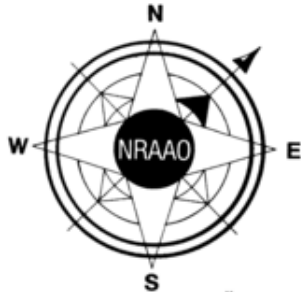


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*Conference Photos Inside*

My Fellow Assessors:

I am extremely proud and humbled to be your President.

The NRAAO is in my blood. My father, Howard Levenson, was a two-time NRAAO Vice-President, multiple time conference chairman, Sherry Vermilya award winner and Kay Pardee award winner.

I know I am the first second-generation Pardee award winner, and I believe that I might be the first second-generation Sherry V. award winner. Someone fact check me on this. So you see folks, this is my life blood.

My first real association with the NRAAO came when we hosted the 2009 conference, when my conference chair and Hand of the King, Les Pruitt, served as NRAAO President. I was what you might call the “runner” - as in, “Run this here”, “Carry this there” and “Help bring the liquor up to the hospitality room.” For our next conference, 2016, I was registration chair. At the 2018 Quincy conference I was elected secretary. Thanks, Angelo Marino, for pushing me to accept the position. When Angelo talks, people listen!

Now that I’ve bored you with the past, let’s look toward the future. And it’s a bright future at that.

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Please be sure to mark your calendars for May 14-17, 2023 so you can “Have a Grand time with us” at the Grand Hotel in Ocean City.

I have been assured that there will be an advertisement later in this issue with details for the hotel. This is a Grand new venue for us featuring Grand views of the ocean, a rooftop pool and an atmosphere that will be welcoming for our group.

Walking out the back door of the hotel puts you immediately on the fabled Boardwalk, one of the town’s crown jewels.

We have an impeccable team in place handling everything from education to golf to some fun activities, to (in Les Pruitt’s case, in particular) keeping me on the right path. I am proud to lead this group of men and women who are investing so much time and effort into making your conference experience the best it can be and ensuring that you have a Grand time!

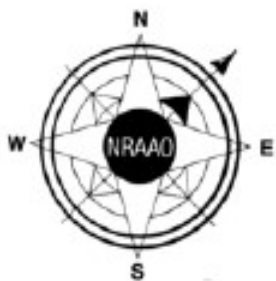
In our next issue, I will have much more to say about the conference itself, but please consider joining us at the beach next May.

I look forward to seeing all of you “Downy Ocean” as we say here in Maryland.

*Bryan Levenson, CMAA*

NRAAO President and Secretary





*Get Ready for a Grand Time*



# NRAAO / MAAO 2023

Sunday May 14 thru Wednesday May 17, 2023



2100 North Baltimore Avenue

Ocean City, MD 21842

**\$99.00 room rates**

**Start Booking!**

Be sure to ask for the MAAO/NRAAO rate.



**Congratulations to the recipients  
of The Catherine E. Pardee Memorial Award**

**2020**

**Patricia Moreau**

*Assessor*

*Foster, RI*

**2021**

**Marie Procacci**

*Assessor*

*Westhamton, NJ*

**Congratulations to the recipients of the Sherry Vermilya Award**

**2020**

**Connecticut**

*Shelby Jackson*

**Maine**

*Judith Mathiau*

**Maryland**

*Meaghan Beach*

**Massachusetts**

*Christopher Wilcock*

**New Hampshire**

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**New Jersey**

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**New York**

*Scott Shedler*

**Rhode Island**

*Lori Desantis*

**2021**

*Ann Marie Heering*

*N/A*

*Aron Bright*

*John Neas*

*Verna E. Sharpe*

*Lee Ann Russ*

*Lloyd Tasch*

*Elizabeth Monty*

**Congratulations to the recipients  
of The Richard L. Prendergast Lifetime Achievement Award**

**2020**

**James Mancini**

*Assessor*

*Stafford Township, NJ*

**2021**

**Leslie Pruitt**

*Supervisor of Assessments*

*Somerset County, MD*





## 2022 Conference Made a Splash

One hundred and fourteen people boarded the *Oasis of the Seas* at Port Liberty, NJ on May 1st, returning on May 8th filled with knowledge and having enjoyed stops at Port Canaveral, FL; CocoCay, Bahamas; and, Nassau, Bahamas.

Keynote Speaker Ian Hockley gave a moving presentation about “Dylan’s Wings of Change,” a nonprofit foundation dedicated to the memory of Dylan Hockley, one of the first grade victims of the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012.

Education sessions available included

- Teamwork
- Navigating Mass Appraisal Statistics
- USPAP (7-hours)
- IAAO Standard on Data Quality
- Trends in Technology (with vendors)
- Reading & Understanding Deeds



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- Anatomy of a Lease & What is Income
- Journey to Assessment Excellence
- Emerging Geospatial Data & Technologies
- Risks & Benefits of “Going Mobile”
- Poking Holes in Assessment Appeals



## Future NRAAO Conferences

2023	Maryland
2024	New Jersey
2025	Rhode Island
2026	New Hampshire

## **2023 NRAAO Officers**

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*Connecticut*

**Larry LaBarbera**

*Treasurer*

*Connecticut*

### **In Memoriam: Terina Wendy Wertz**

Terina Wertz, Maryland's NRAAO representative, passed away suddenly in September. She was an Assessor at the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation.



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