, to get better information out to our members about these new laws. Maggie and Scott are also looking into Legislative Day in Albany this year.

During Presidents' week, we will be attending the AOT (Association of Towns) conference. We have our foot in the door again, conducting a class regarding short-term rentals. The educational calendar is available on the NYSAA website (www.nyassessor.org/one-day-seminars) for anyone who needs to take a class, and the webinar series is a big hit. I can't thank everyone enough that is working on providing our members with the very best educational opportunities available. Lori Barber, SCA, Lake George town and village assessor, and I were asked to sit in on and help the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services (ORPTS) teach the Assessment Administration class through Webex. We have indicated to ORPTS the benefit in having an assessor present in each class they teach.

Even though it looks like Punxsutawney Phil has seen his shadow and there will be six more weeks of winter, NYSSA and the IAO Trustees are working on the Cornell (summer) Seminar and the Annual (fall) Conference. Our committee members are out there getting new members and nominations for awards. I want to reiterate the level of gratitude and sincerity to everyone in making this team work.



Christine Hayes, SCA

NYSAA President

Will you earn the State Certified Assessor (SCA) designation or the State Certified Assessor, Advanced (SCAA) designation in 2023?

We want to know!

Please email admin@nyassessor.org with your name, designation, and when you anticipate you will earn it.

Executive Director's Message

How do you measure disappointment? Can it even be measured quantitatively? I actually asked my trusted and true friend Google those two questions. I was quite surprised at the results. Part of me was asking this question as a way to hopefully trick Google but, yet again, I was wrong. Here is what Google had to say on the issue.

The Regret and Disappointment Scale: An instrument for assessing regret and disappointment in decision making (Judgment & Decision Making, vol. 3, no. 1, January 2008, pp 87-99) was the first article to show up. Shortly into the article I read as follows: *The emotion of disappointment is ... based on counterfactual thinking: We feel disappointment when we find ourselves wishing that events of the world had turned out better for us.*

An article from the Berkley Well-Being Institute, *How to Get Over Disappointment: Examples and Strategies*, actually lists the steps in the psychological set-up of disappointment as follows:

1. You're in an uncertain situation wherein you hope for a positive outcome.
2. You believe that you deserved the positive outcome.
3. You fantasize about what your life would be like alongside the outcome.
4. You're surprised that you didn't receive the outcome you hoped for.
5. You feel anger and/or resentment that you couldn't control the outcome through personal actions.

Just a few short weeks ago, I was doing some last-minute Christmas shopping. I was in a local retail store, it was 7:05 p.m., and my phone rang. It was NYSAA Legislative Liaison Scott Shedler, IAO. I immediately picked up the call with a very cheerful Christmas greeting. He quickly countered and said (I'm paraphrasing now), "Not for us. The governor vetoed our condo bill." I was completely and utterly shocked. To say that Scott and I were disappointed would have been the understatement of the year.

At that moment, I was more disappointed in our state government than I think I ever have been. See, I was feeling, for some reason, that my world would have been better if that bill was passed. Keep in mind that in the small municipalities where I work, I have zero condominiums, so even if this bill passed, it would have no impact where I work. However, I know that the condo loophole is a huge problem for so many assessors across the state. I was convinced that this bill would be signed. This was the first time in our history that we got a version of the bill through both chambers. Surely it would be signed, for a bill that is local option would be perfect to allow those municipalities to take up the cause if they felt it necessary.

That same Berkley Well-Being Institute's article also includes **10 Healthy Ways to Overcome Disappointment**. I would like to point out two that are very appropriate as we continue in our attempt to get this bill signed. They are: Look for the Silver Lining and Always Look Forward.

I mentioned the silver lining earlier. This year was the first time in our history that we were able to get the bill passed in both chambers. Shortly after the bill was vetoed, a local state senator in my area voiced his concern and disbelief. We have already met with him, he has introduced a bill, and we have begun charting a course for new legislation in 2023.

Looking forward is something that is certainly easier said than done. Once I stopped feeling upset and disappointed, I quickly changed focus. We have already begun reaching out to members of the Assembly and Senate. NYSAA President Christine Hayes, First Vice President Maggie Alix, Legislative Liaison Scott Shedler, IAO, and I have already met with the newly appointed chair of the Assembly's Real Property Taxation Committee in Albany.

I am reminded of words by Mark Van Doren, who was a poet, writer, and professor: "The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery." While it is not the job of the assessor to determine what is right or wrong to sign into law, we each have the opportunity to help our representatives discover and understand how their decisions to support, or to oppose, legislation directly affects those we serve – our taxpayers.



Warren J. Wheeler, IAO
NYSAA Executive Director

FROM THE IAO JOURNAL

Editor's Note: NYSAA's newer members may be unaware that the Institute of Assessing Officers (IAO), the education subsidiary of NYSAA, publishes the IAO Journal, which promotes the exchange of ideas and experiences among its members. The January 2023 issue of the IAO Journal included the following article, which offers a helpful study resource for those interested in challenging the IAO exam. It is reprinted here with permission.

QUIZLET

By Shamika Perry, IAO and Matthew Cronin, IAO

Have you ever heard of Quizlet? Well, neither had we until we decided to challenge the IAO exam. When my colleagues and I decided to challenge the IAO examination, we created a study group to help facilitate our success. We decided to stay after work and perform in-person study sessions, usually until facilities would shut the lights out on us. The majority of our in-person study sessions were spent on appraisal principles and the “unchallenging appraisal case studies.” The word unchallenging used in the prior sentence was sarcastic. Those case studies kept us awake at night. Such is the life of pursuing the IAO designation.

Together, we spent countless hours discussing the subjects of NYS assessment standards; appraisal theory; cost, income, and market approaches; and everything in between. As many of us know, the IAO examination covers so many different subject areas. To create our archive of study material, we found it useful to focus on the “Preparation for Examination” subjects, which can be found on the downloadable PDF “Instructions for IAO Candidates.”

We researched each of these subjects and began creating our own questions from any study material we could find both online and in books. We found that the group sessions were helping us become more comfortable with the appraisal subjects due to observation, repetition, and general feedback from our efforts. It was a natural progression that together we prepared for the appraisal subjects (income/market/cost approaches, cap rates, highest and best use etc.) and independently we prepared for the NYS assessment subjects (roll sections, exemptions, assessors report, use types, etc.).

As the weekend approached, Shamika went home with an abundance of material to help the group along this journey. Shamika's daughter, who was in college at the time, inquired why she had so many books and what her mother was planning to do. As Shamika explained, her daughter looked at her mother, laughed and said, “Mom step out of the dark ages and try Quizlet.” She explained that this app is how she and her friends prepared for many of their college exams. As she navigated through the app, Shamika was amazed at how much information was there and how easy it was to find relevant information. She went to work excited to share what she had discovered with her colleagues.

The conversation went something like this:

Shamika: “Matt.... we're old.”

Matt: “Speak for yourself.”

Shamika: “We don't need to be hauling all these books around. My daughter told me about Quizlet, which is an app that we can access from our phones, put all our study material in and we can answer questions with immediate results. They use it in college to prepare for exams. It's everything we've been looking for.”

Matt: “I will download it and set it up. Tell your daughter thanks! Quizlet is exactly what we've been looking for.”

We all downloaded the app, and each began to use and discover the many features it had to offer. Quizlet is a program that is used for studying and learning across the globe. It is available as a free downloadable app on



The Rensselaer County Assessor's Association elected new officers.

Pictured from left: President Julie Irick, Town of Brunswick; Secretary/Treasurer, Bobbi Stone, Towns of Sand Lake and Pittstown; and Vice President Megan Weir, Town of Schaghticoke were sworn in by recently retired County Director Bill Film at the January 19th monthly meeting.

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both IOS and Android platforms. Quizlet's functionality includes digital flash cards, matching games, practice electronic assessments, and live quizzes. Quizlet claims more than 500 million user-generated flashcard sets, and more than 60 million active users. We believe one of the best features offered in Quizlet is it identifies your weaknesses and gives you personalized quizzes accordingly.

If you search username "Matthew_Cronin1" in Quizlet, you will find 13 subfolders under the main folder "IAO Training." Each subfolder contains material that can be studied via multiple formats. The subfolders are dynamic and will continue to have material added as time moves forward. Even though our preparation for the IAO exam is complete, we still browse through these folders. We believe that by consistently keeping up on our assessment subjects, we can continue to represent our profession with confidence. Whether you're preparing for the IAO exam, or you wish to brush up on some material, we invite you all to visit Matt's Quizlet page. Preparation and teamwork are the keys to any successful venture. Technologies and innovations can make it that much easier. Quizlet helped us prepare for the IAO examination and continues to help preserve knowledge. We hope that this tool can help you in your future endeavors and some of you will create content that we may share with each other. If you have any suggestions for material, please feel free to reach out to Matt at mcronin@nassaucountyny.gov and he will update his folders accordingly.

IAO EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The IAO Examination Committee is requesting applications from interested parties who wish to challenge the exam in 2023.

Exam Date

July 22, 2023

Location

Hotel Ithaca, Ithaca

Application Deadline

June 22, 2023

The Cornell Seminar on Appraising, July 16-21, will offer the IAO-1 class. Historically, those who take this class have a higher success rate on the IAO exam. The exam application is on the NYSAA website, www.nyassessor.org, under the IAO Membership & Exam link. The fee may be paid online or by check.

MENTORING PROGRAM

Rob Bick, chair of the NYSAA Mentoring Committee, recently asked the membership for volunteers who are knowledgeable in certain areas and who are willing to answer questions from fellow assessors.

“Those who volunteered are to be commended for their willingness to assist their fellow professionals. A little volunteerism and good will goes a long way,” Rob said. If you wish to be added to this list, please call Rob Bick at 315-652-3800 ext 116 or email at rbick@townofclay.org.

If you have a question in any of the areas noted below, please feel free to give the assessor listed a call. They will be happy to help you, and it's a benefit of your membership!

Mario R. Arevalo, IAO, Assessor, Towns of Maryland/Otego, 607-988-2698 ext. 3,
assessor@townofotego.com

- Data Collection

Jeff Bartholomew, retired ORPTS Central Region Manager; retired assessor, Town of Fleming,
Jlb8461@gmail.com

- RPS

Robert Criddle, IAO, Assessor, Town of Clarendon, 585-638-6371 ext. 103, assessor@townofclarendon.org

- Solar Farms

Christine Hayes, Assessor, Towns of Bolton/Horicon, 518- 494-4198, Assessor@horiconny.gov

- V4 Custom Reports

David Marrano, SCA, retired assessor, City of Tonawanda, 716-260-5487, dcarrano@verizon.net

- Condominium Valuation via 339-y
- Commercial Valuation
- PILOTs
- Use of Spreadsheets

Roger Miller, IAO, MAI, Assessor, Town/Village of Mt. Kisco, 914-864-0006, rmiller@mountkiskonny.gov

- Valuation-all property types

Robert Morin, IAO, MAI, SRA, Assessor, City of Peekskill, 914-734-4191, RMorin@CityofPeekskill.com

- Commercial valuation
- Residential valuation
- Tax certs

John Noto, IAO, CCD, Assessor, Town of Clarkstown, 845-639-2031, j.noto@clarkstown.org

- Corrections of Errors
- Tax Mapping
- Former County Director

Kenneth Pike, Assessor, Towns of Geneseo/Middlebury, 585-355-0987, kennethrpik@gmail.com

- Environmental concerns, brownfields

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William Purtell, IAO, Assessor, Town of Glenville, 518-688-1200, wpurtell@townofglenville.org

- Appraisals and Critique of Appraisals

Teri Ross, IAO, Assessor, Town of Queensbury, 518-744-1067, terir@queensbury.net

- RPSV4
- STAR

Christopher Russo, Assessor, Town of Geddes, 315-468-3600 ext. 4, crusso@townofgeddes.com

- Capitalization Rates

Curt Schoeberl, Assessor, Town of Shawangunk, 845-895-2143, shawangunkassessor@shawangunk.org

- Small claims defense in small towns

Paul Smith, Assessor, Towns of Arcadia/Croghan/Greig/Marcy/New Bremen, 315-768-4800 ext. 229, jpsmith68@verizon.net


- PDC Preparation

Steve Teele, IAO, Assessor, Towns of Hammond/Lisbon, 315-393-7593, assessor@townoflisbonny.org

- Agricultural Exemptions


Warren Wheeler, IAO, Assessor, Towns of Amboy/Constantia/Minetto/Richland and Executive Director, NYS Assessors Association, 315-558-2171, wjwheeler@nyassessor.org

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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

One of the highlights of the New York State Assessors Association Annual Conference is the Awards Banquet. This is the night when we honor those members and associates who have been a credit to the assessment profession.

Your nominations and recommendations are critical to the success of this program. Please take a moment to reflect upon the success of your fellow assessors and take time to nominate a candidate for one of the special award categories listed on our website: nyassessor.org/nysaa-awards.

To nominate a candidate for any of the award categories, please prepare a brief written recommendation describing the qualifications and applicable noteworthy work performed by the candidate, including the prescribed information requested for each award.

All nominations must be submitted by July 1, 2023 to: Rob Bick, Chair, Awards Committee, Town of Clay, 4401 State Route 31, Clay, NY 13041, 315-652-3800, rbick@townofclay.org

Determinations and notification of award recipients will be made at the discretion of the Awards and Recognition Committee. No public announcement will be made prior to the Annual Meeting and Fall Seminar.

MEMBERS:

ASSESSOR'S OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD

To be awarded to those individual members of NYSAA actively serving as assessors who have made an outstanding contribution to the state of the art and, in doing so, have furthered the professional status of the assessor's role in real property tax administration and real estate appraising. Recommendations for this award rest with the local county assessors association and must be signed by both the president and secretary of the association, reflecting the favorable action of the specific county organization as a whole, or recommendations may be accepted from three or more of the nominee's peers who are members in good standing of NYSAA.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This award, the highest afforded by the New York State Assessors Association, is to be awarded discriminately in recognition of those members who have served the association with many years of distinguished and dedicated service: members whose character, integrity, and skill have reflected favorably on both the profession as a whole and the New York State Assessors Association in particular.

INNOVATION AWARD

This award is established to recognize new ideas developed by New York State Assessors Association members in two categories: (1) public information and (2) office procedures and techniques. Entries may be submitted in one or both categories. Public information entries will be considered for the member who has developed the most effective, original idea resulting in some improvement in the office procedures previously employed. Those entering this category should prepare a written statement outlining the new idea, including the existing problem, and the results achieved through adoption and implementation of the idea, and submit an exhibit illustrating application of the idea.

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MOST VALUABLE MEMBER AWARD

This award is presented to the member whose unfailing and diligent endeavors have been most effective in promoting the interest of the New York State Assessors Association during the 12-month period prior to July 1 of the current year.

OUTSTANDING NEW MEMBER AWARD

To be awarded in recognition of the member of the New York State Assessors Association, of less than three years, who has shown character, integrity, and skills that favorably reflect on the New York State Assessors Association, the professional status of the assessor, and the assessment profession.

ROBERT OSIAS PROFESSIONALISM AWARD

To be awarded to those individual members of NYSAA actively serving as assessors and who have held their office for at least nine consecutive years, serving with diligence, integrity, and a quiet professional competence that has won the approbation of their peers, the municipality he or she serves, and reflects credit upon the entire profession. Recommendations for this award rest with the local county assessors association and must be signed by both the president and secretary of the association, reflecting the favorable action of the county organization as a whole. It is further advised that such recommendation include supporting letters from the related municipality and the county director of Real Property Tax Service. Recommendations may also be accepted from three or more of the nominee's peers who are members in good standing of NYSAA.

SUSAN U. HOWARTH OUTSTANDING STAFF ASSISTANCE AWARD

To be awarded to those individual members of NYSAA actively serving as staff and who have held their position for at least nine consecutive years, serving with diligence, integrity, and professional competence that has won the appreciation of their peers and reflects credit upon the entire assessment community. Recommendations for this award should be made from the local county assessors association or from three or more of the nominee's peers who are members in good standing of the NYSAA.

MEMBERS OR NON-MEMBERS

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

This award is given to any organization or individual, public or private, who has provided noteworthy assistance to the cause of assessment administration in the areas of legislation and/or education, thus promoting the interests and objectives of New York State Assessors Association.

DISTINGUISHED ASSESSMENT JURISDICTION AWARD

This award is conferred on a local or regional assessment-related agency that has instituted a technical, procedural, or administrative program that is an improvement over prior programs and is a contributing factor to equity in property taxation. The submission must include a description of the program, the date or dates when the program was implemented, the reason for the new program, a description of the effect of the new program on assessment administration, and a detailed description of the program.

DISTINGUISHED ASSISTANCE AWARD

This award is conferred on the organization, agency, or individual, either public or private, who has been most effective in rendering significant support to the cause of assessment administration in the areas of organization and practice.

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MEDIA AWARD

This award is designed to encourage quality coverage of assessment and property tax concerns by the media. These awards are conferred upon individuals or organizations in the news media that have produced an original work that contributes to a better understanding of assessment administration. All works must have appeared or been broadcast within the calendar year prior to submission. The title of the article, editorial, tape transcript (if radio or television broadcast), publication the item appeared in, date, author(s), and reason for recommendation must be included with the nomination.

OUTSTANDING COUNTY ASSOCIATION AWARD

This award is conferred on a NYSAA county chapter or association that has made an outstanding contribution to the realization of the goals and objectives of the New York State Assessors Association. Examples of such contributions would be educational activities, research and publications, public information activities, and membership recruitment and retention. The chapter or association must have 100% membership for the year prior to and the year in which it is nominated.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AWARD

This award is given to the governmental entity that has developed and implemented an effective system for the dissemination of information to taxpayers concerning the assessment process. This may include, but is not limited to, public relations forums, brochures explaining assessment administration, local media programs, and development of audio-visual programs. Pertinent information must be supplied to support the nomination in the form of either an original or photocopy of the program/brochure or a copy of any audio-visual program.

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NYSAA WANTS YOU!

The NYSAA Nominating Committee is charged with the responsibility of selecting and proposing a slate of Executive Board candidates for the general membership to consider for election.

Membership on the Executive Board demands a commitment of hard work and time to serve our Association. The personal and professional satisfaction derived, however, is immeasurable.

Any Regular Member who would like to be considered for Executive Board candidacy is urged to contact the NYSAA Nominating Committee Chair Jeneen Hill, SCA, by mail at 116 Salina St., Suite 8, Liverpool, NY 13088 by email at jhill@townofevans.org, or by phone at 716-549-5752. All applications must be received by the Nominating Committee with a postmark no later than March 1, 2023.

NYSAA Election Timeline

March 1: All applications to serve on the Executive Board must be received by the Nominating Committee.

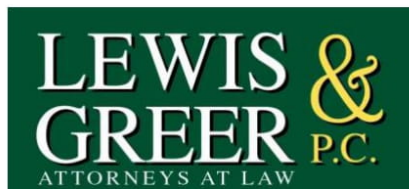
March 1: All letters of intent to serve as second vice president must be received by the Nominating Committee.

April 15: Nominating Committee shall announce the proposed ballot of candidates.

June 1: Any petitions from candidates not proposed by the Nominating Committee must be submitted to the Nominating Committee.

July 1: Ballots will be distributed to voting members.

August 1: Deadline to accept ballots. The executive director will notify the membership upon completion of verification of balloting results.



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MEMBER MILESTONES

Milestones include new members, position changes, retirements, deaths, etc. Your help is needed to ensure that every milestone is noted! Please email your milestones to admin@nyassessor.org.

Please welcome new members: Paula Alicea, City of Peekskill; Robert Bermingham, NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services; Penny Bronson, Town of Colesville; Connor Bryant, City of Saratoga Springs; Meg Cave, Town of Ramapo; Janet Chapman, City of Watertown; Jeff Davin, Town of Perinton; Carsen DeBrock, Town of Ramapo; Diana Dixon, Town of Thurston; Gerald Gebhard, Town of Thurston; Kaitlyn Gentile, City of Syracuse; Amy Gush, Town of Wayne; Margaret Harrison, Town of Tusten; Brendon Ives, Town of Colesville; Kaitlyn Johnson, City of Long Beach; Abigail Kopylczak, Fair Tax America; Rebecca Lennon, City of Oneida; Michelle Liscio, Town of Eastchester; Margaret LoPresti, City of Saratoga Springs; Deborah McGrath, Rensselaer County Bureau of Tax Services; Michael Pandolfo, Town of Ballston; Kathleen Parisi, City of Newburgh; Karen Shenandoah, Town of Salina; Kimberly Smith, Towns of Canaan, Chatham, and New Lebanon; Kimberly Smith, Essex County Real Property; Dustin Snyder, Town of Rushford; Mathias Spendley, Town of Lincoln; Bobbi Stone, Towns of Pittstown, Sand Lake, and Whitehall; Robert Theriault, Town of Fowler; Timothy Thomas, Town of Fowler; John Turner, Town of Otisco; Lauren Weber, Phillips Lytle, LLP; Danielle Wright, Essex County Real Property; Sylvia Zelinsky, Essex County Real Property

Please welcome returning member: Stephen Ralin, New York City

In Memoriam: Bill Conway, retired Town of Cheektowaga; Frank Militano, retired Town of Kent

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100% Membership Contest

RULES:

1. The county must have a county assessors' association.
2. All sole assessors in the county must be NYSAA members.
3. There must be one NYSAA member from each jurisdiction in the county that has a three-person board.
4. If there is a city in the county, the chief assessor or assessors must be NYSAA members.

HOW TO QUALIFY:

Start now by encouraging the assessors in your county who are already NYSAA members to pay their dues (meaning dues paid in full, not an outstanding voucher) by May 31, 2023 and by encouraging those who aren't members to join.

After May 31, 2023, the NYSAA office will determine which counties meet the 100% membership criteria outlined above. The May 31 deadline for membership is firm. Anyone joining NYSAA after May 31, 2023 will not be considered toward the 100% Membership Contest.

County associations that achieve 100% membership will be listed in the July/August Bulletin.

WHAT DOES A COUNTY THAT QUALIFIES GET?

Each county association that meets the 100% membership requirements will receive \$100, recognition at the annual fall conference, and bragging rights!

Interested in Serving on the IAO Board of Trustees?

*The Institute of Assessing Officers Nominating Committee
is seeking dedicated members interested
in serving the educational needs of our peers
to stand for election to the IAO Board of Trustees.*

The deadline for applying is June 30, 2023.

Please contact the office for application requests:

*Warren J Wheeler, IAO
Executive Director, NYSAA
116 Salina Street, Suite 8
Liverpool, New York 13088*

Phone (315) 706-3424 or email at admin@nyassessor.org

THE FUND

John H. Way – John M. Costello Memorial Educational Fund Cornell Seminar, Annual Conference, and IAO Scholarships Rules and Procedures

The John H. Way - John M. Costello Memorial Educational Fund (The Fund) shares the Institute of Assessing Officers' (IAO) objective in the education of assessing officials, government officers, and employees of the State of New York engaged in technical or legal functions related to the valuation of real property and the IAO's wish to promote professional development by providing educational programs.

In keeping with this objective, The Fund has instituted a program for the awarding of scholarships to help defray the cost of attending the Cornell Seminar and the Annual Conference.

All **Regular Members** in good standing with the NYSAA, including assessors and staff, are eligible to enter the scholarship lottery. **Staff must be Regular Members to enter.**

The scholarships are awarded annually for the next year's training by lottery drawing at the NYSAA Annual Conference in October.

During the annual lottery, the following number of scholarships and alternates will be chosen:

Cornell Seminar: Twelve (12) primary scholarship winners and six (6) alternates.

Annual Conference: Four (4) primary scholarship winners and two (2) alternates.

In the event a primary scholarship winner is unable to attend the training seminar, an alternate will be contacted to back fill the vacant scholarship slot. Alternates will be contacted in the order in which they were drawn during the lottery. If a scholarship slot is still vacant after all alternate winners have been exhausted, that scholarship slot shall remain vacant for that year.

Scholarships must be used for the dates of training specified at the time of the award. If the scholarship is not used, the scholarship is forfeited.

All entry forms are to be submitted to The Fund chairperson, or their designee, or at the Annual Conference, and may be submitted up to the time of the drawing. The date and time of the drawing will be advertised at the Annual Conference and in the NYSAA Bulletin.

A single individual may only take advantage of a scholarship award once in a three-year period (i.e., an award recipient using a scholarship in 2022 would next be eligible for the 2025 seminar).

Scholarships will fund all real and necessary expenses which are paid or would be paid by the scholarship winner and are directly associated with the training seminar.

Direct expenses include the following:

Tuition and required textbook(s) for the seminar.

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Hotel Lodging – NYSAA will provide a list of the scholarship winners to the seminar hotel (i.e., the Cornell Seminar or Annual Conference hotel) and the hotel will reserve the rooms. It is the responsibility of a scholarship winner to contact the hotel to confirm their reservation and arrival details. Hotel lodging costs will only be covered for the designated Cornell Seminar or Annual Conference hotel. If the scholarship winner chooses to stay at a different hotel, the lodging cost will not be covered. (Note: meals are included in the package price for the Annual Conference.)

Cornell Seminar Meals:

A meal allowance will not exceed \$50.00 per day for three meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner).

Commuters (winners not staying at the hotel) will be reimbursed a meal allowance not to exceed the NYSAA established commuter meal rates per day for up to three meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) per day.

Special Note: If an event-sponsored meal is provided during the seminar, and the meal is offered at no additional cost to the scholarship winner, The Fund will NOT reimburse for that meal (i.e., the Cornell Seminar Sunday dinner).

Mileage if the scholarship winner's personal vehicle is used.

Tolls and parking expenses.

To receive expense reimbursement, the scholarship recipient must submit a signed Travel and Expense Report, and all original receipts, to The Fund chairperson.

Any expenses that will be or are reimbursed to the scholarship winner by their municipality or company will not be reimbursed by The Fund.

The scholarship funds will not reimburse any lost wages during any training seminar.

Scholarship recipients must attend the entire seminar to receive payment of scholarship funds. If a scholarship winner must leave the seminar early, they may submit a written explanation of the circumstances of their departure to The Fund chairperson for consideration by The Fund Trustees. Any consideration of partial payment will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

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The 2023 conference will run

Tuesday—Friday.



John H. Way—John M. Costello Memorial Educational Fund
2024 Cornell Seminar and Annual Conference Scholarship Lottery

At the 2023 Annual Conference, The Fund will be giving away twelve (12) scholarships to the 2024 Cornell Seminar and four (4) scholarships to the 2024 Annual Conference. All Regular Members, including assessors and assessment staff, in good standing with the NYSAA, are eligible to enter the scholarship lottery. **Please note that staff must be Regular Members to enter the lottery.** The lottery will be held the evening of Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at the Saratoga Hilton in Saratoga Springs, NY.

To enter, complete the entry form printed below and return it to:

Robert A. Criddle, IAO, Chair

John H. Way—John M. Costello Memorial Educational Fund

Town of Clarendon Assessor's Office, 16385 Church St., P.O. Box 145,

Clarendon, NY 14429 (or drop it in the Scholarship Box at the Annual Conference).

John H. Way—John M. Costello Memorial Educational Fund
2024 Cornell Seminar and Annual Conference Scholarship Lottery

Name: _____

Position: _____

Municipality: _____

Mailing Address/P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Check which lottery you wish to enter (you may enter more than one):

_____ Cornell Seminar

_____ Annual Conference

Is the Regular Member in good standing with the NYSAA? (Circle Y/N) Yes No

Regular Member's Signature: _____

IAO AWARDS

Message from the IAO Awards Committee Chair:

As chair of the IAO Awards Committee, I write to inform you it is that time of year again to start thinking about recognizing your colleagues for their hard work and dedication to our profession. Receiving an award in recognition of our commitment and dedication to our profession is priceless. Being recognized by our peers is invaluable.

Below is a list of awards and their descriptions given by the Institute of Assessing Officers in recognition for the above. Please note that is not a requirement in some categories to be an IAO to receive one of the awards.

The Board of Trustees makes, and accepts, nominations to recognize and honor deserving persons who have gone above and beyond what is expected of an assessor and/or a member of the Institute of Assessing Officers.

The IAO Awards Committee asks that you consider nominating a colleague who you feel deserves one of the awards listed below. Nominations must be submitted on or before June 15. Awards will be presented at the Annual Fall Conference.

It is an honor and a privilege to receive acknowledgement from our colleagues in recognition of our accomplishments, so please consider nominating a deserving colleague. Please send your nominations to

Denise Trudell, IAO
Chair, Awards Committee
dtrudell@salina.ny.us

Committee Members: Rochelle Harris, IAO and Brian Phelps, IAO

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

This award is presented to an IAO member or non-member who, in the opinion of the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of Assessing Officers, has provided distinguished and valuable service to the Institute and the Chair of the Board.

ELLIOT GLASER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award shall be presented to the IAO member who has exhibited extraordinary commitment and achievement while a member of the Institute. This is clearly demonstrated by years of service to the Institute in proactively achieving a higher level of education in our profession. This commitment to education was evident not only in their own achievements, but by how they helped others.

FELLOW MEMBER

Fellowship shall be bestowed upon members in recognition of outstanding services to the profession or to the Institute. Fellowships shall be awarded only to members proposed by the Board of Trustees and approved by the membership.

GEORGE J. HILL EDUCATOR EMERITUS AWARD

This award is presented to an IAO member who has served the IAO with many years of distinguished and dedicated service as an instructor.

HONORARY MEMBER

This membership may be awarded to non-member persons of renown and distinction who, in the opinion of the Board, have made a major contribution to the advancement of the assessing profession, or have performed an unusual and valuable service to the Institute.

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JOHN C. GAMAGE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

This award is presented to an active or retired member or non-member who, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, has demonstrated great personal and professional character and integrity, and who has been instrumental in the development, coordination, promotion, and delivery of the Institute's education programs. Such persons shall have been a member of the Institute of Assessing Officers for at least ten years. (first offered 2015)

JOHN E. WALSH PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE AWARD

This award is presented to a retired member or non-member who, in the opinion of the Board, has provided continued service to the Institute in the promotion of the goals of the IAO.

JOHN F. ST. GEORGE AWARD

This award is presented to the author of the best original article written by a member of the NYSAA that was published in the IAO Journal in the past year.

LAWRENCE D. BENTON MEMORIAL AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

This award is presented to an Institute member who has served with the IAO with many years of distinguished service and whose character, integrity, and skill have promoted the goals of the Institute.

LIFE MEMBER

Life membership may be awarded to members who retire from service and who, in the judgment of the Board, merit special recognition for valuable services. Such persons shall have been members for at least ten years, Charter Members, or chair of the Board of Trustees. It shall not be given to Fellow Members as Fellowships include life membership.

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