

NORTHEAST NEWS



Matthew E. Sturgis
President 2009-2010

Of course Maine is renowned for its lobster, and a lobster bake is planned at DiMillo's Floating Restaurant on the Portland waterfront. After dinner the historic Old Port section of Portland provides numerous options for entertainment, and all just a short distance from the Eastland Hotel. Tuesday will also feature the Annual Golf Tournament, taking place at Val Halla Golf Center. Val Halla is a beautiful course located in Cumberland, Maine, and should provide the challenges the tournament participants' desire.

We are very excited to have you come and participate in this conference. Make sure you mark your calendars and fill out your registration forms today, and we promise you a memorable experience in an educational, professional, and social networking environment.

Sincerely,

Matthew E. Sturgis
President 2009 - 10

May in Portland, Maine, is a great time of year to visit the Pine Tree State. The spring flowers are in full bloom, the snows of winter have melted, and the whole city starts to come alive with the promise of another great summer in Maine. As President of the Northeast Regional Association of Assessing Officers, I would like to extend an invitation to the 2010 Annual Educational Conference.

This year's NRAAO Conference will be held at the Eastland Hotel in Portland, Maine from May 23 to May 26, 2010. The Eastland Hotel is located in downtown Portland, Maine. It is located in the heart of what is considered the "Arts District" of Portland, with a plethora of local restaurants, shopping, the Portland Museum of Art, and many other local interests are located.

The Education and Host Committee has been working to provide a top quality education program in combination with outstanding entertainment options. Among the educational highlights for the conference are Lincoln Institute of Land Policy's session on Tax Policy and Tax Relief in Turbulent Times, the national USPAP update course, and other strong sections on education.

An additional highlight will be the honor of having Bill Carroll, President of the International Association of Assessing Officers speak at the opening ceremonies on Monday morning. The conference is also receiving strong interest and participation with vendors, who will be available to speak about their products and services on Sunday and Monday.

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Portland 2010 Educational Seminars

Monday, May 24, 2010

Afternoon Session: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The Role of a Mil Rate. Sensitivity analysis for large taxpayers and selected valuation issues. Site licensing and location issues of communication and wind towers.

Speakers: Mike Wilson, Esq, CPA & Rob Crawford, Esq

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Morning Session 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Tax Policy and Tax Relief in Turbulent Times

Speakers: Joan M Youngman, Esq, Daphne Kenyon, Ph.D & Karl E. Case, Ph.D

Afternoon Session 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

A Tale of Two Malls. Comparing Taxpayer and City Valuations of Two Super Regional Malls

Speakers: Mark T Kenney, MAI, SRPA & Elizabeth Sawyer, CMA

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Morning Session 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Personal Property.

Speaker: Gail M Gantick, G&K Associates

OR

Generation and Transmission Issues for the Northeast

Speaker: Rod Adams, CCE

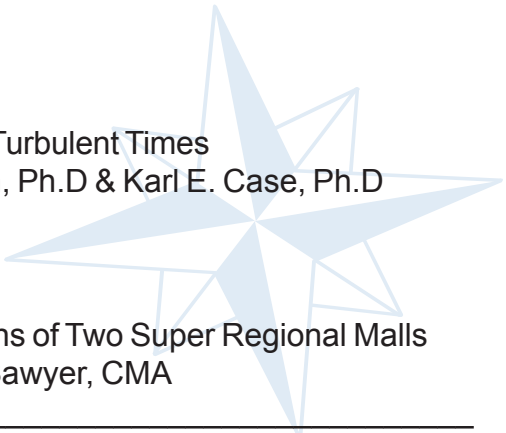
Afternoon Session 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

The Real Economy of the Northeast

Speaker: Charles Colgan, Ph.D

USPAP - all day seminar. National 7-hour update course.

Speaker: David Sawyer



**PORTLAND, MAINE 2010
CONFERENCE
ACCOMMODATIONS**

Contact the Eastland Park Hotel toll free 888-671-8008 and book your room for the May 23-26, 2010 Conference.

Visit their website for all accommodations and amenities available on the conference site. Map and directions available online also.
<http://www.eastlandparkhotel.com/>

The Eastland Park Hotel
157 High Street
Portland, Maine

Room Rates: \$109 or \$134
(includes parking)

**2010 Education Conference Registration Form
May 23 - 26, 2010
Eastland Park Hotel, Portland, Maine**

Please type or print clearly

Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Badge Name: _____

Jurisdiction / Firm: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Companion Name: _____

Spouns / Comp Badge: _____

Hotel reservations should be made directly, please call toll free at (888) 671-8008

NRAAO Member Full Registration:	\$225.00	_____
Non-Member Full Registration:	\$255.00	_____
Companion Registration:	\$125.00	_____

Full or companion registration includes: Sunday Reception, Monday Awards Breakfast, Freeport shopping shuttle, educational sessions and NRAAO Officer's Installation Banquet with reception Wednesday evening.

Multi-Day registration: includes all educational sessions and breaks	\$125.00	_____
One-Day registration:		
Monday, May 24th	\$ 50.00	_____
Tuesday, May 25th	\$ 100.00	_____
Wednesday, May 26th	\$ 100.00	_____

USPAP material - student manual & USPAP book	\$ 100.00	_____
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Tuesday, May 25th Maine Clambake at Dimillo's Floating Restaurant	\$ 60.00	_____
Tuesday, May 25th Golf Tournament: submit golf registration form	\$ 80.00	_____
Wednesday, May 26th Extra Banquet tickets	\$ 60.00	_____
Conference Booster	\$ 10.00	_____

Total Educational Fee Checks payable to NRAAO/ME 2010		\$ _____
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Please return to: NRAAO/ME 2010
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**2010 PORTLAND
Conference
At A Glance**

Sunday 5/23/2010

Registration
Board of Director's Meeting

*Welcome Reception
With our Vendors**

Monday 5/24/2010

Annual Meeting*
& Awards Breakfast
Vendor Demonstrations

IAAO Rep's Meeting
Educational Sessions

Tuesday 5/25/2010

*Golf Tournament \$80
Separate Registration required*

Educational Sessions

*Lobster Bake \$60
Dimillo's Floating Restaurant*

Wednesday 5/26/2010

Educational Sessions
USPAP 7-hr update course

Closing Banquet &
Installation of
2010/2011 NRAAO Officers*

**held in the Grand Ballroom,
Eastland Hotel*

**Visit
www.nraao.org
for all your
Northeast News
& conference
info!**

**October 30, 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS**

The NRAAO Board of Directors and Committees met in Sturbridge, Massachusetts to discuss the Association's business. Here are some highlights from that meeting:

President's Report President Matt Sturgis (ME) called the meeting to order. The Secretary administered roll call and reported that all Officers were present, as well as 13 Past Presidents, 4 State Presidents, 5 NRAAO Reps, 5 IAAO Reps and 5 NRAAO Committee Chairs.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Paul Lesperance (ME) provided an income and expense report for the period 5/1/09 thru 9/30/09, which was accepted and placed on record.

Secretary's Report Gus Martin (MA) mailed out the minutes from the May 2009 Board Meeting prior to today's meeting. The report was approved as submitted.

Membership Committee Betsy Quist (CT) was unable to attend the meeting. A full report will be emailed to all the officers and representatives in November.

Budget Advisory - Audit Committee Chair Angelo Marino (NH) presented a budget of \$22,930 (see page 5 of this publication for budget details). There was a suggestion to amend the budget and increase committee chair stipends. After some discussion it was agreed that the proposed increase be studied by the Budget Committee before any action be taken. The Budget was approved as submitted. The Chair also reported that the annual audit of the Treasurer's records were found to be in good order.

Education Committee Chair Charlotte Rogers (ME) was unable to attend, however a proposed outline was presented to the Board. It was noted that the various state associations need course materials and speaker bios in advance of the conference in order to be considered for continuing education credits. The Portland early registration fees will be \$195 for NRAAO Members, and \$30 for Non-Members. The price difference is hoped to encourage more conference attendees to become members.

Awards Committee Donna Ralston (CT) reminded the Past Presidents to meet and select a *Kay Pardee Award* recipient at the close of the meeting. She also asked that they submit a complete bio for the *Richard Prendergast Lifetime Achievement Award* nominees, which are due by March 1st. Criteria for the *Sherry Vermilya Award* was also distributed to the state representatives.

Scholarship Committee Viviane Valentine (RI) reported that one of the ten 2009 scholarship winners was unable to accept the offer since she is on temporary leave. The scholarship will be extended to the first alternate, Karen Beattie (RI). The other nine scholarship recipients have used their award at the IAAO Conference, or will use it to attend the NRAAO 2010 Conference in Portland.

By-Laws / Infrastructure Chair Berny Haney (NJ) was unable to attend the meeting, however had asked to be replaced on the Committee. Helene Murphy (MA) was appointed in his stead.

Newsletter Editor Karen Beattie (RI) reported that Fall Issue has been released. Just ten paper copies of the newsletter are being printed and mailed to members, or life members, without email access. It is imperative that each member keep their email contact information current so they won't miss any news releases or membership renewals. Contact BeattieK@ScituateRI.org with your email updates. Karen reminded the Board that space is not an issue with the e-format of the newsletter and requested news or information be sent to her for consideration in future publications.

Conference Advisory & Subcommittees Chair Tony Homicki (CT) has been continually updating the Conference Guideline information and provided a new report with updates from the 2009 conference. This Committee is available to

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assist any state committee considering to host a conference. The Committee can visit and evaluate potential conference sites and provide guidance on conference content, events, past attendance trends, costs and vendor participation.

Web Master David McMullen (NH) reviewed the revised web content and gave an overview of the future Member Profile area. Please send comments, suggestions and feedback to Dave at webguy@nraao.org
Upcoming conference site committee reports followed:

Maryland 2009 - Past President Les Pruitt gave a final conference report, indicating they had 145 full registrants, 85 companion registrants and 12 vendors. Proceeds of \$6,337 were turned over to the Treasurer, as well as return of their initial seed money.

Maine 2010 - Conference dates are May 23-26 at the Eastland Park Hotel. Room rates are \$109 and \$134 and include parking. The Maine Lobster Bake event and nearby Freeport shopping plans are being finalized. The educational program will include an all-day USPAP update course.

Connecticut 2011 - The Committee is considering return to Mohegan Sun and checking room rates and availability there. Connecticut requested their \$2,000 seed money be released.

Massachusetts 2012 - The Committee requested that a 50/50 split be approved by the Board. Conference site being considered include Boston and Cape Cod. They are awaiting responses to their bid requests.

Future Conference Sites 2013 - Rhode Island. 2014 - New Jersey. 2015 - New Hampshire.

NRAAO 2009 BUDGET

The Budget Committee prepared a budget and audit report for the October 30, 2009 Board of Director's Meeting, reflecting actual expenditures for the period Oct. 1, 2008 thru Sept. 30, 2009. The final report is provided below. Further details can be obtained from the Chair Angelo Marino (NH).

LINE ITEM	INCOME		EXPENSE	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Membership Dues	9,500	10,060		
Conference Return	2,000	0		
Local Host Return	6,330	6,330		
Interest on Accounts	700	738		
Conference Advance			3,500	1,500
Conf. Educational Grant			2,000	2,000
IAAO			180	180
President Expense			100	100
Treasurer Expense			100	41
Secretary Expense			450	52
Attorney Expense			200	207
Stipends				
Secretary			1,000	1,000
Treasurer			1,000	1,000
Membrship			1,000	1,000
Webmaster			1,000	1,000
Newsletter			1,000	1,000
Scholarship			200	200
Awards			200	200
Committee Expenses				
Newsletter			250	0
Awards			850	586
Budget			50	30
Site Review			600	0
Website			200	119
Ad Hoc			150	0
Memership			150	0
Scholarship Awards			3,000	3,000
Fall Meeting				
Meeting Expense			1,200	890
Travel Expense			4,500	3,998
Miscellaneous			50	215
TOTALS:	\$ 18,530	\$ 17,128	\$ 22,930	\$ 18,318
PROFIT / (DEFICIT)			(4,400)	(1,190)

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