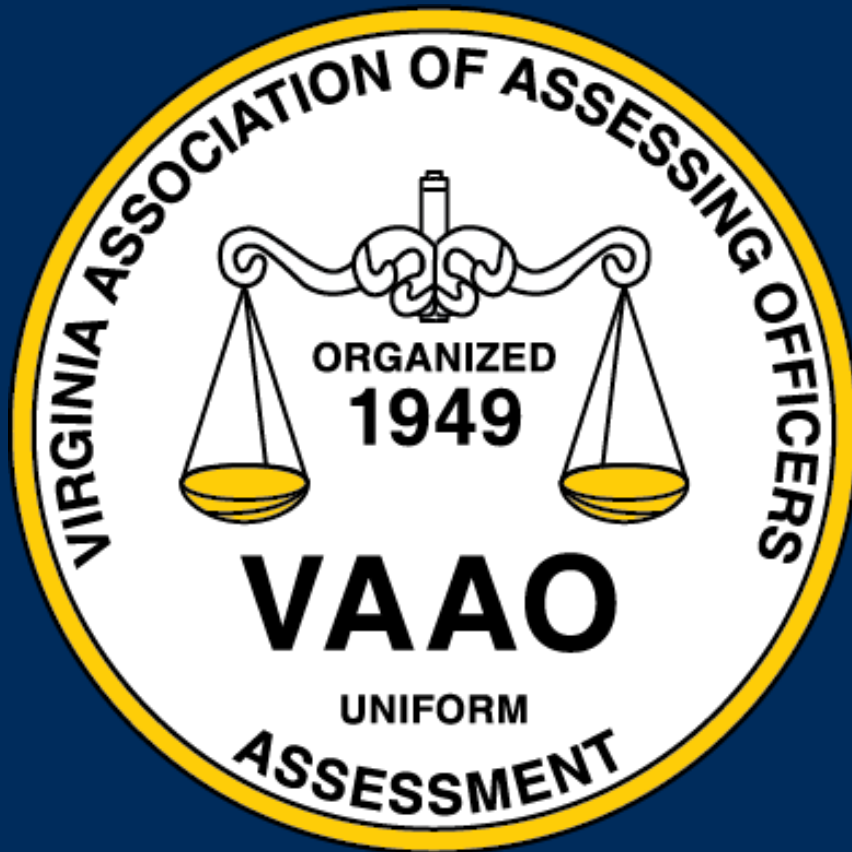


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# Spotlight

## *City of Chesapeake*

The City of Chesapeake, Virginia offers much for residents and visitors, with its range of landscapes from traditional urban areas to family-friendly suburban neighborhoods and vast natural open spaces. Ranked among “America’s 50 Best Cities to Live” (Bloomberg Business Week and 24/7 Wall Street) and “Top 100 Best Cities for Families” (Parenting Magazine), residents enjoy a high quality of life with excellent schools and public services.

The City of Chesapeake is located in the region called Hampton Roads (Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News MSA), the 36th largest metropolitan area in the country. Chesapeake is also located adjacent to the world’s largest natural harbor and the world’s largest naval base.

Part of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, which stretches from Maine to Florida, passes through Chesapeake. Chesapeake is the second largest city in land area in Virginia (353 square miles) and 10th largest city in the U.S. The estimated population is 238,744. It is the third largest city in population in Virginia and 91st largest city in the U.S.

The City of Chesapeake was created with the merger of Norfolk County and the City of South Norfolk in 1963. However; the area’s story dates back much further. In fact; the City’s landmarks and communities have a long, varied and interesting history. The first English settlement began around 1620 along the banks of the Elizabeth River, with Norfolk County founded in 1626.

Chesapeake is the site of the historic, Revolutionary War “Battle of Great Bridge”. The battle took place on December 9, 1775, just a few hundred yards from where City Hall stands today. In the early months of the war, British Royal governor Lord Dunmore marched his forces to “Great Bridge”. There his army entrenched itself to await the arrival of American forces. The two armies clashed and in a brief but decisive battle, the Americans routed Lord Dunmore’s army which fled back to Norfolk and later abandoned that city.

In 1793, work began on the Dismal Swamp Canal, an idea envisioned by George Washington when he visited the swamp some years earlier. The canal was dug completely by hand and finally opened in 1805. Now on the National Register of Historic Places, the Dismal Swamp Canal is the oldest operating artificial waterway in the country. Completion of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal in 1858 provided a second waterway through the area for transportation of goods and people. Both canals are operated by the Army Corps of Engineers and form part of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.

While no battles were fought in the Chesapeake area during the Civil War, Union troops occupied and laid waste to much of the land. When the war ended, Norfolk County took advantage of its abundant natural resources. Its coastal location, miles of riverfront and deep water harbors and the fertile, level farmland allowed county residents to recover quickly from the wartime destruction, moving without hesitation into the 20th Century.

Today, Chesapeake is a unique blend of rural and urban centers, providing its citizens excellent schools, recreational and cultural facilities and strong municipal leadership as the city continues to grow, meeting the challenges awaiting it in the 21st century. [Visit Chesapeake and Explore it's History](#)

## IAAO Workshop 452 – Fundamentals of Assessment Ratio Studies

April 11-13, 2018

Richmond, VA

This workshop provides a basic introduction to the development and uses of assessment sales ratio studies based upon the IAAO Standards on Ratio Studies: January, 2007. The workshop covers the topics of sales analysis, sampling, and the development of assessment ratio studies. The workshop also covers managerial and technical issues, which include staffing, timing of studies, use of study results, statistical testing and assessment regressivity and progressivity.

### Location

**State Westmoreland Building  
Multipurpose Room  
1957 Westmoreland Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23230**

### The course includes an exam.

Recommended Prerequisite: Course 101

Required Textbook: None

Fee for all Members/Non-Members \$325

IAAO Recertification Credit: 18.5 hours, 2 ½ days

**Deadline to register is March 26, 2018**

Instructor: Brian Gordineer, AAS

### Lodging

*Rooms are conveniently located at:*

### Schedule

**Wednesday: Registration 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a. m.**

**Wednesday: Class 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Thursday: Class 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Friday: Review/Exam 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

**Candlewood Suites – West Broad**  
2100 Dickens Rd, Richmond, VA 23230  
Reservations: 1.804.324-3900  
Ask for the government rate

**Residence Inn by Marriott Richmond**  
West End  
2121 Dickens Rd, Richmond, VA 23230  
Reservation: 804-285-8200  
Ask for the government rate

### To enroll complete the registration form

### and mail with payment to:

Department of Taxation

Attn: Terry Born

600 E. Main Street, 10th Floor

Richmond, Virginia 23219

Or Call 804.786.4091

E-mail: Theresa.born@tax.virginia.gov

[Registration Link](#)

# GISCAMA Conference

**"22nd Annual GIS/CAMA Technologies Conference  
March 19-22, 2018  
Houston, Texas**

The Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) and the [International Association of Assessing Officers](#) (IAAO) partner together to provide a conference that assists assessment and appraisal professionals in visualizing how they can work more effectively through the use of technology. This conference explores the important role that integration of Geographic Information System (GIS) and Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) systems plays in providing access to data and analysis of information for better decision making within a jurisdiction.

## **•Conference Program:**

## **•Registration & Venue:**

## **•Exhibit & Sponsor Details:**

## **Why Attend?**

*•As an appraiser, this conference is a wonderful way to see the power of GIS and how it is being utilized. For those in GIS, exposure to how your users are leveraging your systems, and what they need, is a wonderful way to enhance your operation. This conference is the ideal place to be inspired by the work of others in our industry.*

- Scott Rountree, Augusta-Richmond County Board of Assessors

*•Best and most valuable conference I attend every year. Technology is rapidly changing the way mass appraisal is administered and if you're not at this conference, you're not on the cutting edge of our industry.* - Warren Dixon, Naperville Township (IL) Assessor

*•The GIS/CAMA Conference has always provided a wonderful range of informative topics relevant to an ever-changing and emerging technology. Additionally, it's the best platform to mix and mingle with the "old-timers" who can mentor newcomers and for the newbies to bring novel ideas to the discussion.* -Tony Lindauer, Jefferson County (KY) Property Valuation

*•Sometimes we get bogged down in the minutia of our work. The conference gives you a week to share struggles and solutions with other people and get inspired again about what we do.* -Danielle Simpson, Boulder County (CO) Assessor's Office

*•CAMA/GIS is most beneficial to the technical staff in your jurisdiction.* Ken Wilkinson, CFA, Lee (FL.) County Property Appraiser



*•This conference has a high return on investment. Having an office representative attend the GIS/CAMA conference each each year is essential if you want to stay up-to-date with the latest GIS and modeling implementations. What you learn from presentations, and perhaps most importantly, conversations with peers from around the globe, are more than worth the price of admission. (And who doesn't want to learn how to use free, open-source software that improves assessment valuations and processes?)* - Paul Bidanset, Real Estate Valuation Modeler (VA)

*•The integration of GIS and CAMA is no longer an idea of the future, but instead a necessity for proper assessment practices today. The GIS/CAMA Technologies Conference gives their attendees many different possibilities to assist the way each individual office works.* -Maureen Sterenberg (IL)

## **Preliminary Schedule**

**•Monday, March 19:** Preconference Workshops, Exhibit Hall Installation, Evening Networking Reception with Exhibitors

**•Tuesday, March 20:** Opening Keynote Address, Breakout Sessions, Hosted Lunch, Exhibit Hall Hours

**•Wednesday, March 21:** Breakout Sessions, Exhibit Hall Hours, Vendor Lunch Sessions, Exhibit Hall Dismantling, Evening Conference Social Event

**•Thursday, March 22:** Breakout Sessions, Closing Keynote Address, Optional Tours ..."

More information at <http://www.urisa.org/gis-cama-technologies-conference/>

# Annual Conference

**September 23-26, 2018 - Minneapolis, MN**

The 2018 IAAO Annual International Conference on Assessment Administration set for September 23-26, 2018, in Minneapolis, Minnesota and registration for the conference will start in early March.



## [Call For Presentations](#)

Presentations are now being accepted for the IAAO Annual International Conference on Minneapolis, Minnesota. See the [submission page](#) for more information.

Interested speakers should submit potential educational session presentations via the online form by Friday, February 16, 2018.

## [IAAO Events](#)

[Annual Conference](#)

[GIS/CAMA Conference](#)

[Legal Seminar](#)

[Prep & Trial Seminar](#)

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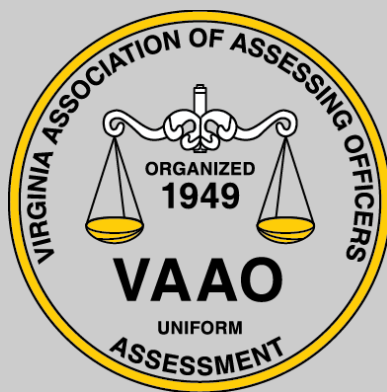
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# Virginia Association *of* Assessing Officers

## Professional Designation Award



“The IAAO’s Professional Designation Program provides a mechanism to unify and standardize the designation process. It must be recognized that IAAO professional designations represent an ultimate professional objective.”

In an effort to support the IAAO’s Professional Designation Program, and encourage, support, and help facilitate each VAAO member in reaching their ultimate professional objective, the VAAO hereby institutes an award for successful completion and written confirmation of the granting of an IAAO professional designation. The award shall be administered as follows:

- Upon receiving a CAE designation, the sum of \$500.00 shall be the award
- Upon receiving any IAAO designation other than CAE, the sum of \$300.00 shall be the award
- A total lifetime award for completion of multiple designation programs shall not exceed \$800.00
- Presentation shall be made, along with a memento from the VAAO at the annual education seminar or annual conference, by the Professional Designation Program Committee
- The committee shall request from the VAAO treasurer and the treasurer shall have authority to issue the funds for these awards
- The effective date for this award program is January 1, 2014. Any active member of the VAAO with a designation certificate date on or after this date shall be eligible for this monetary award.
- This award program may be cancelled, amended, or replaced without notice to the VAAO membership, by the VAAO Board of Directors.
- In any event there is a dispute over the granting of any award, the VAAO Board of Directors shall be the final arbitrator

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# IAAO Membership

Dear VAAO Members,

It is our pleasure to serve the VAAO as your IAAO representatives. If you are not yet an IAAO member, we encourage you to join your colleagues from around the globe as part of this “internationally recognized leader in property appraisal, assessment administration and property tax policy”!

IAAO members qualify for a wide array of valuable benefits designed to enhance professional knowledge and career opportunities. IAAO member benefits include:

- registration discounts on IAAO webinars, seminars, and annual conference
- discounted member prices on IAAO books and multimedia in the IAAO Marketplace
- full access to the IAAO library with physical and/or electronic access to thousands of books, articles, and government documents, as well as linked databases and other resources
- electronic access to download the latest USPAP guide
- 10% discount on the McKISSOCK online USPAP course
- the opportunity to earn an IAAO professional designation or become accredited
- scholarship opportunities for those needing help with membership dues and education costs
- the ability to connect and share information with colleagues from around the world in the AssessorNET online community
- subscriptions to the monthly magazine *Fair & Equitable* and quarterly academic journal *Journal of Property Tax Assessment and Administration*
- access to Member Look Up - an online membership directory with a variety of search options
- leadership opportunities through service as an IAAO representative, committee volunteer, or executive board member
- international recognition in the Awards Program
- retired and lifetime status for those who are long-time members and meet qualifications

A more detailed listing of member benefits can be found in the [Member Resource Guide](#). One of the most important member benefits is complete access to all of the information found within IAAO's website. [2018 Membership Application](#)

Regards!

Derek J. Green, AAS; Brian Gordineer, AAS; Franklin Gregory Goodwyn



# Save *The* Dates

## **VAAO 63<sup>rd</sup> Education Seminar**

Boar's Head Inn  
Charlottesville, VA  
July 10-13, 2018



## **VAAO 70th Annual Conference**

Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront  
Virginia Beach, VA  
October 16-20, 2018



## **Virginia Department of Taxation**

### **Advanced Assessors' School**

University of Mary Washington  
Stafford Campus  
Fredericksburg, VA  
June 11-15, 2018



# Board Meeting Dates



**Hilton Richmond Short Pump**

**March 30, 2018 – 10:00am**

12042 W Broad St  
Richmond VA 23233



**Boar's Head Resort**

**July 12, 2018 – 5:00pm**

200 Ednam Dr  
Charlottesville VA 22903



**Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront**

**October 19, 2018 – 8:00am**

3001 Atlantic Ave  
Virginia Beach VA 23451

# CareerDevelopment

## Promotions

Jennifer O'Connell – Real Estate Appraiser IV (City of Chesapeake)

Holt "Billy" Butt, RES – City Assessor (City of Portsmouth)

Ronald Agnor – City Assessor (City of Virginia Beach)

Bruce Woodzell – Director of Business Development (Vision)

## Retirements

Jerry Banagan – City Assessor (City of Virginia Beach)

Janey Culpepper, AAS – City Assessor (City of Portsmouth)

## Career Opportunities

### City of Suffolk

Appraiser I (P/T Seasonal)

Salary: \$20.36 per hour

Closing: January 24, 2018 noon

### Arlington County

Real Estate Appraiser (Entry-Level or Full Performance) Salary Range: \$55,660.80 – \$110,614.40

Closing: Continuous

**[IAAO Career Center](#)**

New hires, promotions, or retirements in your office? Send to [dgreen@gloucesterva.info](mailto:dgreen@gloucesterva.info) to be featured in the next edition of *Network*.

# Your *Newsletter*

Have an idea, comment, or suggestion for *Network*? This is your newsletter and we are here to serve you, the Virginia assessment community. We want our readers to get the most out of this publication, and that stems from receiving direct feedback and content. We encourage you to contact us.

[dgreen@gloucesterva.info](mailto:dgreen@gloucesterva.info)

## In *Memory*

Timothy Sizemore  
Henrico County, VA



SIZEMORE, Timothy Ray, “Tim,” 58, of Mechanicsville, passed away suddenly January 11, 2018. He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Sizemore. Tim is survived by his wife, Sandra “Sandy”; his mother, Eleanor Sizemore; sister, Karen Traylor; and a special “Aunt Foy.” He was born May 10, 1959 in Hampton, Va. He graduated from Henrico High School in 1977 and received an economics degree from VCU in 1982. Tim was employed by County of Henrico Finance Department as a Commercial Appraiser for over 30 years. Tim loved traveling with his wife, Sandy, attending live music events, especially blues. Tim and Sandy were lucky enough to go to NFL, NBA, NHL, MLB and college football games. They were members of the VCU Athletic Fund and season ticket holders (Go Rams! Go!). Family will receive friends Friday, January 19, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Mechanicsville Chapel of the Bennett Funeral Home, 8014 Lee-Davis Rd. A casual service will be held Saturday, January 20, at 1 p.m., at the funeral home.

Inurnment in Hollywood Cemetery to follow. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Crossover Healthcare Ministries, 8600 Quioccasin Rd., Richmond, Va. 23229.