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Warm wishes to you and your families during this holiday season and a happy healthy new year!!

Calling all Nominations

Yes, it is that time! Collin Hindman, Logan Wehlage and Bridgette Boomer of the Nominating Committee, are collecting nominations for Vice President, President-Elect, Urban Director and Financial Director. If you have an interest, or know someone with an interest, please let us know and we'll forward the information. Or contact any members of the Nominating Committee directly:

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We asked our Executive Committee for their messages for, or stories to, the membership and we have the following to offer you..in no particular order...:

It's at this time of the year that many of us in the assessment Industry close our past assessment roll and finalize the roll for the year to come. Please take time to rest up, recharge your batteries, enjoy time with those around you, reflect back on your successes and express acknowledgement and appreciation to those, both peers and family, that contributed to those successes.

The Alberta Assessors' Association would like to thank you for your continued membership and support to our industry and association; on behalf of your Executive Committee we wish you and your family a warm and wonderful Holiday Season and a safe, healthy and prosperous year to come.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Lawrence Buchart, President & John Lindsay, President Elect

May everyone have a safe and blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

(Urban Director Brian Lutz)

Wishing all of the AAA Members a Joyous Christmas Season and may your 2016 be full of blessings.

(Rural Director Karen Burnand)

Hello Fellow Assessors,

It's been a great pleasure and pride to serve you on the Executive since April 2015 and I'm looking forward to the good work the team is doing on your behalf into 2016. Glad tidings of great comfort and joy for you and yours over the festive season—Cheers!

(Vice-President Cate Watt)

I wish you all a joyful holiday season. May this Christmas bring you comfort, joy, peace and happiness to last throughout the coming year!

(Past President, Collin Hindman)

The Association wishes you and your family a safe and a happy holiday season!

(Financial Director Edwin Lee)

I would like to wish a happy Christmas to all and a great New Year to all the Assessors and our office staff.

(Public Member Frank Schoenberger)

Best Wishes of the season to you and your family

(Parliamentarian Carol Zukiwski)

Thinking Outside the Big Box

Challenges to the assessments of big box stores in the United States have become abundant and surprisingly successful on the basis of a number of different strategies including the growing phenomenon known as the “Dark Store Theory”. The article below was the featured article in the November issue of IAAO's magazine, “Fair & Equitable.” It's an excellent read for all assessors with these types of properties within their municipalities and may clarify some misconceptions around the valuation of these types of properties. I'd like to thank the IAAO for granting us permission to reproduce the Fair & Equitable article “Thinking Outside the Big Box.”

Brian Lutz
Urban Director
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Assessing the Unknown - 56th Annual Conference - April 2016

The Alberta Assessors' Association Conference Planning team has chosen "Assessing the Unknown" as the 56th Annual Conference Theme. A reminder to ensure your rooms are booked whether you know you're attending or not. It's far easier to cancel a booking than to try to get in to a hotel that's full.

Edmonton Marriott at River Cree Resort
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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:

- Vanessa LaValley, AMAA of the City of Calgary
- Jarrett Young, AMAA of the City of Calgary
- Dale Grandbois, AMAA of the City of Calgary
- Jessica Donovan, AMAA of the County of Grande Prairie

Welcome New Candidates

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- Mr. Mitchell Lee of the City of Edmonton, sponsored by: Colleen Kutcher, AMAA;
- Mr. Anders Anderson of the City of Edmonton, sponsored by: Amber Wyllie, AMAA;
- Ms. Janine Blaise of the City of Edmonton, sponsored by: Wayne Kelly, AMAA;
- Ms. Kelly Erickson of the City of Edmonton, sponsored by: Wayne Kelly, AMAA;
- Mr. Casey Shewchuk of the City of Edmonton, sponsored by: Colleen Kutcher, AMAA;
- Ms. Qian Wang of the City of Edmonton, sponsored by: Wayne Kelly, AMAA;
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- Ms. Pauline MacPherson of the City of Edmonton, sponsored by: Colleen Kutcher, AMAA;
- Mr. Nicholas Shewchuk of the City of Edmonton, sponsored by: Wayne Kelly, AMAA;
- Mr. Rob Dahl of Rocky View County, sponsored by: Don Arsenault, AMAA; and
- Mr. Garrett Smereka of Northern Sunrise, sponsored by: Rod Guttinger, AMAA

Random Quote

"Once again we find ourselves enmeshed in the Holiday Season, that very special time of year when we join with our loved ones in sharing centuries-old traditions such as trying to find a parking space at the mall. We traditionally do this in my family by driving around the parking lot until we see a shopper emerge from the mall, then we follow her, in very much the same spirit as the Three Wise Men, who 2,000 years ago followed a star, week after week, until it led them to a parking space." - Dave Barry, humor columnist
