



# ILLINOIS CHAPTER OF IAAO

Quarterly Newsletter

## IAAO Annual Conference

August 25-28 in Denver, CO

Another IAAO conference has successfully come and gone, and no Illinoisians are excited to be back to the Midwestern weather we were missing in beautiful Denver, Colorado, just a couple of weeks ago. The conference saw significant representation from Illinois assessment professionals, including attendees, volunteers, and presenters. Approximately 75 professionals from Illinois attended, out of a total of around 1,700 participants, making this the highest-attended conference since the event at Niagara Falls. Among the educational sessions, there were at least six presentations featuring research and insights from some of the state's leading assessment professionals.

A standout presentation featuring Adrienne Bailey and Chesney Leafblad was the workshop delivered by the Women's Initiative Network (WIN),

titled "Level Up: Five Powerful Moves to Elevate Your Career." This multi-part presentation addressed topics such as imposter syndrome, knowing when and why to speak up, improving public speaking skills, and more. It offered exceptional strategic advice for advancing one's career while also contributing to personal development.

Another notable presentation was delivered by Nicole Jardine and Scott Smith from Cook County, titled "Driving Legislative Change." Given the extensive parcel count in the area, Cook County benefits from resources that exceed the budget of many other offices. This presentation provided valuable insights into how a large office like Cook County effectively remains resourceful and organized while managing nearly 2 million parcels.

In addition to these highlights, many presentations at the conference received commendable reviews. Overall, it was a successful conference, and we look forward to seeing even more Illinois representation next year in sunny Orlando, Florida, from September 21-24. Mark your calendars now!



## Upcoming Events & Contact Info

**IPAI Legal Symposium (Naperville)**

SEPTEMBER 24

**Exposing the Dark to Light: the Geography of Dark Stores (Webinar)**

OCTOBER 3

**EQUALIZATION - THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY (FREE WEBINAR)**

NOVEMBER 7

Contact Info  
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# Highlighting the IAAO Library

Did you know that as a member of IAAO, you have free access to thousands of assessment and appraisal-related documents? In this edition of the IL Chapter’s newsletter, we are highlighting the oldest electronic article related to Illinois currently available in the IAAO Library! Entitled Aerial Photography Used in Cook County Assessment, this brief article from 1979 showcases some of the early equipment and uses of aerial imagery for assessment purposes in Illinois. Make sure you are logged in to your IAAO account to check out this fascinating piece of our state’s history here (copy this link into browser):

<https://iaao.softlinkliberty.net:443/liberty/OpacLogin?mode=BASIC&openDetail=true&corporation=IAAO&action=search&queryTerm=uuid%3D%22e0b7c8fe0af12298001651fdff203221%22&editionUuid=e0b7c8fe0af12298001651fdff203221&operator=OR&url=%2Fopac%2Fsearch.do>



# Did You Know... ?

Did you know that assessment professionals have hobbies and stories that are non-assessment related? Here are some fun facts about a few members of your Illinois Chapter Executive Board Members:

- 1) Our chapter President, Julie Russell, played NJCAA Division 2 Softball “back in the day” (and has had 4 knee surgeries & her right shoulder reconstructed because of it)
- 2) Our chapter Secretary, Adrienne Bailey plays bass and sings, and was in a band for 10+ years. (Maybe someone should book her band for the next conference vendor party!)

