



Ginny N. Thompson, MAA President 2017-2018

As I write this article I am wondering – “What happened to summer???” It is after Labor Day but before the “Official” end of summer and the temperature today is close to 80. I hope we have more days like this.

The Fall NRAAO Executive Board meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, October 13, 2017 in Newburyport Massachusetts at Michael’s Harborside Restaurant & Bar located at 1 Tournament Wharf. Coffee and continental breakfast will start at 9:30 a.m. I have a few things on my agenda that I would like the board to discuss and vote on. After the meeting there will be a nice luncheon overlooking the Merrimack River. I hope to see all voting board members there.

If any member of the NRAAO has anything they would like brought to the board’s attention or that the board needs to address please contact me before the meeting and let me know. I will be happy to bring it up at the meeting.

I am very excited to be the NRAAO President for our conference that will be held at the Marriott Boston-Quincy from April 29th through May 2nd, 2018. We will have great educational opportunities for you and some fun things too. We will also be giving you a night on your own to enjoy the city of Quincy with all of its renovations, restaurants, and historical things to do.

Or you can go to the big city of Boston to explore: do a duck boat tour, go to the theater, a baseball game, or just enjoy a great restaurant or music/dance venue. There are a lot of possibilities.

Both Quincy and Boston have a lot of history and there are fun ways to learn about it. We are giving you the opportunity to do what you want. Enjoy it your way.

We hope to see you in Quincy – the City of Presidents
April 29 – May 2, 2018.

“Leaders Start Here!”

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President Elect
Rhode Island

2018 Conference At a glance

Sunday April 29

- Conference Registration
- NRAAO Board of Directors' Meeting
- Opening Reception Marriott Boston-Quincy

Monday April 30

- Conference Registration
- Vendor Presentations
- Opening Breakfast

Annual NRAAO Business Meeting

Awards Presentations

Guest Speakers

- Educational Offerings

Tuesday May 1

- Annual Golf Outing at South Shore Country Club
- Conference Registration
- Educational Offerings

Wednesday May 2

- Conference Registration
- Educational Offerings
- Evening Cocktail Reception
- Closing Banquet & Installation of Officers

NRAAO 2018 Conference : Quincy, Massachusetts

Boston Marriott Quincy

1000 Marriott Drive

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2017 Opening Breakfast– Mystic, CT



Former US Representative and current First Selectman of Stonington, CT Rob Simmons gave a rousing talk to the Monday morning 2017 NRAAO conference- goers



The IAAO sent Vice President Tim Boncoskey to the 2017 NRAAO conference and he relayed IAAO announcements and upcoming events

2017 Sherry Vermilya Award Recipients

In November 1992 the NRAAO Awards Committee recommended to the Executive Board that there be the “Sherry Vermilya Award”. This award shall be for outstanding service to the assessment profession and in honor and memory of Sherry Vermilya’s support of NRAAO principles and his untiring efforts to assist assessors throughout the entire country and in particular the Northeast.



Connecticut

John has been a member of CAAO since 1999 when he began working as Deputy Assessor for the Town of Manchester. Prior to that he was Partner-Appraiser in the firm of T.W. Henry Real Estate Appraisals.

John is currently on the CAAO Executive Board as Hartford County Representative. He was President of the Hartford County Assessor's Association from 2004-2006 and Vice President from 2002– 2004.

In addition, he serves as the volunteer Treasurer of the Manchester Police Activities League which is a non-profit organization that helps hundreds of at-risk youth in Manchester every year.

2017 Connecticut Sherry Vermilya Award Presented to John Rainaldi

New Jersey

Robyn returned to the work force in 1996 as a single mother and began her career in the Wall Township Tax Assessors office as Field Representative. Upon her CTA she was promoted to Assistant Tax Assessor. In 2004, she served as Deputy Tax Assessor for Howell Township and shortly thereafter was appointed as Tax Assessor. Since 2006, she has been working as the part time Tax Assessor for Manasquan Boro and since 2009 as the Tax Assessor for the Boro of Point Pleasant.

She is currently a member of the Monmouth County Assessors Association and the New Jersey Chapter of the IAAO. She served as Sergeant at Arms and Secretary for the Association of Municipal Assessors of Ocean County and is serving her second term as President. She is a member of the Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey and serves as the spring conference Chair.

The 2017 New Jersey Sherry Vermilya Award was given to Robyn Palugh.

Vermont

The 2017 Vermont Sherry Vermilya Award went to Randy Viens. He has over 30 years of experience having been a real estate broker, the Lister for the Town of Georgia, the Assistant Assessor and now the Assessor for the Town of Essex.

He is a member of the Vermont Assessor and Lister Association and is on the Legislative Committee for the Vermont Assessor and Lister Association.

2017 Sherry Vermilya Award Recipients Cont'd

Massachusetts



Peter launched his assessing career in 1982 as Assistant Assessor for Salem Mass. Two years later, he began serving on the Board of Assessors and eventually took over as Chief Assessor in 1986. After 16 years in Salem, he accepted the Chief Assessor position for the City of Beverly, but drew interest from the City of Lynn that same year. He opted for the Lynn position after agreeing on terms to allow him to continue to serve on the board in Beverly. Since then, Peter has served as Lynn's Director of Assessing and doubled his duties in 2014 when he also became CFO for the city. Peter remains on the board for Beverly.

Throughout his career, Peter has been extremely active in numerous assessing organizations: President of MAAO, President and Executive Board member of Essex County, IAAO member-Mass. Chapter. He also serves as Chairman of the MAAO Policy Review Committee and was the recipient of the MAAO Wilson Award in 2010.

Peter always makes himself available to other assessors with questions and takes time clarifying various laws and providing advice to any and all who need it.

2017 Massachusetts Sherry Vermilya Award Presented to Peter Caron



New Hampshire

Loren has been an active member of the NHAAO for many years. She has served on numerous committees and held several executive positions.

She is a Certified New Hampshire Assessor (CNHA), a Certified New Hampshire Department of Revenue Assessor Supervisor and she is a member of the Assessing Standards Board (ASB) where she has been a strong and reliable advocate for fair and equitable valuation.

Loren is President of Avitar of New England, a New Hampshire-based revaluation company.

Kris McAllister accepts the 2017 New Hampshire Sherry Vermilya Award on behalf of Loren Martin



Maryland

Octavia began working with the SDAT Agency in the mid-1990's. She began her employment in a journeyman position. She was well schooled, very polite and very personable. This was very important in that it helped her become a realized asset to the SDAT Agency. Her achievements were recognized and she was promoted through the ranks and is now the Assistant Supervisor of Assessments for Kent County and an expert witness to the Maryland Tax Court and the local Appeals Board.

She has successfully completed the IAAO classes, USPAP and Narrative Writing. She is a member of the Maryland Association of Assessing Officers and has served on the Executive Board for over 6 years. She was the Educational Chair and chaired or assisted in many other needs of the MAAO. She was the President of the MAAO for the NRAAO/MAAO joint Conference in Ocean City in May of 2016.

2017 Sherry Vermilya Award Recipients Cont'd

Rhode Island



Janice started as a clerk for the Town of West Warwick and worked her way up to Deputy Tax Assessor. She retired from West Warwick with 27 years of service. She then moved on to work seven more years for the State of Rhode Island Municipal Finance Division organizing and indexing the state laws on exemptions for every city and town in the state. She couldn't stay retired and moved on to work for the Town of East Greenwich as the Assessor while also holding a position with the East Greenwich Fire District. She is also a member of the West Warwick Sewer Appeals Board.

Janice earned the Rhode Island Certified Assessment Personnel designation in 1997 and the Rhode Island Certified Assessor designation in 2004. She has served on the RIAAO Sunshine, Education and Legislation Committees and is currently a member of the RIAAO Executive Board. She is a supporter of RIAAO and activities surrounding education and support of NRAAO.

Janice J. Peixinho receives the 2017 Rhode Island Sherry Vermilya Award

Special President's Award

A special President's Award was given to **Paul Lesperance** for 21 years of dedicated service as NRAAO Treasurer



Catherine “Kay” Pardee Award

Bryan graduated with a bachelor’s degree from Salisbury University Salisbury, Maryland. In February 2007, he became an assessor with the Montgomery County Office of the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Currently an Assessor Advanced, Bryan prepares and presents cases to the Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board. In addition, he prepares narrative appraisals defending the opinion of value developed by the Montgomery County Office at Maryland Tax Court.

He has completed and passed the required International Association of Assessing Officers courses offered by the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation. In the fall of 2011, Bryan earned the Certified Maryland Property Assessor (CMPA) designation.

He has taught the Certified Maryland Property Designation: An Introduction to Narrative Report Writing for assessment professionals in the Baltimore County Assessment Office, in other counties around the state and at the MAAO conference in 2015.

He is the current President of the MAAO. He is a past MAAO committee Chairman and served as registration Chair of the 2016 NRAAO/MAAO conference in Ocean City, Maryland.



Bryan Levenson receives the “Kay Pardee” Award at the 2017 NRAAO Conference in Mystic, CT

Richard Prendergast Lifetime Achievement Award



Raymond E. Beattie, Jr. has served as Tax Assessor in multiple municipalities including Coventry and West Warwick RI. After retiring in 2015, he agreed to a part-time assessor position and stayed to train his replacement. He says he WILL retire next year so he can enjoy more golf.

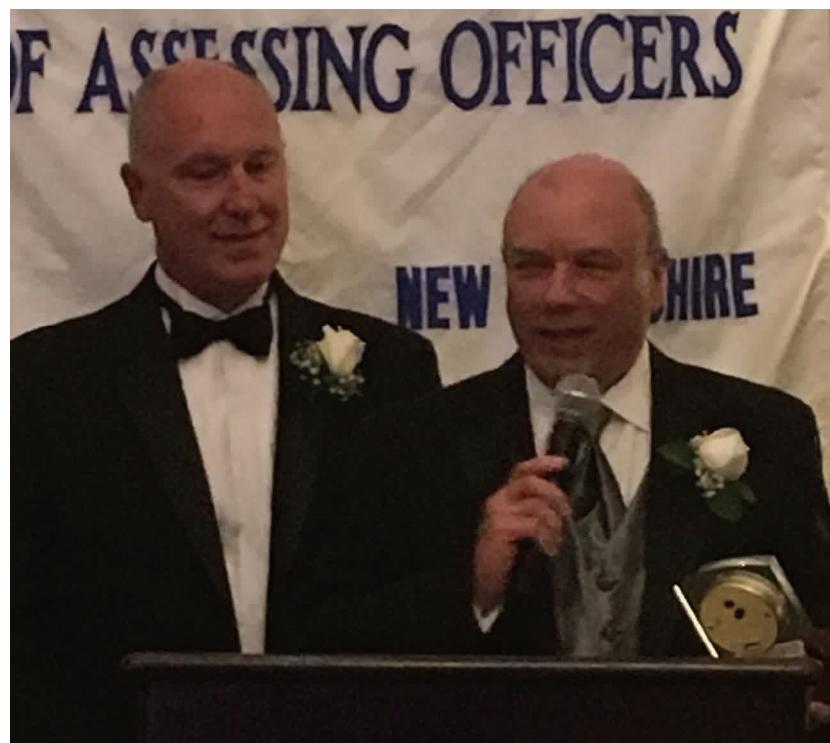
He served as President of the Rhode Island Association of Assessing Officers in 1999 and President of the NRAAO in 2006. He was also the NRAAO Conference Chair for the very memorable 2000 and 2013 conferences in Newport, RI.

Ray received the NRAAO's Sherry Vermilya Award in 1999 and the Kay Pardee Award in 2008. He was instrumental in the NRAAO gaining the recognition it deserves by successfully nominating the organization for the Outstanding Chapter/Affiliate Award from IAAO in 2014.

Ray is an IAAO representative and was one of five finalists for the 2007 IAAO Representative of the Year Award. He won the award in 2013. He is currently serving the second year of a three-year term on the IAAO Executive Board from Region 2.

He has taught the Rhode Island Tax Administration class for the state and served on the Legislation Committee for many years. He met his wife Karen through the Rhode Island Assessors Association and has two children and two grand-puppies.

He is extremely passionate about all sports: youth, college and professional. He has coached youth sports such as little league baseball, pop warner football and youth basketball in his local town for over 30 years. He coached baseball and football at the high school level and had a very successful career as both a college and high school basketball referee which earned him many distinguished awards from the Rhode Island Board 84 of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials. Before he retired from refereeing, he would attend the annual Basketball Official's conference and once did a back-to-back IAABO/ IAAO conference and managed it all – with little sleep.



Raymond E. Beattie, Jr. receives the Richard Prendergast Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017

2017 NRAAO SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

One of the benefits of your NRAAO Membership is eligibility in the Annual Scholarship Drawing. In 2015 the Executive Board made changes to the Scholarship drawing and procedures, in order to benefit all members and also our conference host committee. The following rules were put in place for scholarship drawings:

- All paid members will be eligible for the drawing. Your dues must be paid prior to the Spring Executive Board Meeting to qualify.
- Scholarships will be for the next year's NRAAO Conference, equal to the early registration fee. Winners will be notified by the Scholarship Chair, and must be accepted or refused within 30 days of said notice.
- The Executive Board will vote at the Annual Spring Board Meeting on the number of scholarships to be awarded that particular year. There will be five alternate names drawn in case the winner cannot use the scholarship.

The following are the **Winners and Alternates of the 2017 Registration Scholarships**. The names were drawn from all the regular NRAAO members in good standing at the Board of Directors Meeting on May 21, 2017 and announced at the breakfast on May 22, 2017. The awards are to be used for a free registration to the 2018 NRAAO Conference at the Quincy Marriott in Quincy, MA from April, 29 – May 2, 2018

Ross Vivori,	North Adams, MA
Gerard Mead	Township of Mullica, NJ
Carlos Amado	New Bedford, MA
Enrich Emma	City of Elizabeth, NJ
Jonathan Steinberg	Westborough, Ma
Elaine Mondillo	Lincoln, RI
Karen McMahon	Maple Shade, NJ
Andrew Creen	Woburn, Ma
Pamela Sanders	Ocean City, MD
Della Froment	Enfield, CT

ALTERNATES

David Dietsch	Waterbury, CT
William Ingalls	Bedford, NH
Peter Barnett	Allenhurst, NJ
Jennifer Gauthier	Haddam, CT
Michael Barker	Ridgewood, NJ

Contact Scholarship Chair Viviane Valentine (RI) with questions about the NRAAO educational scholarship.

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May 21, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

President's Report:

Donna Ralston (CT) welcomed all to the Conference and thanked her committee for putting things together. She then called on Chairman Marsha to discuss the events. Marsha noted that there were 137 full registrations, another 71 on a daily basis, 16 taking USPAP and 111 signed up for the banquet. The limit of 50 sold out for the Stroll, there are 59 Golfers and 49 Vendors. The event is full with education classes, raffles, Mystic tour, vendor displays, etc.

Treasurer's Report:

Paul Lesperance (ME) handed out his printed report, showing a balance of \$39,114.55. A motion to accept this report was made and accepted.

Secretary's Report:

A motion to accept minutes of Fall 2016 as printed and sent out was approved as submitted.

Membership Committee: Betsy Quist,Chairman

Betsy reported there are 344 members which is down by 26. She has a turnover to the Treasurer of \$8,000., with more to be turned over in the fall.

Education Committee: Linda Cwiek & Les Pruitt Co-Chairmen

Linda reported that the committee did a great job, was done early and the program is great. Presentations will be available online.

Awards Committee: TonyHomicki, Chairman

Tony reported that eight states have nominations for the Sherry Vermilya awards which will be presented at Monday's breakfast. Tony said if he remains chair, he will work to get a nomination from all jurisdictions next year and might even offer to pay dues for the individuals attending to receive the award.

Scholarship Committee: Viviane Valentine,Chairman

Viviane noted that only 9 of the 10 scholarships were used, even with offerings to the alternates. Names will be drawn from the membership list during this meeting for the next conference.

Bylaws/Infrastructure Committee: Linda Cwiek and Karen Marchant, Co-Chairmen

No report this meeting.

Newsletter: Karen Beattie,Editor

Karen will step down from this position after having served 17 years as editor. She will work along with whoever Ginny appoints. Tom Glock noted that Karen just received an IAAO award and that her work is truly appreciated.

Outreach Committee: Kathy Peirce,Chairman

Kathy said that the committee targeted Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania recently. Results go directly to Betsy so she is not sure of the outcome. She did say it is a struggle to get lists from the states. Betsy said most states don't have a central listing.

Conference Advisory Committee: TonyHomicki, Chairman

Tony said the logo set up for the conference manual is working well. He is looking forward to Quincy.

Conference Sub-committee Reports:

Massachusetts-2018 Ginny said the conference will be held at the Boston Quincy Marriott. The committee members mentioned several education possibilities. The golf tournament will be held at the South Shore Country Club.

Rhode Island– 2019 Karen said the conference will likely be in Newport on Goat Island. A motion was made and passed for their advance money.

New Jersey-2020 Jim reported the committee has been formed and they are leaning towards hosting in Atlantic City. Other upcoming conferences: **New Hampshire-2021, New York-2022**.

Old Business: Facebook and Linked-in were discussed. **New Business:** Education money (\$2000) was approved for Connecticut. Amy Rasmussen is running for IAAO. The Board approved their support of her.

Elections: To be sworn in at the banquet Wednesday: President-Ginny Thompson, Vice-President-Kathy Peirce, Secretary-Gus Martin, Treasurer-Paul Lesperance and President-Elect-Karen Beattie

For IAAO Vice President



Amy Rasmussen, RES, AAS

Director of Litigation
Polk County Assessor's Office

I respectfully ask for your vote for IAAO Vice President. I have been in the assessment profession for 28 years and am fortunate to have been mentored by many hard working, dedicated professionals. I therefore, feel a strong responsibility to give back to IAAO. My goals are to: align association resources in order to continue developing ways to mentor and foster new leaders, strengthen our current membership while looking for innovative ways to recruit new members, and focus on providing the highest quality education at the most affordable cost. For more information please visit

<https://www.voteamyforvp.com>.

IAAO Involvement and Leadership:

- Professional Development Committee, Chair 2017
- Executive Board, 2014 - 2016
- USPAP Committee SME, 2015 - present
- Budget Committee, 2016
- Technology Special Committee, 2014 -2015
- Vision 2020 Committee, 2014
- Planning and Rules Committee, 2009 - 2013

Senior Specialty Instructor, Professional Designation Advisor, IAAO Representative

State Leadership:

Iowa Real Estate Appraiser Examining Board

Board member, 2005 - 2011; vice chair, 2008 - 2010

Institute of Iowa Certified Assessors

- Board of Directors, 2011 - 2016
- Summer Seminar Committee, 2010 - 2014 & 2017; chair 2010 - 2012
- Ethics Committee, 2007 - 2008

Narrative Grading Committee, 2005 - 2006

Iowa State Association of Assessors

- Public Relations/Editorial Committee, 2012 - present

Nominating Committee, 2011

Professional Designations, Certifications, and Awards:

- Assessment Administration Specialist - 2013
- Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund Scholarship Recipient - American Business Women's Association, West Des Moines Chapter, 2012
- Certified Public Manager - 2011
- George C. Askew Award - The American Academy of Certified Public Managers, 2011
- Residential Evaluation Specialist - 2010
- Iowa Certified Assessor - 2005

Certified Residential Real Property Appraiser - 2002

Education:

Master of Public Administration, Public Policy, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa
Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa



See you in Quincy-Boston in 2018!

