

Our annual conference is fast approaching! Thanks to the pandemic this year's conference will look a little different, but the board has been working hard to provide excellent educational opportunities for the MAAO membership.

This year we will be meeting at the Holiday Inn on Kent Island for an abbreviated conference. Les will be teaching USPAP on Thursday, June 17th. On Friday, the 18th we will have classes in the morning, the annual business meeting in the afternoon, followed by a meet and greet at the Jetty in the evening. Friday's classes will also be FREE to all dues paying MAAO members and will be live streamed for those who cannot attend in person. Visit maao-md.org to pay your 2021 dues and register for this year's conference.

For all those who have attended previous conferences, we look forward to seeing you again this year. For those who are new to the department (or who have not been to a conference before) there is no better opportunity to come learn about what MAAO does and to meet fellow assessors from around the state.

I look forward to seeing everyone down on Kent Island on June 17th & 18th!

Aron Bright, MAAO President

Hello MAAO!

I hope this message finds all of you well as we continue to pivot and shift to meet the needs of our customers during these ever-changing times. Incidentally, if you have trouble reaching Dan or I over the next few months, we are probably out on the shore looking for driftwood, reclaimed plywood and 2x4s to sell. Seriously, have you seen the price of lumber lately? It is FOUR TIMES as expensive as it was this same time last year. I haven't heard from anyone who thinks those prices are going to be returning back to normal levels anytime soon. And, as you well know, those increases tie into the increasing value of housing.

With the cost of materials sky-high, we also have a labor shortage. Finding qualified laborers to build new houses is increasingly more difficult, while more onerous government regulations on the labor force and employment make that labor more expensive. Land use / "smart growth" policies continue to restrict where new housing can be located, further constraining supply. Add to all of this a fundamental shift in the nature of work / telework / commuting patterns, and we have a recipe for substantial supply-side pressure on the housing market well into the foreseeable future.

With rising prices come rising assessments. That isn't going to make us the most popular people at every party we attend. Either way, you guys have an extremely important job to do, and taking care and paying attention to detail is more important than ever in these challenging times. Our metrics remain strong as our team continues to meet the needs of this very demanding market. You guys continue to impress me. Keep up the great work!

Cheers,
Michael

From the State Supervisor

The 2021 MAAO Conference will be IN PERSON on Kent Island! Even though this will be an abbreviated version, I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to attend the annual education conference to learn something new, make new friends and get reacquainted with those you have not seen for a while, and to safely socialize with your coworkers from around the state.

The President and Executive Board are hard at work making sure the conference will be educational and entertaining, but it will take each of us attending to make it truly successful.

I encourage each member to attend, volunteer to help at the conference, or to run for office on the Executive Board. Please make sure you spread the word to our new Assessors so they don't miss the opportunity to attend as well. Thank you for your hard work as a member of the department. I hope to see you on Kent Island!

Best regards,

Dan Phillips

**JOIN US FOR THE 2021 CONFERENCE
JUNE 17 & 18
AT THE
KENT ISLAND HOLIDAY INN**

Standard Room Rate: \$84/Night

Contact the hotel directly and mention the MAAO conference



Happy Hour at the Jetty Friday Evening



HIE 1020 Kent Narrows Rd. Grasonville, MD 21638

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AT

<https://maao-md.org/>

Forms can be mailed to:

Kim Thomas, MAAO Treasurer

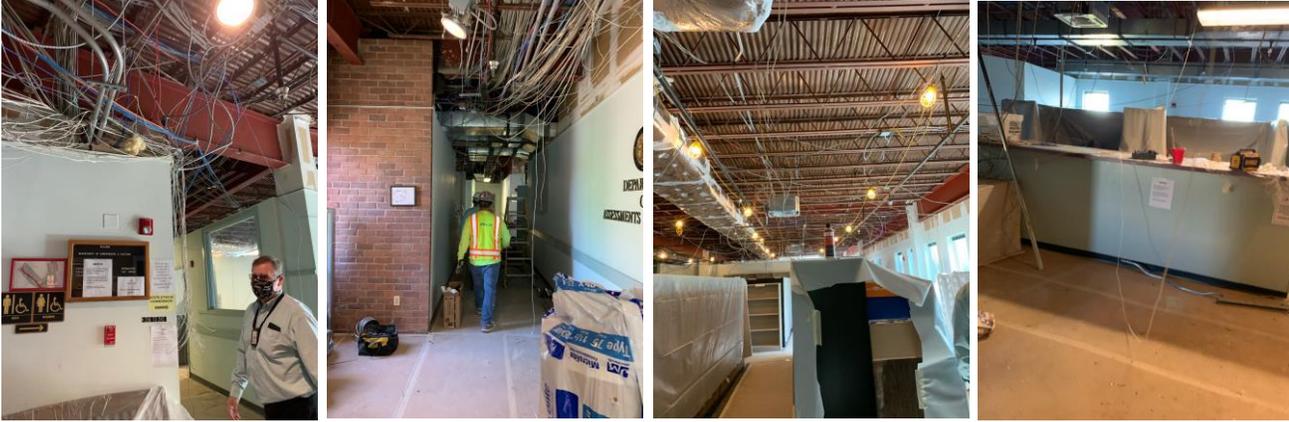
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(ONLINE REGISTRATION STRONGLY ENCOURAGED)

Anne Arundel County News

We have a new Office Services Clerk, Ashley Broomfield, who starts on May 19th. Interviews for our open residential positions have been completed.

Our temporary office is in the Tawes Building located at 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis MD, 21401. Below are some photos of the Calvert street mold remediation project.



Montgomery County News

Its appeal time and like everyone else we are adapting to holding video hearings. Thankfully, we were not inundated this year with Residential appeals and are moving along with getting them done.

Sadly, we had to say farewell to three of our long-time clerks who chose to retire and enjoy some well earned days in the sun having fun. James Rickett started in the mapping division, when that was still a thing, and was an extraordinaire dealing with surveys, maps, and plats. Amy Siow has worn many hats over the years. From being the Supervisor's secretary back when I first started in the office, to her last position as the Assistant Office Manager, Amy has had a lot of industry knowledge to share with her co-workers over the years. From personnel policies to tax credits and setting hearings - and pretty much everything else in between - she has long been an invaluable asset to our team. Laura Wood gained a lot of clerical knowledge over the years and was extremely well-versed in exemptions, as she meticulously maintained the office's exemption files. All three will be truly missed, but we sincerely wish each of them all the best in their retirements.

Martin Sangong was recently promoted to Commercial Manager and Pralad Khadka was selected from our New Construction Team to replace Martin as a Commercial Assessor.

We recently held interviews to replenish our depleted Assessor 1 ranks. After losing several assessors last year including Bobby Awosika, as well as Julio Miranda earlier this year, we are looking forward to having two new assessors onboard soon.

With the loss of James, Laura and Amy to retirement, interviews will be held soon to help replenish the clerical ranks.

There is light at the end of this long tunnel and the MAAO is doing good things. I hope to see everyone at the conference this year. Yes, I said conference this year!!

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Levenson, CMPA PP

81st MAAO Educational Conference

June 17 and 18 2021

Holiday Inn Kent Island
1020 Kent Narrows Road
Grasonville, MD 21638

Thursday June 17, 2021

8:30 am – 5:00pm.

7 CEC

Topic: 7 Hour 2020-2021 National USPAP Update Course
Speaker: Leslie G. Pruitt AQB Certified USPAP Instructor
Certified General Appraiser
Supervisor of Assessments, Somerset County

The 2020-2021 7 Hour National Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) Update Course developed by The Appraisal Foundation. The course focuses on the most recent changes to USPAP for 2020 and 2021, and on appraisal issues that affect daily appraisal practice. This course is intended to fulfill the 7-hour requirement as established by the Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB) of The Appraisal Foundation.

A 7 hour Student manual along with a copy of USPAP are required for all students taking the 7-Hour National USPAP Update Course and can be purchased thru the Appraisal Foundation. (www.appraisalfoundation.org)

Friday June 18, 2021

**8:00 am – 10:00 am., Registration
Opening Remarks**

10:00 am – 12:00 pm., General Session

2 CEC

Topic: Looking at Appraisals from Both Sides Now
Speaker: Denise Herndon
Certified General Appraiser
Supervisor of Assessments, Anne Arundel County

This session will be a discussion of the valuation differences and similarities between appraisals and mass appraisals and will include real world examples of both.

1:00 - 3:00 Afternoon Session, General Session

2 CEC

Topic: Maryland Tax Court; Recent Cases and Topics of Interest
Speaker: Jeffrey Comen
Assistant Attorney General
Counsel to the Maryland State Department of Assessments & Taxation

This session will be a summary of the 2019 - 2020 decisions of the Maryland Tax Court, Circuit Court, and the Appellate Courts affecting real property tax valuation and assessments/ appraisals.

3:00 – 4:30 MAAO annual business meeting

**Maryland Association of Assessing Officers
2021 Educational Conference
Registration Form
June 17th & 18th, 2021
Holiday Inn Express
1020 Kent Narrows Rd. Grasonville, Maryland 21638**

Please type or print clearly or attach a business card.

Name: _____ Address: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____	Name for badge: _____ Title/Position: _____ Agency/Company: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____ Designation: _____
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Program

Indicate the sessions you will attend.

	Morning	Afternoon
Thursday, June 17	<input type="checkbox"/> USPAP (in-person) <input type="checkbox"/> USPAP (Virtual)	**USPAP attendees must provide their own textbook
Friday, June 18	<input type="checkbox"/> In-person <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	<input type="checkbox"/> In-person <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual

PLEASE NOTE: All courses are subject to availability. Registration is on a first come first served basis. You are required to attend the course for which you have registered. Any deviation will result in loss of credit.

All Continuing Education Unit Hours pending final approval from the Maryland Real Estate Appraisers Commission.

Registration fees include all classes and activities. Additional fees will be assessed for guests as indicated:

MAAO MEMBER REGISTRATION & DUES :	\$	25.00	
NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION:	\$	50.00	
MAAO MEMBER USPAP REGISTRATION:	\$	75.00	
NON-MAAO MEMBER USPAP REGISTRATION:	\$	100.00	

Registration available online at
<https://maao-md.org/>

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(online registration STRONGLY encouraged)

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2019 OCEAN CITY CONFERENCE PHOTOS

