



# Staying Appraised

## 82ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN TAMPA

It does not happen very often an international conference is held right in our back yard! This year, the host site is the beautiful Tampa, Florida and will be held August 28-31, 2016. The Host Committee has been working diligently to put on an enriching and fun conference. If you have not attended an annual conference, this is the one you don't want to miss.

One of the highlights of the annual conference is the Key-note speaker during the Opening Session. Each year an amazing and inspiring speaker is asked to address the attendees. This year is no exception. Gene Kranz, the leader of the team that brought Apollo 13 back safely to earth on April 17, 1970, will be there to recount the events of that harrowing day.

In addition, some of our very own Florida members will be giving presentations and having roundtable discussions. For those of you who missed Tim Wilmath's presentation at the Chapter's Annual Conference in St. Petersburg, here is

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a whirlwind of activity lately in Property Appraiser offices throughout the state of Florida. I hope your roll submittal went smoothly this year; if you have had a chance to speak with Dr. Mo Gogarty, the new Program Director for Property Tax Oversight, you know that he has brought a new approach to the DOR and a new reason for optimism in our profession.



*Brian Loughrey, CFE*

As I am sure you are aware, the 82nd Annual IAAO International Conference on Assessment Administration will be held in Tampa this August. The host committee has a number of fun events planned for us, IAAO has prepared another exemplary educational session and vendors from all facets of property assessment will be on site demonstrating their products and services. It is always a valuable experience for me and I truly believe it would benefit anyone in the field of assessing. There is an opportunity for volunteering to assist the local host committee, which would entitle you to a reduced conference fee. [Apply online](#) by July 27<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of this. I hope to see you there.

Your chapter is also a candidate for some awards at the conference this year:

- Outstanding Chapter of the Year, which we have won 18 times in the past (including 2015, 2014 and 2013)
- John A. Zangerle Award for outstanding periodical or publication
- Virginia Cup for having the most members achieve a new designation

Your Executive Board will be meeting this summer to work on the 2017 conference details and discuss chapter initiatives. We have many new committee members this year. It is always refreshing to see how many folks fill out the critique form at the annual conference in April and volunteer their services to the chapter. Help is always welcome. As I mentioned at the conference, this is

your chapter. Please get involved! I am positive that the committee chairpersons would love to have you present a topic in April and the Board would love to have you submit an article for this newsletter.

Respectfully,

Brian Loughrey

FCIAAO President, 2016-2017

## OUTSTANDING CHAPTER/AFFILIATE AWARD SUBMISSION

At each IAAO Annual Conference, individual and organizational achievements for excellence in property appraisal, assessment administration, property tax policy and related disciplines are recognized during the awards program.

One award of particular interest to the FCIAAO is the Outstanding Chapter/Affiliate Award. This award is conferred upon an IAAO Chapter or Affiliate organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the realization of the mission of IAAO.

The FCIAAO diligently pursues the goal of being one of the best chapters in the world. Our commitment to that goal has resulted in receiving the award a record eighteen (18) times!

Prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> our submission was sent to the IAAO for consideration of this prestigious award. The submission may be viewed on the chapter's website. If we are successful in being chosen again this year, it will be our **19th win!**



## PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To my fellow FCIAAO members,

My time as your President has come to a close and I wish our new President, Brian Loughrey, and the rest of the Executive Board the very best on achieving a successful year. It's always exciting when our new leaders bring fresh ideas to re-energize the organization. I know that the decisions they make will put our members first as they continue planning for the future and working to bring you the best educational opportunities possible. The coming months should be very interesting for many of us as a large number of Property Appraisers will leave office at the end of 2016 and numerous candidates are now competing for those posts.



*Todd Finlayson*

I'm very proud of the Florida Chapter and I want to thank all of the committee chairs and members who have worked very hard to make this organization and the programs that it offers so beneficial. A huge thank you goes out to our sponsors and vendors, whose support allows us to provide great venues, benefits and educational opportunities to our members. Last, but certainly not least, my gratitude extends to our Florida Property Appraisers, whose support is vital to our success and to your participation. It has been a pleasure serving you and I thank you for the trust you placed in me to lead our organization. I look forward to seeing you at IAAO's 82nd Annual Conference in Tampa.

Have a great summer!

Todd Finlayson,

FCIAAO Past President, 2015-2016

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your chance to catch "Big Box, Big Issues" on Tuesday, August 30th. Other Florida presenters are Hon. Bob Henriquez, Hon. Katrina Scarbrough, Will Shepard, Terry Taylor and Michael Prestridge.

So, if you were thinking about attending the conference, now is the time to register! You will not have to travel far to experience a wealth of knowledge and it is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow assessors from all over the world.

Registration is open [online](#) with a deadline of July 15 for reduced rates. Further reduced rates are available if you volunteer with the Local Host Committee. To receive details and sign up to volunteer, use the form created by the FCIAAO [here](#).



## EDUCATION WEEK - TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY

### 2017 FCIAAO TPP Seminar

#### SAVE THE DATES !!

JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> – 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

IAAO WORKSHOP 552 & TPP SEMINAR

COMING TO CENTRAL FLORIDA – LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

#### Workshop 552 - Basic Personal Property Auditing

This workshop provides a foundation for understanding basic financial records. Specifically to be discussed are those records relating to fixed assets. The balance sheet, depreciation schedule, and income statement will be described and discussed in much detail. Emphasis will be placed on the pertinent data relevant to the personal property appraiser. Graduates of this workshop will be able to use basic financial records and conduct "audits" of smaller businesses. This workshop includes an exam.

**Recommended: Course 500. IAAO recertification credit: 18.5 hours-2 ½ days**

**WANT TO PRESENT ON A TOPIC AT THE SEMINAR OR HAVE A SUGGESTION FOR A TOPIC? PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS MITTS, TPP STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR AT [MITTSC@PASLC.ORG](mailto:MITTSC@PASLC.ORG) OR 772-460-3331.**

## EDUCATIONAL CALENDAR

IAAO 101 Fundamentals of Real Property Appraisal <sup>1</sup>	West Palm Beach	July 25-29
IAAO 102 Income Approach to Valuation <sup>2</sup>	Lake Mary	August 1-5
IAAO 112 Income Approach to Valuation II <sup>2</sup>	Lake Mary	August 1-5
IAAO 201 Appraisal of Land <sup>2</sup>	Lake Mary	August 1-5
IAAO 332 Modeling Concepts <sup>2</sup>	Lake Mary	August 1-5
IAAO 600 Principles of Cadastral Mapping <sup>2</sup>	Lake Mary	August 1-5
Workshop 181 7-Hour National USPAP for Mass Appraisal	Tampa	August 31-Sept 1

<sup>1</sup> For details contact Mike Pratt at Palm Beach County Property Appraiser (561) 355-4021

<sup>2</sup> For details contact Meghan Miller at DOR (727) 588-6856



## IAAO CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

This year, the Florida Chapter decided to award four scholarships to members who had interest in attending the 82nd Annual International Conference on Assessment Administration being held in Tampa, Florida. To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicants must have been a chapter member in good standing and must be signed up as a volunteer for the conference. The following applicants were selected by the Executive Board to receive the up to \$1,000 scholarship:

- **Angela Paulaskas**, Alachua County
- **Anthony Siragusa**, Pinellas County
- **Alan Rapaport**, Palm Beach County
- **Pamela Lamb**, Palm Beach County

Congratulations to the winners and we hope you have an educational and memorable experience at the conference!

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE TIDBITS

### *SOCIAL MEDIA*

Participate in the [Facebook event](#) for the Annual Conference to get the latest information on sessions and special events as well as connect with other attendees. Say you're going and invite friends from the profession to join you.

You can also use the hashtag **#IAAO2016** to post about the Conference and see what others are saying on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.



### *CONFERENCE SPECIAL EVENTS*

#### **2016 IAAO Golf Classic**

The 2016 IAAO Golf Classic will take place at the Bay Palms Golf Course, located on MacDill Air Force Base on Sunday, August 28th. Bus transportation will be provided from the Marriott and breakfast and the driving range will be available prior to the 8:00 am shotgun start. For more information please download the [registration form](#). Sponsorships are available and [download the form](#) for more information.

#### **2016 IAAO Fishing Tournament**

The Local Host Committee has put together a fishing tournament to take place on Sunday, August 28th at the Hula Bay Club. Individual or teams can register using the [form on the website](#). Sponsorships are also available and additional information is [available to download](#).

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: KIM GAVAGAN

**Name:** Kim Gavagan

**County:** Citrus County



*Kim Gavagan*

### **What do you do for the PA?**

I've worked in several different departments and am currently a Sr. Customer Service Specialist & the Records Management Liaison Officer. Mainly I work with exemptions and assist with other projects as needed.

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

I started with the office 11 years ago.

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

That it's a constant learning process with new experiences almost every day. I have some amazing co-workers that are supportive and sharing. I also enjoy interacting with the public and other PA offices, getting their perspective on different issues.

### **What do you find challenging about your job?**

We have had a lot of changes since I first started with the office from technical aspects to our Property Appraiser. Having always worked in the private sector, I was not acquainted with the possibility that you may have a different Property Appraiser every 4 years.

### **Where were you born?**

I was born in Alliance, Ohio. We moved to Arizona when I was very young so I am basically a cactus kicker from the desert, having spent most of my life on the west side of the Rockies.

### **What was your first job?**

I was a cashier and eventually the bookkeeper for a drive-in theater (remember those?) when I was in high school. It was the beginning of a career path that involved working with numbers and finance (escrow, title insurance, mortgages) leading to my position here.

### **What are your hobbies?**

My husband and I both love to travel and enjoy spending time with family (they live literally coast to coast – Oregon to New York) and especially enjoy any place that has a lighthouse and a beach. I love to read a good book – it's a total escape for me. I also enjoy playing the piano, working with glass, trying new crafts.

### **Where did you go to school?**

Phoenix, Arizona

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## COMMITTEE NEWS

The FCIAAO Executive Board understands that the strength and diversity of our Chapter lies with the volunteers, committees and interaction among our members. A few years ago, the Board voted to “reenergize and restructure” the Chapter’s steering committees. That decision has proven to be very successful, and on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank those who have given their time, effort and expertise to the Chapter. We couldn’t have done it without you!



*Tracy S. Drake*

As Vice President, one of my responsibilities is to serve as liaison between the FCIAAO Committee Chairs and the Executive Board. I am pleased to report that pursuant to FCIAAO Procedural Rules, President Loughrey has made the following FCIAAO Committee appointments:

### Exemptions Steering Committee

**Joeylynn Clayton** (Chair), Pinellas County  
**Sendy Shaffer**, Seminole County  
**Janine Hicks**, Indian River County  
**Angela Paulauskas**, Alachua County  
**Tim Bean**, Palm Beach County  
**Renee Large**, Clay County  
**Lyn Andrzejewski**, Sarasota County

### TPP Steering Committee

**Chris Mitts** (Chair), St. Lucie County  
**Gwen Klaiber**, Citrus County  
**Steve Weissman**, Palm Beach County  
**Grace Pope**, Orange County  
**Nils Hallberg**, Pasco County

### IT/GIS Steering Committee

**Manny Padron** (Chair), Hernando County  
**Dan Anzaldi**, Brevard County  
**John Enck**, Palm Beach County  
**John Watterson**, Martin County  
**Dean Pfoutz**, Indian River County  
**Cheryl Coley**, Sarasota County  
**Abee Moses**, Palm Beach County

### Real Estate Steering Committee

**Kevin Johnston** (Chair), Hernando  
**Opal Hudson**, Hillsborough County  
**Terry Taylor**, St. Lucie County  
**Lainie Claudio**, Marion County  
**Shaun Jackson**, Clay County  
**Hon. Bob Henriquez**, Hillsborough Cty  
**Wynta Loughrey**, Sarasota County

The primary responsibility of the steering committees is to develop an agenda for the annual conference, workshops and seminars and articles for the quarterly newsletter. Contact information for each committee member is available on the Chapter’s website. Please share with them your suggestions and ideas.



## NEW MEMBERS

The Florida Chapter would like to welcome the following new members:

- **Claudia Gentile, Palm Beach County**
- **Deborah Richards, Okaloosa County**

Thank you for joining and we hope you take advantage of the educational and networking resources available to you!



## APPRAISAL TERMINOLOGY 101

**DEPRECIATION**— Loss in value of an object, relative to its replacement cost new, reproduction cost new, or original cost, whatever the cause of the loss in value. Depreciation is sometimes subdivided into three types: physical deterioration (wear and tear), functional obsolescence (suboptimal design in light of current technologies or tastes), and economic obsolescence (poor location or radically diminished demand for the product.)

Source: Glossary for Property Appraisal and Assessment.

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### **What was your best vacation ever?**

I've had a lot of really fantastic vacations – it's difficult to pick just one as the best! One of our favorite vacation destinations is Cape Cod – my husband and I got married at the Nauset Lighthouse on the Cape Cod National Seashore and love enjoying time at all of the beaches on the Cape. We also love the Oregon beaches – they are unlike any other beach I have ever seen.



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

Spend time with grandchildren and travel! There are still a few places in the states we would like to visit, and want to take an Alaskan Cruise.

### **Do you have any advice for new Property Appraiser employees?**

Be a sponge – soak up as much information as you can. Become familiar with the Florida Statutes – you will refer to them more than you think. Don't be afraid to ask questions. It's frequently the "new set of eyes" that provides a different perspective and gives ideas for change and improvement.

## FROM THE PEANUT GALLERY

GUEST COLUMNIST BRUCE STRENGTH, CFE

We just experienced what was called a “strawberry moon”. The summer solstice coincided with the full moon making for a beautiful nighttime display. It has been over 70 years since it happened and will be more that 40 years before it happens again. For many, myself included a once in a lifetime experience. It was truly beautiful, awe inspiring actually. It was one of those things in nature that makes a lasting impression, like the miracle that changes a caterpillar into a butterfly or an acorn into a giant oak tree.

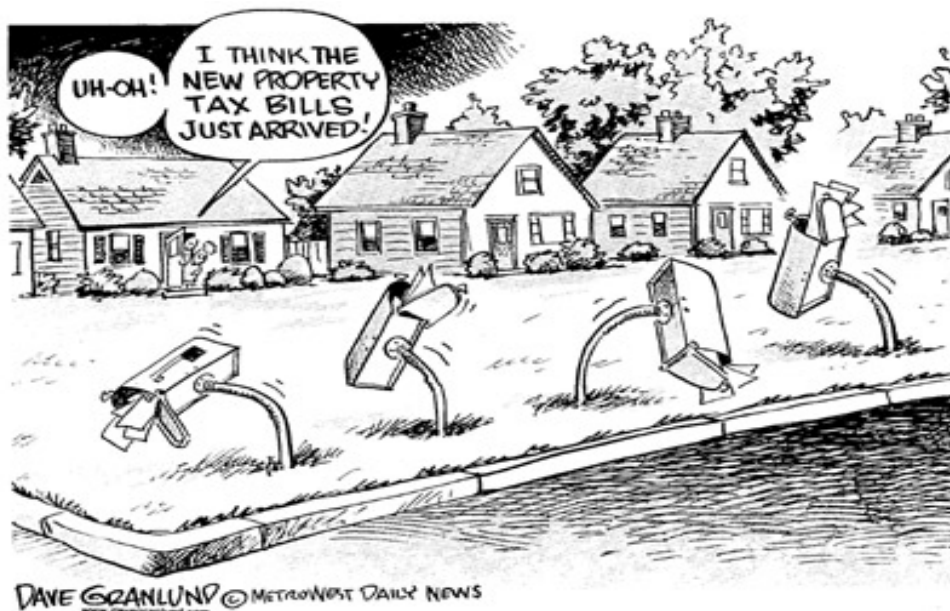


I am not the most well travelled person in the world, but I have seen enough of this great country to know just how blessed we are. The beauty that surrounds us, the freedoms that we enjoy are treasures that money cannot buy. Yes we have some dark days, but the bright light that has shown on this country for nearly 250 years is still as bright as it always has been. Much brighter than even that strawberry moon.

One thing I especially treasure is my association over the years with FCIAAO. I have learned so much about our business and made lasting friendships through Florida Chapter. A lot of those I met down through the years have retired or moved on. In less than a year I will follow. What that means is that there are new people, with fresh ideas and friendships to be made. It also means that you should take every opportunity to avail yourself of the educational and networking opportunities provided by FCIAAO.

That is all for now. Until next time keep your chin up and if you have two, keep them both up.

## A LITTLE HUMOR....



## COUNTY SPOTLIGHT: GULF COUNTY

Gulf County is located in the northern part of Florida in the panhandle. Gulf was founded on June 6, 1925 and was named for the Gulf of Mexico. The county seat for Gulf is Port St. Joe which is also the largest city in the county and under its original name (Saint Joseph) had been the site of Florida's first Constitutional Convention in 1838. The county has a total area of 756 square miles of which 564 is land and 192 is water.



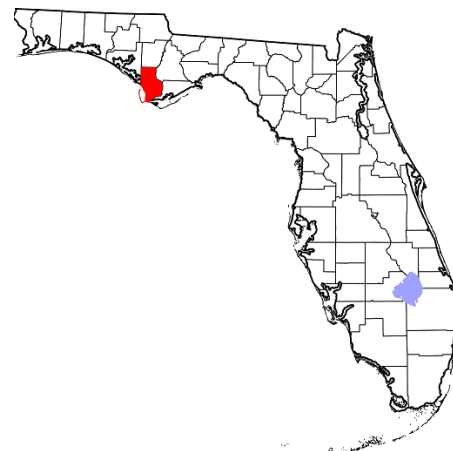
*Hon. Mitch Burke*

Gulf County is also known to be one of a few counties in the United States to be under two time zones (Eastern and Central). Wedged between the Intracoastal Waterway and the western edge of Gulf County line, there is a town called Overstreet that sits in the Eastern Time zone but has Central Time on three sides.

Gulf is home to multiple nature preserves and one place that may be of interest to the nature enthusiasts is the T H Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park which is comprised of 2,716 acres of fun and recreation. This park was listed in 2002 as one of the best beaches in the nation. Located along the 15 mile long and 6 mile wide Bay, Saint Joseph Bay Aquatic Preserve boasts 55,674 acres of "old Florida atmosphere".

There are various hiking and walking trails all throughout Gulf County and there is a nearly 4 mile lighted path for you to enjoy. Speaking of lights, if you are looking for a sight to see, check out the Cape San Blas Lighthouse. This beauty was first completed in 1849 with a budget of \$8,000, in 1851 this structure fell due to a gale. In 1852 Congress appropriated \$12,000 for a rebuild which was completed in 1856. While it stood for a few months, a severe storm in August 1856 destroyed it. One would think that this would be the end of this lighthouse, but in March of 1857 Congress appropriated \$20,000 for a third lighthouse and it was completed by 1858. During the civil war, the lighthouse sustained serious damage at the

2015 Certified Tax Roll At-A Glance	
Real Property Parcels	17,528
Tangible Accounts	558
Just (Market) Value	\$2,375,136,239
Taxable Value	\$1,408,209,863



Honorable Mitch Burke, CFA | first elected in 2012 | Website: <http://qpublic.net/gulf/>

## COUNTY SPOTLIGHT: GULF COUNTY (CONTINUED)

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hands of the Union troops. Again, repairs were made and it was lit back up in 1865. Over the years the wear and tear and beach erosion caused yet more repairs and Congress finally stopped providing money. But in 1883 additional money was given in order to build the fourth (and at this time final) lighthouse completed in 1885. In July of 2014 the 4th tower and two keepers' quarters were moved from Cape San Blas to George Core Park in Port St. Joe and this historic place is listed on the Doomsday lighthouse list in 2012 and on the National Register of Historic Places in 2015.

Beach goers have miles of beaches to enjoy and if you are into shelling, that is something that can be done 365 days a year.

If you are looking at being outdoors and enjoy hunting, fishing, walking, golfing, horseback riding, bird watching, snorkeling, kayaking or anything to do with nature and just want to get back to the old time feel of Florida....Gulf County is where you need to visit.



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Residential Field Appraiser	Orange County
GIS Mapping Specialist	Osceola County
Cadastralist/GIS Technician	Sarasota County
TPP Auditor	Sarasota County



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## SAVE THE DATE

The 2017 FCIAAO Annual Conference will be held **April 26-28, 2017** at the Marriott Hutchinson Island. See you there!







## Mission Statement

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