

2017 MMA Convention Augusta Civic Center October 4-5

The Maine Chapter of IAAO and the MAAO will once again be co-sponsoring the *Assessors' Booth* at the annual MMA Convention.



2016 Assessors' Booth

Left to Right—Kyle Avila, MCIAAO Director; Clinton Swett, MCIAAO Secretary; Ruth Birtz, MAAO President; Darryl McKenney, MAAO & MCIAAO Director, Bill Healey, MAAO Vice-President and Kerry Leichtman, MCIAAO President

**And we have planned a great day of classes for assessors!
See page 2 for details.**

MMA Convention Education for Assessors
Co-sponsored by Maine Chapter IAAO and MAAO

Wednesday, October 4

10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Tree Growth at another Level

This session will tackle the level of responsibility expected from the forest department in order to assist the municipal assessor. What do you do if the landowner is not following the management plan? What will the Forestry Department do for you? Don Masius will also discuss the upcoming legislative proposal to improve the tree growth tax law.

Presenter: *Don Mansius, Director, Forest Policy and Management*

Certification: This session is approved for 1.25 CMA/CAT re-certification credits through Maine Revenue Services

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Solar Energy Valuation - Ideas and Issues

Presenter: *Bill Van Tuinen, Tax Assessment Services*

Certification: This session is approved for 1 CMA/CAT re-certification credit through Maine Revenue Services

2:45 - 4:00 p.m. Paper Streets - What Now?

"I'll Tax the Street"--But can you? Can a municipal assessor tax a landowner's interest in a paper street that abuts the property? What if the paper street is "deemed vacated"? This presentation by Jim Katsiaficas, Esq. of the law firm Perkins Thompson reviews paper streets, the deemed vacation of paper streets in "ancient subdivisions," and provides advice on how municipal assessors should treat paper streets for property taxation purposes.

Presenter: *Jim Katsiaficas, Esq., Perkins Thompson*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PT 101 -Introduction to Property Tax Assessment

Instructor: Judy Mathiau, CMA

When: Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 5:00 - 8:00 pm 10/19/17—11/16/17

Location: Winslow Town Office Council Chambers, 114 Benton Avenue, Winslow

Cost: \$100 To reserve a spot, contact the instructor directly at: jmathiau@winslow-me.gov

This course explores the concepts of property taxation and the assessment process, including: the use of various recommended forms, applications, and property assessment records; a discussion of important publications, reference materials, and information sources; a brief overview of legal provisions; elements of the mass appraisal process; a hands-on introduction to interpretation of deed descriptions and tax mapping; and a primer on public relations. A calculator, an engineer's scale, and a 360-degree protractor are required.

Save the Date! November 17th

The Maine Chapter IAAO Annual Meeting will be held at the *Wishcamper Center* in So Portland. More info to come! Pursuant to the *Maine Chapter IAAO By-Laws*, the Nominating Committee has nominated the following slate of officers to be voted at the business meeting:

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