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Grand Opening of New IAAO Headquarters

Kathy Briney-Wagner, RMA

International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) celebrated its grand opening ceremonies on Friday, November 4th, 2005 at the new headquarters in downtown Kansas City, Missouri.

Nearly 150 members of IAAO and guests were given an opportunity to tour the new facility, meet and visit with IAAO staff as well as participate in the planned ceremonies.

During the festivities, Wayne Trout, President of IAAO introduced the mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, Kay Waldo Barnes, who participated in the ribbon cutting ceremonies and presented the IAAO with a resolution from the city, which recognized IAAO and its role as an established professional association. Also in attendance were Jackson County Missouri Legislator Scott Burnett and Missouri State Senator Charles Wheeler, who provided a proclamation from the Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, welcoming the IAAO to its new headquarters.

Paul Welcome, CAE also presented the IAAO with a framed original "National Association of Assessing Officers Code of Ethics", which he had purchased at an auction. The Kansas City Chapter of IAAO was also recognized and awarded a plaque, which read "In Sincere Appreciation to the Kansas City Chapter of the IAAO for Their Generous Support of the IAAO Building Fund". Margaret Daugherty, President of the KCIAAO, accepted the plaque.

Numerous sponsors enabled the grand opening to be a big success, which included ACA – Aerial Cartographics of America, the Kansas City Chapter of IAAO, MDV – A Service of Mobile Video and Team Consulting.

The Fair & Equitable magazine published by IAAO quoted our own President-Elect Marion Johnson, CAE as saying "It was a great day for IAAO. The building was filled with excitement and pride about the future of our organization."

Everyone who attended the festivities enjoyed the hospitality and it was obvious that everyone was impressed with the facility and the renovations that have been made. If given an opportunity to visit the new headquarters, it will be well worthwhile and give you great pride in being associated with the IAAO

The International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) is an educational and research association of individuals in the assessment profession and others with an interest in property taxation. Membership is open to anyone, and includes individuals working in government, private industry, academe and members of the general public.

Message From the President

By Jennifer Sanderson, RMA

Real Estate Section Chief, Shawnee County, KS

2005 was an outstanding year for the KCIAAO. The chapter made it to the finals for consideration as the host for the 2009 IAAO conference. I was asked to tour the Crown Center Westin/Hyatt facilities in May.

Strategic planning with the KC convention center folks was underway. A special Executive Chapter Board meeting which included the area appraisers/assessors was held in July. Chapter financing for the conference and the county appraisers/assessors commitment of time and personnel was discussed. The decision by vote was made to go forward with a bid to host the conference.

In August, I met with representatives from the KC Convention Bureau, Crown Center, and Westin/Hyatt to finalize the presentation to be held before the IAAO Executive Board. KC was in the final three with Calgary and Louisville. Louisville was selected.



A conference takes a strong commitment coupled with the cooperation from all county appraisers/assessors within its boundary. I am confident that the chapter will have a future opportunity to bid on a national conference. It is my opinion that a future convention in KC can come to fruition due to the fine quality and character of our chapter members.

The chapter sponsored its own educational conference in the fall of 2005. The dates coincided with the IAAO Executive Board meeting scheduled in Kansas City, Missouri. Preparation for the local educational forum began in June with the site selection of the Reardon Convention Center in Kansas City, Kansas. The three day conference took place on November 30, December 1 and 2. One evening was reserved to host the IAAO Executive Board and staff in appreciation for its service to us. It included a silent auction.

The educational conference was a huge success for the chapter. We are indebted to our educators who volunteered to support the chapter efforts through their donation of talent and time. We are also grateful to the county appraisers and staff who participated in the conference.

Chapter success is not dependent upon the presidency or its board. What really matters in the chapter is each individual member. We work as a team. The officers are there to help you succeed by maintaining an outstanding and most rewarding IAAO chapter. It is the chapter officers' desire that you continue as a member who is proud to be part of the KCIAAO. Your chapter was recognized in 2005 with a plaque of appreciation for your generous support of the IAAO building fund. You were also recognized with an Outstanding Chapter Award for the year 2005.

Let us continue as a team to be the best we can by supporting our newly elected president and board members. With continued team support, the newly elected officers will experience an abundance of success for the KCIAAO throughout the year.

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WYANDOTTE COUNTY

The Wyandotte County Appraiser, Gene Bryan, wants to let everyone know that he has added two new employees to his staff. After a careful search he has hired Jack Baines and Nancy Slattery.

Jack Baines has accepted the position of Deputy County Appraiser and Nancy Slattery is the new Residential Appraisal Supervisor.

Jack comes to Wyandotte County with a long and diverse appraisal background. Most recently he was with the Kansas Department of Transportation where he was a right of way appraiser. Before that he has served as County Appraiser in both Barton and Clay counties in Kansas. He has also worked in several other counties as well as for a mass appraisal company. Jack holds the Kansas RMA designation.

Nancy has over 22 years of mass appraisal experience with 4 years as a Deputy Appraiser and the past 12 years as the Ford County Appraiser. Nancy also holds the Kansas RMA designation.

Gene would also like to let everyone know that he is still looking for a Commercial Appraisal Supervisor. So if anyone is interested, please give him a call or send in an application. His phone number is 913-573-8400. More details can be found at the Wyandotte County Website: <http://www.wycokck.org/appraiser/>.

JOHNSON COUNTY

It was time for celebration and good-byes as Johnson County welcomed a new employee and said a fond farewell to a long time employee.

On March 6th Lisa Hook began work as the new customer service coordinator for the office. She comes to the office with a background in retail and marketing. She studied apparel marketing at K-State where she graduated in 2003.

She and her husband Shane are newlyweds, 10 months in April. Please join us in welcoming her to the family.

As we said, "Hello", to Lisa it was time to say, "Goodbye" to Gloria McCullough. Gloria had been an employee with the County for 18 years and officially retired March 17th. She was with the appraisal office for the last 15. She ended her time with us as a real estate statistical technician in the real estate division.

The office gave her a going away party complete with cake, ice cream and punch. The party was well attended by the County Appraiser Paul Welcome, coworkers, supervisors, her son and one of her daughters. Her daughter flew in from California to be with her on this special day.

Also, congratulations to Brandon Hovenga, Darin LaBarge and Will Schwab on completing all the requirements for their RMA designation. These three individuals will soon be among the 26 employees in the office with the Registered Mass Appraiser designation. The Johnson County Appraiser's Office has an on-going program that encourages and supports its staff in obtaining the highest standards of education. This program includes support for certifications and designations through recognized professional organizations such as the International Association of Assessing Officers.

Got any news, promotions or new hires to share? Send me an email at kevin.bradshaw@jocogov.org and I'll include them in future issues.

2006 Chapter Officers and Directors



2006 Officers (L to R): President Jennifer Sanderson RMA, Treasurer Teresa Hattermer RES RMA, Secretary Kathy Briney-Wagner RMA and Vice-President Jeff Ramsey CAE RMA



2006 Officers and Board Members taking their Oaths of Office

At the March 31st meeting the next year's chapter officers and board members were elected. The election was presided over by outgoing president Margaret Dougherty. Those elected to office were:

President: Jennifer Sanderson, Shawnee County, KS
Vice President: Jeff Ramsey, Johnson County, KS
Secretary: Kathy Wagner, Jefferson County, KS
Treasurer: Teresa Hattermer, Jefferson County, KS

Also elected were the new board members who would serve for the following year:

Kansas Directors

Kaleigh Clark, Wyandotte County, KS
Jeff Holsapple, Johnson County, KS

Missouri Directors

Sackey Kweku, Jackson County, MO
Sylvain Schoeneberg, MO State Tax Commission



New Board Members (L to R): Jeff Holsapple, Kaleigh Clark, Sackey Kweku

Do you think there's any obsolescence in this thing?



I couldn't believe my eyes when I first saw this house. But, yup, there are bowling balls in that there wall.

After seeing these pictures my appraiser instincts kicked in. How would you even start to classify this thing? Is it masonry? It sure isn't wood. What



about RCN and economic life?

Many thanks go out to Eric Bowers for the photographs of this bowling ball wall near Westport in Jackson County Missouri. I sure got a chuckle out of it.

You can see more of Eric's work in the KCSkyscrapers.com forum. ~Editor~

MEMBERSHIP DUES

On March 31, 2006 the Executive Board decided to extend the deadline for entry in the drawing for the Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) to May 1, 2006. In the past the Chapter has given three (3) PDAs away for: a renewing member, a new member and the recruiting member.

So get your membership in as soon as possible to be eligible for the drawing. Send membership form along with dues to:

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Websites of Interest to Our Members

Kansas City Chapter of the IAAO (KCIAAO)
Kansas County Appraiser's Association (KCAA)
Kansas Division of Property Valuation Division (PVD)
Missouri Department of Revenue
Wichita Chapter of the IAAO

<http://www.kcmetro.net/kciaao/>
www.ink.org/public/kcaa
www.ksrevenue.org/pvd
<http://www.dor.state.mo.us/>
www.home.earthlink.net/~wrciaao

Minutes from KCIAAO Board Meeting February 17, 2006

The Executive Board meeting convened at approximately 11:30 AM at Francis O'Dooleys Grill in Topeka, Kansas.

In attendance were:

Margaret Daugherty, President
Jennifer Sanderson, Secretary
Paul Welcome
Larry Clark
Jeff Ramsey
Mark Hixon
Tom Otto

Jeff Holsapple
Shirley Moore
Janice Zupan
Kathy Reinhart
Sackey Kweku
And a few others.

President Margaret Daugherty presided.

Minutes from previous meetings

The minutes from the December 2, 2005 meeting were read by Jennifer Sanderson and were approved without changes. Motion – Paul Welcome, 2nd – Shirley Moore

Treasurer's Report

Jennifer Sanderson gave the Treasurers Report with the following balances:

Checking Account:	\$ 14,241.36
Money Market:	\$ 17,201.02
Total:	\$ 31,442.38

The Treasurers Report was approved as submitted. Motion – Sackey Kweku, 2nd – Mark Hixon.

OLD BUSINESS NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Margaret read the list of nominees for the Executive Committee Positions.

President:	Jennifer Sanderson, Shawnee County, KS
Vice President:	Sackey Kweku, Jackson County, MO Jeff Ramsey, Johnson County, KS
Secretary:	Kathy Wagner, Jefferson County, KS
Treasurer:	Teresa Hattemer, Jefferson County, KS
Kansas Directors:	Kaleigh Clark, Wyandotte County, KS

Missouri Directors: Sylvain Schoeneberg, MO State Tax Commission
Sackey Kweku, Jackson County, MO

Margaret asked for additional nominations from the floor. Paul nominated Jeff Holsapple for one of the Kansas Director positions. Sackey Kweku requested that he be removed from the Vice President position, but offered to remain as a Missouri Director. Margaret said that the final list of nominees would be sent to everyone by e-mail in the next few days. The list needed to be published 30 days prior to the March meeting, which she had tentatively set for March 17th, in Kansas City.

Margaret announced that the Chapter made money from the Fall Conference, but did not know the exact amounts. She said the Silent Auction cleared \$300.00. She said that Shirley Moore, Janet Zupan, Jennifer Sanderson and Teresa Hattemer all work a great deal on the fall conference and she presented each of them with a small gift in appreciation of their work.

Paul Welcome discussed having one or 2 co-meetings with the ASA in Kansas City. He said that they were trying to do one meeting at the Nelson-Atkins Museum and have a speaker talk about valuing art. This meeting could be set for May. He also mentioned that the ASA was working on having the person out of Denver who worked on the valuation of the new NASCAR Museum as a speaker. He thought that this meeting could be in September or October, near the time of the race at the speedway. Margaret asked those present if they would be interested in working with the ASA on these joint meetings. There wasn't anyone who expressed any reservations about the joint meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS NONE

Adjourn: Motion Paul Welcome, 2nd Sackey Kweku, Time: 11:45

Indiana House Wrongly Valued at \$400 Million

VALPARAISO, Ind. (AP) — A house erroneously valued at \$400 million is being blamed for budget shortfalls and possible layoffs in municipalities and school districts in northwest Indiana.

An outside user of Porter County's computer system may have triggered the mess by accidentally changing the value of the Valparaiso house, said Sharon Lippens, director of the county's information technologies and service department. The house had been valued at \$121,900 before the glitch.

County Treasurer Jim Murphy said the home usually carried about \$1,500 in property taxes; this year, it was billed \$8 million.

The homeowner, Dennis Charnetzky, declined to comment about the situation to The Associated Press on Friday.



Lippens said her agency identified the mistake and told the county auditor's office how to correct it. But the \$400 million value ended up on documents that were used to calculate tax rates.

Most local officials did not learn about the mistake until Tuesday, when 18 government taxing units were asked to return a total of \$3.1 million of tax money. The city of Valparaiso and the Valparaiso Community School Corp. were asked to return \$2.7 million. As a result, the school system has a \$200,000 budget shortfall, and the city loses \$900,000.

Officials struggled to figure out how the mistake got into the system and how it could have been prevented. City leaders said Thursday the error could cause layoffs and cost-cutting measures.

Lippens said the outside user changed the property value, most likely while trying to access another program while using the county's enhanced access system, which charges users a fee for access to public records that are not otherwise available on the Internet.

Lippens said the user probably tried to access a real estate record display by pressing R-E-D, but accidentally typed R-E-R, which brought up an assessment program written in 1995. The program is no longer in use, and technology officials did not know it could be accessed.

The county treasurer said his office spotted the \$400 million error after it caused an improper billing, but apparently it wasn't corrected elsewhere.

"It didn't get fixed all the way," Murphy said.

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2006

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Referred By (for new members only): _____

NOTE: MAILING AND/OR EMAIL ADDRESSES MAY BE SHARED WITH SISTER APPRAISAL ORGANIZATIONS. IF YOU DO NOT WISH THESE TO BE GIVEN OUT, PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF IT ON THIS APPLICATION.

Membership Level	Dues	Circle One
Regular member:	\$15.00	IAAO Member: Yes No
Associate member:	\$15.00	
Subscribing member:	\$35.00	
First time member:	\$ 0.00	
Candidate:	\$ 0.00	Candidate: CAE/RES/PPS/CMS/AAS

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: KANSAS CITY CHAPTER OF I.A.A.O.

Regular Member: Any government employee, who is a current member of I.A.A.O. in good standing.

Associate Member: Anyone who is employed by a government agency but is not a member of the IAAO. Associate membership also includes employees of other government agencies that are not involved with property tax administration.

Subscribing Member: Corporate or non-governmental employee who, as representatives of private industry, subscribe to the purpose of the Chapter and wish to become affiliated with it.

Candidates pay no dues to the Kansas City Chapter, but they must send this form with *proof of payment* of candidacy dues paid to the IAAO or a copy of the IAAO's official recognition letter.

First Time Member: Anyone who would qualify as a Regular or Associate Member but has never been a chapter member before.

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