



# Staying Appraised

## CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The 2015 Florida Chapter Annual Conference and Business Meeting are on the horizon. If you have a particular topic that you would like to present or know of a speaker you would like to hear, please contact Vice-President Todd Finlayson, via email at [finlaysont@pasc.org](mailto:finlaysont@pasc.org), or the appropriate Committee Chair below as soon as possible.

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The conference and annual business meeting will be held April 15th-17th at the Embassy Suites in Lake Buena Vista South. The Florida Chapter Committees will assist with planning and technical equipment needed during the presentation. Typical time slots range from 1 to 1.5 hours and multiple presenters and/or opposing view debates are always welcome.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe 2014 is coming to a close! The Florida Chapter has experienced a wonderful year beginning with a successful Annual Conference held at Pier 66 in Ft. Lauderdale. We were honored to welcome IAAO President Kim Lauffer to update us on the organization and to install your new officers.



*Alice Weinberg*

Our committee members provided outstanding educational tracks at the conference and have continued to work diligently the remainder of the year preparing for the next conference.

Another successful outcome for the conference is the support we receive from our vendors and sponsors. Though their financial support allows us to provide extra amenities for our members, even more important is the networking opportunities and the sharing of the latest information to improve our daily work.

The IAAO Conference held in Sacramento in August was not only a great educational and networking experience but FCIAAO brought home impressive accolades! We were awarded the Chapter of the Year Award (17th time), the Virginia Cup (6th time), St. Lucie County was awarded the Distinguished Assessment Jurisdiction Award, and Ken Wilkinson (Lee County) received the International Award. We were very proud that the Virginia Cup represented 19 designees from Florida.

The Annual TPP Seminar and Workshop has just been completed and attended by approximately 70 attendees. You may read further about the content in this publication but I wanted to thank the committee members and sponsors for their support of yet another successful educational presentation.

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such an enviable organization and a big thank you to those members who have worked hard past and present to make it so! Along with my fellow board members: Pat Alesandrini, Katie Casey, Marsha Coleman, Tracy Drake, Justin Edwards, Todd Finlayson, Brian Loughrey, Nick Nikkinen, and John Watterson; we wish you a happy new year and look forward to serving you in 2015!

Your FCIAAO President,



Alice J. Weinberg



## 2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It's that time of year again! Membership renewals are due for 2015. Reminder emails were sent out December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Rates for 2015 are as follows:

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| <b>Government Rate (Regular Member):</b>         | <b>\$25</b> |
| <b>Private Sector Rate (Subscribing Member):</b> | <b>\$40</b> |
| <b>Student/Retired Rate (Associate Member):</b>  | <b>\$15</b> |

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**Please pay your dues by February 6, 2015.**

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: KATIE NOLEN

**Name:** Katie Nolen  
**County:** Highlands County

### Where were you born?

Traverse City, Michigan, a beautiful town in “the Mitten”.



### What do you do for the PA?

I am a Tangible Personal Property Appraiser, C.F.E. and a part time smile distributor.

### How long have you been employed by the PA?

Seven glorious years.



*Katie Nolen*

### What do you like most about your job?

I love meeting our local business community.

### Where was your best vacation ever?

In 2007, I went to New York City with my family. There were good times and there were bad times that turned into great stories. It was a wonderful experience for this small town girl.



### What are your hobbies?

I am a bibliophile (lover of books) and I sporadically make feeble attempts at writing

### What do you plan to do when you retire?

I wish to fill my passport with stamps and visit dusty, old, used book stores around the world.



## TPP SEMINAR WAS A BIG SUCCESS

More than 70 TPP assessment professionals came from all over the state to participate in the Florida Chapter's Education Week held December 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> in Lake Mary, Florida.

IAAO national instructor Kirk Boone, PPS taught the IAAO Workshop 551: Valuation of Machinery & Equipment. Kirk's blend of industry examples and humorous jokes kept students learning and entertained right up to a challenging exam.

The workshop was then followed by a seminar in which presentations were given on educating the public on TPP issues, how consumers drive technology in telecommunications, how to use GIS effectively in a TPP department, how the Orange County PA's mobile applications work in the field and an introduction to Florida's soon-to-be third natural gas pipeline.

A lot of credit goes to the TPP Steering Committee and the Executive Committee for all of their hard work in organizing the event. A big Thank You goes to Florida Power & Light for their generous donation to the FCIAAO Education Fund. FPL helped to make the event affordable for all and FCIAAO appreciates their assistance in meeting our mission of bringing relevant education to our members.



*Todd Finlayson*



## SURVEY SAYS!

The FCIAAO is conducting a survey to determine the need of a USPAP course to be offered in 2015. Please click the image to the right to participate. We value your feedback and thank you!



## MEMBER RECOGNITION

Brian Loughrey, Administrative Director for the Sarasota County Property Appraiser has received the 2014 Thomson Reuters Public Sector Champion Award for Excellence in Office Leadership.

The award was presented on September 24 during the annual gathering of Thomson Reuters' customers, the Aumentum User Groups Conference. The Public Sector Champion Awards recognize institutions that have achieved excellence in planning, leadership, and service.



*Brian Loughrey*

Brian was recognized for Excellence in Office Leadership for his efforts in overseeing the installation of the computer assisted mass appraisal system (CAMA), an instrumental tool in helping to evaluate all real and tangible property in Sarasota County.

"I am honored to be recognized by Thomson Reuters for this distinguished award" said Brian. "I share this award with all of our staff at the Sarasota County Property Appraiser's Office for their commitment in providing the taxpayers in our county with a fair and equitable tax roll."

"The Public Sector Champion Award winners are leaders at the cutting edge of utilizing new processes, technology, and staff management to improve services to their citizens," said Joe Jackson, managing director for the Tax and Accounting business of Thomson Reuters. "We're pleased to recognize and congratulate the winners for making innovative strides toward a higher quality of performance."

The Public Sector Champion Awards were presented to government programs and officials in the following categories: Excellence in Business Process Transformation, Excellence in Office Leadership, and Excellence in Constituent Service.



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## SAVE THE DATE

Annual FCIAAO Conference  
April 15-17, 2015

Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake  
Buena Vista South

4955 Kyngs Heath Road

Kissimmee, FL

Seminar Date(s): TBA



## COUNTY SPOTLIGHT: ESCAMBIA COUNTY

Escambia County, which is the westernmost County in Florida was founded on July 21, 1821 and named for the Escambia River. The county seat for Escambia is Pensacola which is also the only city in Escambia.

Escambia County was organized by European Americans after the United States purchased the Floridas from Spain. Escambia was one of the 2 original counties and had jurisdiction over the “panhandle” and “big bend” areas of the territory. As the population increased, 21 counties were later organized and formed from the original Escambia.



*Hon. Chris Jones, CFA*

The county has a total area of 875 square miles of which 656 square miles is land and 218 square mile is water.

Escambia County is comprised of one City (Pensacola), one Town (Century) and 21 unincorporated communities. Muscogee is a ghost town in Escambia and is located twenty miles northwest of Pensacola along the Perdido River (Spanish word meaning lost). This town was named after the Muscogee Lumber Company and was founded in 1857 by a group of lumberman to harvest pine timber. Once the timber was clearcut and the forests were gone, lumbering was ended and over the years this town was abandoned. In one year 60 million feet of lumber had been exported. Little remains of this town that was once one of the most important sawmill towns in west Florida.

| 2014 Preliminary Tax Roll At-A Glance |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Real Property Parcels                 | 160,935          |
| Tangible Accounts                     | 16,543           |
| Just (Market) Value                   | \$25,658,972,548 |
| Taxable Value                         | \$14,222,700,379 |



Honorable Chris C. Jones, CFA | first elected in 1996 | | Number of Positions: 68 |

Website: <http://www.escpa.org/>

## PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION COMMITTEE NEWS

Happy Holidays from the FCIAAO Professional Designation Committee!



*Tracy S. Drake*

In November, the IAAO conducted Leadership Days in Kansas City. As a member of the IAAO Professional Designation Subcommittee, I attended and discovered some remarkable figures. For example, from 2008 through November 2014, there have been a total of 1,530 new applications for designation candidacy. A breakdown of the new candidates (per year) is as follows:

| Year       | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Candidates | 82   | 136  | 105  | 145  | 185  | 825  | 52   |

The **Virginia Cup** is an annual award given by the IAAO to the state with the most members receiving an IAAO Professional Designation (from July to June). Florida has won this prestigious award six (6) times (2004, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014). According to my sources, Mississippi is currently in the lead for 2015. A breakdown of the new designees (per year) is as follows:

| Year      | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Designees | 41   | 48   | 27   | 55   | 49   | 60   | 64   | 16   |

Since 2008, there have been a total of 360 professional designations conferred. As indicated in the table below, the Residential Evaluation Specialist (RES) continues to be the most obtained (approximately 42 percent), while the Personal Property Specialist (PPS) is the least obtained (approximately 3 percent). The breakdown of all designations conferred is as follows:

| CAE | RES | AAS | PPS | CMS |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 32  | 152 | 92  | 12  | 56  |

Source: IAAO Professional Designation Subcommittee

Additionally, the Professional Designation Subcommittee submitted a few procedural rules changes that the IAAO Executive Board will consider for adoption in February 2015. If approved, the changes will affect candidacy extensions, change of candidacy goal, and reinstatement of expired designations, just to name a few. I will keep you posted.

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## PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION COMMITTEE NEWS (CONTINUED)

### RES DESIGNATION CHANGES

Please be advised that the requirements for the RES designation will be changing. According to the IAAO:

•members applying for candidacy **on or after January 1, 2015**, must, prior to receiving the RES designation, hold a Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university.

Visit [www.iaao.org](http://www.iaao.org) for more information.

### TONY HODGE AWARD

The **Tony Hodge Award** is granted to FCIAAO members who earn their IAAO designation. At the 2015 FCIAAO Annual Conference in Kissimmee, the Executive Board will recognize the hard work of new designees and present them with a \$250 check! To be eligible, new designees must be a FCIAAO member in good standing for 12 months prior to being awarded their IAAO designation. New designees should email a copy of IAAO's letter conferring the designation to Michael Chaves, PDC Chairman ([mmc@miamidade.gov](mailto:mmc@miamidade.gov)).

The FCIAAO Executive Board proudly introduces the following new designee:

**Craig Lycan, PPS**  
**Alachua County**



## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Residential Analyst

Orange County

Review Appraiser

Putnam County

Software Support Specialist

Martin County

Web/Application Developer

Sarasota County

Appraiser II

Department of Revenue

Various (five openings)

Miami-Dade

For more information on the above employment opportunities please visit our website:

<http://www.fciaao.org/jobopps>



## **Mission Statement**

“To offer relevant educational opportunities in ad valorem appraisal and administration,  
and to promote professional development of our members.”