

# Northeastern Regional Association of Assessing Officers



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## **NRAAO**

### **2019-2020 Officers**

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Rhode Island*

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Chris Kelsey  
*Web Master- Connecticut*

## Northeast News

I was excited to preside as president over my first NRAAO Board meeting which was held on October 4, 2019 at the Hyatt Mystic, CT. I am pleased to report that the Fall NRAAO Executive Board meeting was well attended and proved to be a productive session. Many thanks to the Executive Board members who attended and who provide support to the organization throughout the year.



**NRAAO PRESIDENT**  
**Marie Procacci**

During my President's report, I took a moment to recognize my NJ2020 conference team present and back home. There are too many to name but I am constantly in awe of their efforts. In particular, I was pleased to welcome Tom Glock (NRAAO and AMANJ past-president and NJ2020 conference co-chair) back to the table. His recovery is nothing short of amazing and his devotion to the organization is inspiring.

During the second half of my term, I will be working with the webmaster, Chris Kelsey, to make some upgrades to our website. Please contact Chris or I with any suggestions or comments on our website renovations.

The NJ2020 conference committee has held many planning meetings in preparation of our NRAAO/AMANJ 2020 joint conference to be held at the completely renovated **Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, NJ on May 17-20, 2020**. NJ2020 is focused on education but our tradition of hospitality is also a point of pride. Our main social event will be held on the historic Steele Pier – one of the oldest amusement parks in the country. The Hard Rock Hotel is located on the famous AC boardwalk with gorgeous ocean views and has free live music every night of the week. Atlantic City is an exciting and revitalized location with world class entertainment, dining and events, excellent golf courses, and shopping.



Northeastern Regional Association of Assessing Officers

Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey

2020 Conference

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

Atlantic City, New Jersey

May 17 – 20, 2020



NRAAO / AMANJ 2020



## **NRAAO 2019 Wrap Up**

### **Karen S. Beattie, RES, RICA – NRAAO Immediate Past President**

I suppose as Immediate Past President, I have a few responsibilities. One is to be a reference and support staff for the current and future Presidents, as the Past Presidents were for me. Another is to give a wrap-up report on the spring conference held in Newport, Rhode Island this past April/May.

I could not have asked for a better group of Officers, Conference Chair and Host Committee. They all worked incredibly hard to put on a fun, well-organized educational event. The Host Committee started its work almost three years ago, helping select the venue. Many planning meetings were held since, during which all the details of the 2019 conference were ironed out. As you can imagine, the amount of work it takes to plan a four-day event for 150+ people can be overwhelming. I can't count the emails that were flying through hyperspace in the months and weeks leading up to the start of conference. Towards the end of that time, some of us were signing off electronic messages with #itsalmostover and #mygoaltoseeMay2nd. We are all enjoying the lack of responsibility since the closing banquet. All kidding aside, I am very proud of the Rhode Island Host Committee. It was a real team-effort.

Another main reason for our conference's success was the support from our vendors. Their participation and financial contributions toward the 2019 conference were essential to plan a well-rounded event. One of our goals was to provide exposure for our exhibitors, bringing the members to them at the Sunday reception and Monday luncheon. We trust that we exceeded our goal and gave enough time for exhibitors and clients to mingle and talk shop.

The final registration numbers were 126 full conference attendees, with an additional 26 day/multi day attendees. The educational program consisted of eleven 3-hour sessions as well as the 7-hour USPAP course. We exceeded the number of hotel room nights estimated in our contract, selling 341 room nights for the whole event. There were 115 present at the Ice Cream Social, and the same count for the closing banquet.

To all those of you that have hosted a conference in the past, Thank You! And to the NRAAO Members who will be on a future host committee, or serve as an officer, go for it! Participate, stay focused, surround yourself with hard working professionals, and reach out to those of us who have been down this road before. We want to see you all succeed, and look forward to many more years of fun, organized conferences throughout the northeast and mid-Atlantic.

**2019 A-TEAM RI HOST COMMITTEE ROCK STARS:**

Vice President/Registration – Charlene Randall      Conference Chair – Patti Moreau  
Treasurer – Matt Helfand      Secretary/Vendor Chair – Lori DeSantis  
Hospitality/Fundraising – Elaine Mondillo      Program Booklet – Jennifer Mooney  
Education – Linda Cwiek      Social Events/Golf – Christine Brochu & Ray Beattie Jr.

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR VERY GENEROUS VENDORS:**

Vision Government      Northeast Revaluation  
Tyler Technologies      Patriot Properties  
The Warren Group      MainStreet GIS  
CAI Technologies      Tax Management  
Quality Data      Eagle View



**Figure 1 Vice President Charlene Randall, Conference Chair Patti Moreau, President Karen Beattie**



**Figure The Rhode Island Rock Stars**



**Figure 3 President's Table: Bryan Levenson, John McCarthy, Larry LaBarbera, Edye McCarthy, Amy Rasmussen, Dennis Ketcham; Charlene Randall, Patti Moreau, Karen Beattie, Ray Beattie Jr.**

## Past Presidents Table





**Rhode Island Assessors with IAAO President Elect Amy Rasmussen**





## Richard L. Prendergast Lifetime Achievement Award

The NRAAO began presenting the The Richard L. Prendergast Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005.

A lifetime achievement award. Lifetime. The recipient of this award personifies service. Service, and untiring dedication to the assessing profession, the NRAAO and all of us in this room.

When I began pulling this together this year, it occurred to me that the recipient of the Prendergast award truly has had an impact on this association as well as in their own State.

I'm going to go over a career that has been threaded through the cloth of Assessing and the NRAAO, but first one award granted to this individual says something that nothing else could.

In 2012 this individual was awarded "Friend of the Forest". I knew Smokey the Bear and I never got that award. Seriously though- this tells me that this individual goes out of their way to help people. And that makes a difference- to all of us.

Our candidate started as a part time clerk in working for Stan Severance. When Stan went to Smithfield he wanted to hire this person with him, but the Town Council appointed her Assessor where she worked until she retired.

President 1996 this person was President of The Rhode Island Association of Assessing Officer after serving as Secretary, and Vice President

She was an IAAO member, is a NRAAO member, and is now a Life Member of the RIAAO.

She was RIAAO representative to the NRAAO for many years.

She served on several committees for NRAAO and was the NRAAO President 2012 – 2013.

After retiring a few years ago, she has the enviable life of spending time with her children and 4 grandchildren, and she also loves to travel.

She is our long time Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Vivian Valentine



Catherine “Kay” Pardee was an icon before her time. She served as the first woman President of the Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers. She was on the Board of Governors for the NRAAO for years as well as serving as Secretary for many years. She was the first woman CAE designation from what is now known as the IAAO. The first Kay Pardee Memorial Award was presented in 1967. Truly a legacy to be reckoned with!

Prior to getting into the “coolest field ever” our candidate worked in the banking industry from Teller to Vice President. Despite that aberrant career choice, they were unable to shed a ‘genetic’ connection that brought them to data collection, revaluation companies, and finally yes, assessing.

I was told by a family member that ‘family dinner could not be had without ‘assessor talk’’. Sort of like Grace?

Our nominee has progressed from reval companies (NH and CT), to towns (Wayland MA where they eat their young), to a city (Medford MA). She a lot of her time she covers in at least three states. Her commitment to the Assessing community is exhibited in some of the following:

Iaao Rep from NRAAO

NRAAO Conference Committee

IAAO Education Committee

MAAO Senior Instructor

MAAO Education Committee Co-Chair

Executive Board member MCAA and President in 2015

President of MA Chapter IAAO 2013-2019

Executive Board member MAAO since 2016

Evidently she doesn’t like to say “NO”. On top of it all our candidate is married to an Assessor and her daughter works in the Groton Assessor’s office!

Our candidate continues to give of herself to all of us. She is tenacious, she is dedicated, she doesn’t miss a beat.

She is Ellen Brideau.



## Sherry Vermilla Awards



Bryan Levenson

## New Officers Sworn In

