

The Illinois Chapter of IAAO Newsletter

SPRING 2026



Annual Business Meeting

The Illinois Chapter of IAAO's 8th business meeting took place on Tuesday, March 24th, 2026, at the Illinois Property Assessment Institute annual conference. With 130+ attendees, we had the largest annual meeting in our chapter's history. Our luncheon's special guest and keynote speaker was IAAO Immediate Past President Donna VanderVries, CAE, AAS, PPS, Esq.

In this presentation, she provided background information about the International Association of Assessing Officers, and the growing reach of our organization as we continually add state and regional chapters across the globe. She also highlighted some of the benefits of being an IAAO member, such as having access to the Research Library, discounts on supplemental educational material and courses, volunteer/network opportunities, and more.

At the end of the annual meeting, we successfully transitioned responsibilities and duties to the from the 2025-2026 Officers to the new 2026-2027 Illinois Chapter Executive Board. Names and positions of the current Executive Board members are listed below.

Installation of Officers 2026-2027

President:
Adrienne Suits-Bailey, CIAO

Vice President:
Mia McCammon,
CIAO

Secretary:
Ivana Owona, CIAO

Treasurer:
Dale D. Butalla, CIAO-M

**Executive Committee
Member at Large:**
Brent D. Dornan, RES,
AAS, CIAO

**Immediate Past
President:**
Jennifer Campbell,
CIAO-M

**Executive Committee
Position #1:**
Karl Jackson, CIAO

**Executive Committee
Position #2:**
Maureen C.
Sterrenberg, CIAO

**Executive Committee
Position #3:**
Jennifer Bryant, CIAO



Upcoming Webinars



2025 IAAO
Chapter of the Year

Evaluating CAMA software "The Best Fit for You"

May 7

Eight Mistakes to Avoid When Building Your Model Development Process

June 4

Protecting Your Organization Data from Physical and Cyber Disaster

July 2



Please Note: The conference format is changing in 2026: the Welcome Reception will be on Tuesday, Oct. 13, sessions will be held Wednesday through Friday, and the Exhibit Hall will be open Wednesday and Thursday. Awards will be presented during the Gala on Friday night.

Mark Your Calendars!

Conference Invitations to Present

April 15, 2026

IAAO 2026 Conference Registration Opens

April 28, 2026

Apply for or renew your passport (if necessary) by

Late July 2026

IAAO Conference in Calgary, AB, CAN

October 13-16, 2026

IAAO Course 102 – NEW Location!

The IL Chapter is offering IAAO Course 102 (the Income Approach to Valuation) July 20 – July 24, 2026, taught by (IAAO 2023 President) Pat Alesandrini. The course is offered both in-person and virtually.

In-person participants will now attend the class at a NEW location from what was originally listed. The course will be held at the Will County Government Office, Committee Room 2nd Floor, 302 N. Chicago Street, Joliet, IL, 60432

Must register by June 19, 2026.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact the Course Coordinator Dale Butalla at (815) 740-4648 or butalla@hotmail.com.

Did You Know . . . ? [Annual Conference Edition]

- **Early-bird conference registration rate is \$935 (for IAAO members, \$1,220 for non-members) and is available from 4/28/26 until 8/28/26.**
- **IAAO has reserved room blocks in four hotels nearby the TELUS Convention Center. The two hotels that are directly connected to the TELUS Convention Center are the Calgary Marriott Downtown Hotel (\$269 CAD, ~\$195 USD) and the Hyatt Regency Calgary (\$249 CAD, ~\$180 USD). Hotel reservations open at the same time as conference registration, so book early if possible!]**
- **There will be a volunteer opportunity (put on by the DEI Council) on Tuesday the 13th at conference. Join us in serving the community we are visiting!**
- **The Local Host Task Force is planning a special excursion to bus conference participants to and from BANFF on Saturday the 17th. We will find out more details as we get closer, but book your hotels accordingly if you plan to attend this outing!**

Scholarships for IAAO's Annual Conference

IAAO Scholarship Fund:

To provide greater opportunities for members to attend educational courses, seminars, and the IAAO Annual Conference, the IAAO Board of Directors has established a Scholarship Fund for those who qualify. The Scholarship Fund is intended for any IAAO member who demonstrates a financial need and will use the funds to complete an IAAO educational activity. This fund is designed to cover the needs of members that are not met by other programs.

This scholarship fund is available year-round, and applications are evaluated upon receipt. The maximum scholarship award for attending the annual conference is \$1,250, if selected.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council Conference Scholarship:

This scholarship was recently revised to increase the awarded amount from \$1,500 to a maximum of \$5,000. This scholarship is intended to COVER all conference-related expenses, rather than defray cost. This scholarship has the highest awarded amount of any conference-related scholarship, so it is well worth applying. 2026 Applications will open in May, and must be submitted by July 14, 2026.

You can contact Shawn Lee House (IAAO DEI Council Staff Liaison) at house@iaao.org or Ivana Owona (DEI Council Chairperson) at ivana@ctao.us with questions.

Access the IAAO scholarship page here:

<https://www.iaao.org/membership/awards-and-recognition/scholarships/>: