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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all of our OCAAO members:

It is hard to believe that another Membership year is coming to an end this June 30th. My term on the Board will also end at that time. Today I would like to thank the membership for the opportunity to serve on your Board these past seven years. It was an experience that I enjoyed very much.

This past year your OCAAO Board has provided our membership with many events and educational opportunities. For events, L. Brooks Patterson was our guest speaker at our June membership meeting with 54 attending last year, and he delivered the Oath of Office to our new Board. Our Annual Golf Outing and Scholarship Fundraiser was held in July and we were able to award seven educational Scholarships to our members. The Holiday Luncheon & Membership Meeting in December was enjoyed by over 80 members. All of these events offered great networking opportunities.

For education, most of you should be well on your way to completing your 16 hours of continuing education credits that are needed by October 31st to renew your certification for next year. Since last November 1st, we have already offered qualifying educational classes and will be offering more this month and in June. Tim Schnelle was the instructor for **How to Effectively Navigate Assessment Questions** (8 credit hours) in November with over 125 attending. The **2015 BOR Training** class (4 credit hours) was held in February with a great turnout and 150 in attendance. We are looking forward to our **Using the HP 12C Calculator** class (8 credit hours) next week on May 19th with over 75 registered (that class is now full). On June 23rd we have 2 courses, **Valuation Issues Involving Gas Stations** (4 credits) with a panel of 4 instructors in the morning, and **Creating Best Practices Involving the Michigan Tax Tribunal** (4 credits) with a panel of 5 instructors in the afternoon. That's 28 possible credit hours offered already from November through June alone. We have had discussions about a course later this year, but nothing is finalized or scheduled as yet.

Our **2015 Annual Membership Meeting** when our new Board is sworn in will be on **June 9th** at Fieldstone Golf in Auburn Hills. Marty Marshall, IAAO President, will be our guest speaker, as well as Lisa Hobart and there are **only 2 weeks left to get your registrations in**. The **Annual Golf Outing & Scholarship Fundraiser** will be on July 16th at Fountain's Golf Course in Clarkston, and we look forward to seeing you there for this very enjoyable day of networking, so save that date on your calendars.

As a reminder, your **Ballots** are due by May 22nd for your new Board, and **Membership Dues** should be received by June 19th. You can obtain **flyers for all of our events**, Ballots, Membership Dues Notice etc., as well as postings for other organizations events on our website at www.ocaao.com so visit it often. You can also send us suggestions and comments through our website. We look forward to your input.

I think the attendance numbers above prove that all the work your OCAAO Board puts into these classes and events is appreciated by our members. I would like to personally thank our Board for all their planning an implementation of our events. Your enthusiasm and commitment surpasses what I have seen in many organizations and it has truly been a pleasure holding office with all of you on the current Board, as well as past Board members I have served with.

Chris Ritchie, MAAO (3)

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IMPORTANT LINKS

Go to our OCAAO website for pictures, flyers and other pertinent information

These are several websites OCAAO members should bookmark as favorites for information and publications:

(Ctrl+Click to follow link)

- **OCAAO website** www.ocao.com
- OCAAO Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Oakland-County-Association-of-Assessing-Officers/127210837372450>
- Michigan Assessors Association www.maa-usa.org
- International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) <http://www.iaao.org>
- Oakland County Property Gateway <https://gis.oakgov.com/PropertyGateway/Home.mvc>
- Oakland County Equalization <http://www.oakgov.com/mgtbud/equal>
- Michigan Tax Tribunal www.michigan.gov/taxtrib
- Michigan State Tax Commission http://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,1607,7-121-1751_2228---,00.html
- Southeastern Chapter Michigan Assessors Association http://www.maausa.org/secmaa.asp?area_1=pages%2Faffiliates/secmaa/sidenav&area_2=pages/affiliates/secmaa/main
- Mid-Michigan Association of Assessing Officers www.mmaao.org
- American Society of Appraisers (ASA) <http://www.appraisers.org/>
- Detroit Chapter ASA Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/#!/AmericanSocietyOfAppraisersDetroitChapter>
- Great Lakes Chapter Appraisal Institute <http://www.glcai.com/>
- Michigan Townships Association www.michigantownships.org
- Michigan Municipal League www.mml.org
- Michigan Association of REALTORS www.mirealtors.com
- The Appraisal Foundation <https://netforum.avectra.com/eWeb/StartPage.aspx?Site=TAF>
- Institute for Professionals in Taxation www.ipt.org

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