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Fall Education Symposium

With a little better than 70 days to go until Fall Symposium, the Practice Review Committee (PRC) and the Symposium Planning Team (“Planning Team”) are very nearly ready to roll out the plans. The 2015 Fall Education is in Strathmore, Alberta at the Strathmore Travelodge, September 10 and 11 and is hosted by the Assessment departments of the Town of Strathmore and Wheatland County.

For workshops, the PRC is confirming four very different sessions with delegates able to choose two of the four. Planned, but yet to be firmly confirmed are “Abadata”; “Deciphering Land Titles, Spin3 and Changes in ASSET”; “Marshall and Swift and the “weird and wonderful” Anomalies”; and, “PAAH Multi-Residential and Manufactured Homes (and Parks).”

The Planning Team has arranged for tours to the Strathmore Seed Cleaning Plant and Crowfoot Ag Solutions (fertilizer plant), featuring assessment of Machinery and Equipment, not to mention the facilities themselves which are new and state of the art! The Planning Team is also working on a demonstration of aerial mapping using Topcon technology from Brandt Tractor’s Positioning Technology Division. Some of you may recall seeing the drone at the spring Conference. We are working to have a full-blown - or rather “full flight” - display of the mapping technology at Symposium.

On Friday, delegates should be prepared for presentations on Safety, Provincial Updates and a table exercise intended to develop 299/300 templates on up to three different property types.

Watch for the release of the program and registration in early July.

2015 Annual Assessors' Golf Tournament

Where is it? Speargrass Golf Course on the banks of the Bow River just outside Carseland, AB. (www.speargrass.ca)

When is it? September 9, 2015 (Wednesday)

Who's invited? Anyone familiar with the business end of an iron or fairway wood (or not), who knows a putter from a wedge (or not), who pays the registration fee and makes it in time for tee off.

Registration Forms to be available early July.

Committee Updates

Executive Committee has met twice in the first quarter and has

- Approved the Committee listing (attached as page 6 to this edition)
- Reviewed policies
- Assigned two Assessors to the provincial CCRG review
- Met with the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties and with the Executive Director of Assessment Services
- Approved a process for name changes on official certificates
- Heard reports from delegates to the IMA and AAOM conferences
- Heard a report from the Lakeland College Advisory Committee
- Appointed Carol Zukiwski as Parliamentarian for a second term
- Appointed the Urban Director and the Rural Director to the Assessment Services Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Practice Review Committee has met twice in the first quarter and has

- Reviewed policies
- Met with the City of Edmonton and City of Calgary training staff
- Reviewed the Conference evaluations and considered suggestions for workshops/training
- Planned Symposium
- Reviewed the Practice of Assessment in Alberta Handbook (PAAH) “Scope” Document which details the schedule of reviews of PAAH modules or development of new modules
- Discussed the end of the current 5-year recertification cycle, preliminary results of credit reporting and whether changes may be needed to Policy 60-3, Mandatory Re-Certification (this discussion is ongoing)
- Reviewed a timeline for planning activities

Registration Committee has met once in the first quarter and will return again shortly and has

- Approved recommendations from the Examinations Sub-Committee for three new accreditations
- Approved 14 (!) new Candidate applications
- Considered and approved changes to retirement and or cancellations, as required.

Note: The Registration Committee will be reviewing its policies, most notably the issue of retirement, at its next meeting.

Marketing Committee has met once in the first quarter and plans another meeting in early July. It has

- Confirmed its policies
- Approved its priorities for the year and assigned members to each priority, including AAA “branding”; Career Fairs; Website review; and, marketing the newest membership category, Municipal Property Tax Administrators



Executive Administrator/Registrar Says “Goodbye”

I have given notice to the Executive Committee of my pending departure from the position of Executive Administrator/Registrar. I have been offered (and have accepted) a position in municipal leadership. I am very excited to be taking this step, but this excitement is tempered with some sadness and regret as I have enjoyed my service to the Association, to the Executive and to the membership. I am grateful to the Executive, the Committees, and to all the volunteers I have worked with for their patience and willingness to aid in my understanding of Assessment issues and the Association’s activities and needs - not the least of which is that Conferencing Assessors must have meat at breakfast!

I wish the Association, and all its members collectively, the best as the profession and its activities evolve over the coming months and into the future. Individually, I wish each of you balance, fortitude and satisfaction in life and work.

Congratulations Newly Accredited Members

Having completed all the core education requirements, the Tools for Practicing Assessment in Alberta, a demonstration report on an income producing property and been examined by accredited members, the following members have been granted the use of the “Accredited Municipal Assessor of Alberta” (AMAA) designation with all the rights and obligations thereof:

- ⇒ With TransCanada Pipelines: Brett Van Hereweghe, AMAA
- ⇒ With the City of Edmonton: Kristine Angeles, AMAA
- ⇒ With the County of Leduc: Shauna Fandrick, AMAA

Welcome New Members

New Candidates

- ⇒ Mr. Christopher Down of the City of Medicine Hat, sponsored by: Sue Sterkenburg, AMAA;
- ⇒ Mr. Zuguo (Mark) Tan of the City of Calgary, sponsored by: Wes Ehler, AMAA
- ⇒ Mr. Greame Vintinner of the City of Grande Prairie, sponsored by: Mark Sandul, AMAA
- ⇒ Mr. Edmund Chin of the City of Edmonton, sponsored by Adam Sterling, AMAA;
- ⇒ Mr. Dylan Howatt of the RM of Woodbuffalo, sponsored by: Barry Campbell, AMAA;
- ⇒ Mr. Benjamin Nelson of the City of Calgary, sponsored by: Dan Satoor, AMAA;
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- ⇒ Ms. Gillian Darragh of the City of Airdrie, sponsored by: Andy Czechowskyj, AMAA
- ⇒ Mr. Cory Allen of Accurate Assessment Group Ltd, sponsored by: Bob Daudelin, AMAA
- ⇒ Mr. Steven Sawarsky of Accurate Assessment Group Ltd, sponsored by: Ray Fortin, AMAA; and,
- ⇒ Ms. Dawn Robichaud (Mac Donald) of the Regional Municipality Wood Buffalo, sponsored by: Matthew Moore, AMAA

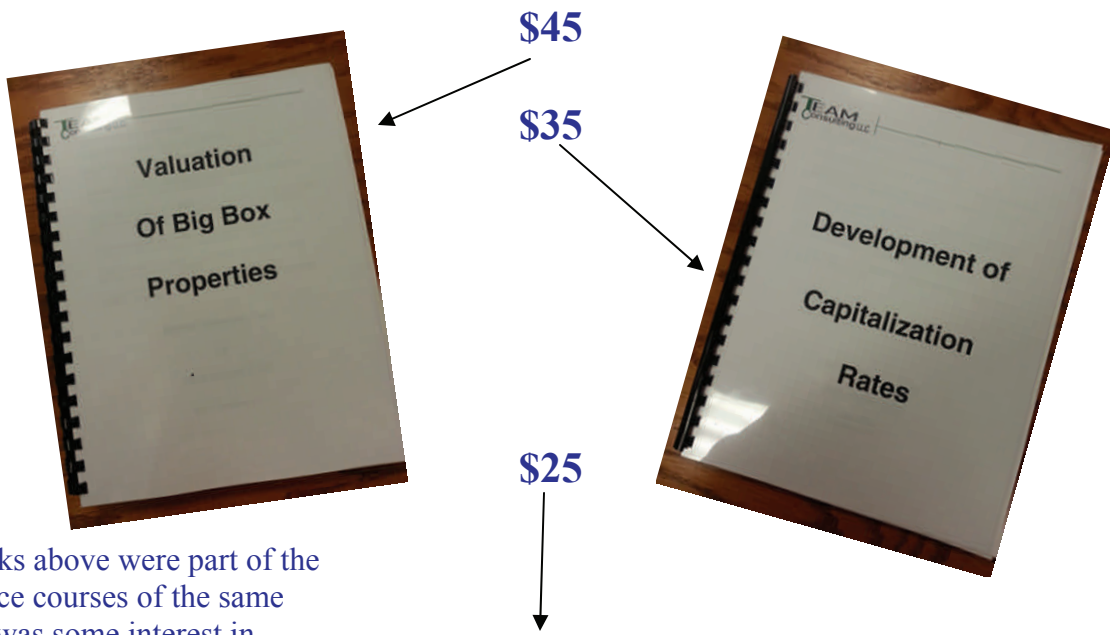
Mandatory Re-Certification - Current Cycle Ends December 31

The Registrar is combing through accredited member profiles to ensure all members have attained both the required number of learning credits and that those learning credits meet the policy guidelines. Accredited members must have at least 50 re-certification credits, of which 40 must be learning credits. This is the second 5-year cycle whereby members are required to self-report. As such, we ask that you limit the verification required of Association staff by ensuring your profiles are current and accurate as soon as possible before the cycle ends.. For instance, we have noticed “part” credits (eg. .75 or .5); this is impossible under Policy 60-3, Mandatory Re-Certification. Credits are assigned as 1/hr; 3/half-day; 6/full day; and, 10 per activity. Part hours are rounded down or added to an activity total.

Accredited members are also asked to review the policy to ensure their learning credits are appropriate. In its preliminary view, the Practice Review Committee has noted a number of “general” courses and programs recorded as “learning” credits. The Committee is concerned that members may be relying too heavily on courses such as in-house leadership development whereas the policy emphasizes valuation-based learning and or Association-sponsored education for re-certification credits. Annually the Registrar audits a percentage of profiles and reports findings to the Practice Review Committee. At the end of a 5-year cycle totals are reviewed and anomalies (an excess of credits, too few credits) are further examined. Following such review, members may be contacted with modifications to their learning credits. As well, the Practice Review Committee may review Policy 60-3, Mandatory Re-Certification to ensure definitions are clear and misinterpretation is minimized.

Members who are accredited within a cycle have pro-rated requirements. All members are encouraged to attend Association activities for their credits, but also to consider other external assessment agencies (and training organizations) for professional development. UBC periodically offers live webinars, but also has self-study courses, as does IAAO.

For Sale



The workbooks above were part of the pre-Conference courses of the same titles. There was some interest in availability for purchase and as we have a very limited supply left, we can offer them to you at cost.



These slingbags were Conference Delegate gifts in 2012. We are periodically asked for them by members who appreciate their use for travelling/touring. Since our inventory is merely stored, we decided to offer them for sale. They come with breath mints and a small traveller's first aid kit.



We also offer, free of charge, a limited supply of marketing material (lure goods) for any municipality or organization attending a job fair. Please contact membership@assessor.ab.ca for these or any goods we have in storage.

TOOLS Course On Offer

The next offering of "Tools for Practicing Assessment in Alberta" online course will begin September 14 and will run until November 13. The Final Exam is scheduled for November 18. The cost of this course is \$225 + GST and is required for accreditation. Candidates can register online or download a registration form from the website (homepage). Contact membership@assessor.ab.ca for details.

So long, farewell from this **Remembering Colleagues and Friends**

“Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to guide you into this place I have prepared.” (Exodus 23:20)



Stefan (Steve) Jan Brzezina
1938 – 2015

Stefan (Steve) Jan Brzezina of Coaldale, beloved husband of Beverly Brzezina, passed away peacefully on May 29, 2015 at the age of 77 years. Steve was born on February 20, 1938 in Majdan Starowiejski, Poland and immigrated to Canada from Germany with his parents in 1950. He grew up and worked in Southern Alberta. Steve had a lengthy career with the province of Alberta as a tax assessor.

Employment Opportunities

New postings since the last eClipboard

- Northern Sunrise County—Associate Assessor
Competitions are opening, but closing quickly, so check regularly on the Association website **Employment** page.

Random quote

Old German Shepherd starts chasing rabbits and before long discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a young Panther heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old German Shepherd thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep trouble now!"

Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the panther is about to leap, the old German Shepherd exclaims loudly,

"Boy, that was one delicious panther! I wonder if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young panther halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees.

"Whew!" says the panther, "That was close! That old German Shepherd nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the panther. So, off he goes.

The squirrel soon catches up with the panther, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the panther.

The young panther is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

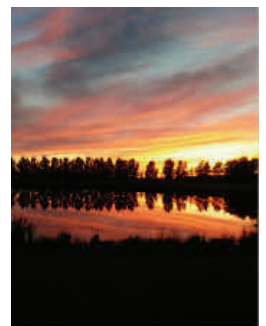
Now, the old German Shepherd sees the panther coming with the squirrel on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?" But instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old German Shepherd says...

"Where's that squirrel? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another panther!"

Moral of this story: Don't mess with the old dogs; age and skill will always overcome youth and treachery! Brilliance only comes with age and experience.

*This parable was kindly submitted by our friends at IMA
- the "old dog(s)"*

Here's the outgoing eClip Editor signing off on my last edition...



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2015-16 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES LIST
 Updated June 2015



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