



NORTHEAST NEWS

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from throughout North America will lead the discussion, followed by a cocktail reception to allow conference attendees the opportunity to meet and discuss further their hotel/motel concerns.

Needless to say, you can see that your RI compadres have been brainstorming on how to raise the bar on the annual conference.

The New England Clam Bake is back as an evening social event and the closing banquet will include entertainment by *The Studio C Band*, a six-piece band out of Massachusetts. Hospitality is our middle name, so don't miss the 2007 conference.

Mark the dates: **APRIL 29 to MAY 3, 2007** at the Hotel Viking in Newport, Rhode Island.

*Ray Beattie-Jr.
President '06 - '07*

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It is a pleasure to serve as President of the NRAAO this year. Your Rhode Island Host Committee is fired up about bringing the annual conference back to Newport, Rhode Island in 2007. I have no doubt all conference attendees will be floored by the conference we are putting together. The RI Host Committee is very pleased to announce some amazing happenings for the NRAAO '07 conference.

It all starts with having newly elected IAAO President, Mr. Marion Johnson-CAE as keynote speaker at the opening breakfast. That is followed by the outstanding conference instructors that we have been able to secure for Newport '07. To date we have been able to secure the services of IAAO Professional Development Chair, Mr. Rick Stuart-CAE, Mr. Gary McCabe-CAE and Mr. Leslie Grant Pruitt to lead the conference educational sessions.

The next major announcement is that with the assistance of Eddie Tantoco of Starwood Hotels & Resorts we are planning a class on Hotel Valuation, to be webcast on Monday afternoon. A panel of leading hotel valuation professionals

RI 2007 Host Committee:

- Conference Chair - Linda L. Cwiek
- Registration - Kenneth M. Mallette Jr.
- Vendors - Suzanne Kogut
- Education - Linda L. Cwiek
- Golf Committee Co-Chairs -
Ray Beattie & David Jervis
- Program Booklet - Karen S. Beattie
- Hospitality - Patricia Acquaviva-Aubin
- Clam Bake Co-Chairs - Julie Coelho &
Evelyn Spagnolo

Patricia Hedwall, CAE ~ Elected to IAAO Executive Board

Congratulations to Pat Hedwall, the Madison, CT Assessor who was victorious in her 2006 bid for a seat on the IAAO Executive Board. Her goal is to continue the tradition of IAAO as the preeminent organization of assessment and tax professionals as the premier source of education in mass appraisal and assessment topics. She will work to maintain these standards during her two-year term. Pat can be contacted via email at: hedwallpg@madisonct.org

April 23, 2006 BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The NRAAO Board of Directors and Committees met at the 2006 Conference to discuss the Association's business. Here are some highlights from that meeting:

Treasurer's Report Paul Lesperance (ME) reported the combined bank balance as of March 31 was \$36,064.95.

President's Report Helene Murphy (MA) welcomed everyone to Plymouth and reported all events going as planned.

Membership Committee The 2006 membership is made up of 16 Associate Members, 312 Active Members and 41 Subscribing Members. Dottie Krietz (NJ) reported that membership continues to increase. The Membership Committee bank balance was \$8,458.19 of which six thousand will be turned over to the treasurer. Pres. Murphy suggested that the NRAAO Representatives help with unpaid dues by contacting such members from their state.

Education Committee Donna Putt (MA) reported good attendance for all the Plymouth classes. She was also proud to report that a speaker from Canada is included in the conference program.

Awards Committee There are eight nominations for the *Sherry Vermilya Award* this year according to Donna Ralston (CT). There were also six nominations for the newly established *Richard L. Prendergast Lifetime Achievement Award*. Donna requested more detailed information about the nominated award recipients in the future.

Scholarship Committee Viviane Valentine (RI) reported that nine of the ten 2005 scholarships were accepted. The Board approved ten \$500 scholarships for the 2006 drawing.

ByLaws/Infrastructure Bernie Haney (NJ) stated that the Committee will give a report in the fall if any changes will be recommended.

Newsletter Karen Beattie (RI) reported that the newsletter mail list has been reduced to include only the paid members. The Board discussed a paperless newsletter, which would necessitate collecting everyone's email address. She stated she would try to start switching to a paperless newsletter, but stated this could take some time to implement.

Outreach Committee Bernie Haney reported that there is

someone from Canada attending the Plymouth conference. Dottie Krietz said that there is a dues-paying member in Prince Edward Island.

Conference Advisory Ray Beattie (RI) stated that the Maryland contract was reviewed and approved.

2006 ~ Massachusetts Conf. Chair Ed Childs reported the Radisson was sold out for the conference. Ed reviewed the traditional Thanksgiving Dinner and Awards Breakfast events. Gus Martin reported the conference attendance numbers.

2007 ~ Rhode Island Pres. Elect Ray Beattie updated the Board on next years conference. The IAAO President is planned to be the keynote speaker in 2007.

2008 ~ New York Tom Frey noted the conference date has changed. The 2008 conference is now scheduled for May 4-8 at the Lake Placid Hilton. There will not be a conference split request. The NY Committee was granted their request for \$2,000 seed money.

2009 ~ Maryland The MD Committee has looked at the Carousel Hotel in Ocean City as a possible conference site from May 17-21. Room rates are between \$79 to \$99 depending on occupancy. Conference Advisory will visit the hotel prior to approval. A 50/50 split was requested and approved for the 2009 Conference, as well as seed money in the amount of \$1,000.

2010 ~ Maine Nothing to report at this time.

2011 ~ Connecticut Nothing to report at this time.

2012 ~ Massachusetts put in a bid to host the 2012 NRAAO Conference. Motion carried.

New Business The following NRAAO Officers were elected for the 2006/2007 term: Vice President Viviane Valentine; Secretary Helene Murphy; Treasurer Paul Lesperance and President Elect Andrea Nilon (NY).

2006 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Each year the Board of Directors decides on the number of \$500 Scholarships it will award. This year the Board generously voted to award ten scholarships in order to promote education and learning within the assessment profession. Scholarship Winners have one year to use their scholarship to attend a course or conference. Recipients should contact Scholarship Committee Chair Viviane Valentine for complete details at Viviane@GlocesterRI.org Congratulations to the lucky ten!

Pictured standing at Right are: Caroline Madore (CT), Gus Martin (MA), Howard Levenson (MD), Renee Mierczak (MD), Les Pruitt (MD), Donna McCabe-Alt (MA) and Helen Ward-Alt (NJ). Kneeling are Paul Lesperance (ME) and Betsy Quist (CT). Not pictured: Carol Byrne (NJ), Della Confer (CT) & Nicole Lintereur (CT).



2007 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM & ACCOMMODATIONS

The 2007 Rhode Island Host Committee has had been extremely successful in planning the 2007 educational program. From half-day sessions, to full-day IAAO Workshops and a webcast seminar, the 2007 Conference will have it all. Your full registration fee will cover all regular class sessions, including a half-day session on Hotel Valuation. This class will be lead by a panel of national leaders in the hotel valuation industry, and will be available live to conference attendees and also world-wide via webcast. A cocktail reception will follow the session. A separate fee for the full-day USPAP Course on Tuesday and the full-day IAAO Workshops on Tuesday and Wednesday will cover those class materials. See the tentative schedule within the "Conference At A Glance" on this page.

The Hotel Viking is the site for all conference classes, as well as the Opening Reception, Monday Cocktail Reception and Closing Banquet. Be sure to make your room reservations well in advance of the conference to make sure that you are close by all the action. Room rates are \$149 per night for single or double occupancy. Make your reservations before March 29, 2007 with the code: NRAAO/RIAAO 2007.

**2006 KAY PARDEE &
RICHARD L. PRENDERGAST
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**



The Kay Pardee Award recipient is **Tom Glock**, Assessor of Cherry Hill Township, New Jersey. Tom served as the NRAAO President in 1997. He has served as Conference Chair twice, and is currently a member of the NRAAO Budget Advisory & Outreach Committees. Tom is currently an IAAO representative from New Jersey, and Treasurer of the NJ Chapter of IAAO. He is the recipient of the 2003 McCarren Award from IAAO, and is known as being dependable, loyal and focused.



The Richard Prendergast Lifetime Achievement Award recipient this year is **Gerry Daigle**, whose assessment career spans more than 40 years. He has served as IAAO Rep. from Maine and also on the IAAO Executive Board. Gerry is a Past-President of the NRAAO in 1992 and has served on its Executive Board forever. He has tirelessly promoted the NRAAO within his own state and in other areas through his involvement with the IAAO. He is always there when you need him and he is the man we love to love.



Above: James Mancini, Paul Lesperance (accepting for William Healey), Robin O'Loughlin, Viviane Valentine (accepting for Ken Swain), Renee Mierczak & Robert Ellia.
Right: Ken Swain receives his award.

2006 SHERRY VERMILYA AWARDS

Like the late **Sherry Vermilya**, the 2006 award recipients have unselfishly given their time and service in support of the assessing profession. Their efforts have helped their State Associations and the NRAAO progress to where we are today. This year eight jurisdictions selected a member to be recognized for their outstanding service in the assessing profession. They are:

- Connecticut ~ **Robin O'Loughlin**
- Maine ~ **William Healey**
- Maryland ~ **Renee Mierczak**
- Massachusetts ~ **Robert Ellia**
- New Hampshire ~ **David Gomez**
- New Jersey ~ **James Mancini**
- New York ~ **Susan Otis**
- Rhode Island ~ **Kenneth Swain**

Congratulations and thank you for your continued service!

**2007 Conference
At A Glance**

**Sunday
4/29/2007**

Registration

*Opening Reception &
Vendor Booths*

**Monday
4/30/2007**

Annual Meeting &
Vendor Booths

Educational Sessions
Hotel Valuation Webcast

*Golf Tournament at
GreenValley CC*

Post-Webcast Reception

**Tuesday
5/1/2007**

Educational Sessions
IAAO Workshop on
Depreciation
USPAP Course

*McGrath's Clam Bake
at First Beach Rotonda*

**Wednesday
5/2/2007**

Educational Sessions on
GIS / Cell Towers

IAAO Workshop
by Rick Stuart

*Closing Banquet
"The Studio C Band"*

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NEWSLETTER NEWS

The *Northeast News* is published bi-annually for all the NRAAO members and reports on the NRAAO Annual Conference, Awards and other Member News. The Board of Directors, along with the Newsletter Editor, is currently debating whether to continue sending the newsletter out by US mail, or to switch to a paperless newsletter.

A paperless system would allow for more space to report news & events, and would also be a cost-savings method to the Association. A set schedule of newsletter editions would be published, put in .pdf format and made accessible to the members on the NRAAO's website. Please take a moment to voice your opinion on this issue, or make suggestions to the Editor at: BeattieK@ScituateRI.org

Thank you for your input!

