

March 8, 2024

Message from AAP President Joshua Zeyn, Chief Assessor, Tioga County

The Assessors' Association of Pennsylvania (AAP) is pleased to be holding our 74th Annual Conference at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Somerset County. This Conference, scheduled for **May 8 to 10**, is one of the best ways to earn recertification credit hours with the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers (SBCREA), network with your peers and enjoy this unique venue. The enclosed agenda outlines the classes offered and other Conference activities.

CONFERENCE DETAILS

Conference Registration. Online Conference registration is now open on the AAP website, *www.paassessors.org.* Please print out your confirmation and send it along with your check made payable to "AAP" to the address listed on the confirmation. *Be sure to keep a copy for yourself so you know what classes you signed up for.* If you have registration questions, please contact Lori Lawyer at (717) 736-4712 or *llawyer@pacounties.org.*

While online registration is preferred, AAP still provides the option to print a paper registration form and mail it in with your check to the address on the form. Please scan in your registration form and email it to Lori Lawyer at *llawyer@pacounties.org*.

Hotel Reservations. Attendees staying overnight at Seven Springs can make reservations online or over the phone. For online reservations, please visit the hotel link on the AAP Annual Conference page on our website, *www.paassessors.org.* The resort's link will automatically take you to the group reservation site for our Conference to receive our Conference room rate. You must secure your room with a credit card. If you would like to make your reservation over the phone, you can reach Seven Springs at (855) 332-1601 and use our room block code - **B7SAAP24**. <u>Our Conference room rates are available until April 6 or until the room block is sold out, whichever comes first.</u> Don't delay in making your reservations!

AAP Education Auction! We will be holding our annual auction event to benefit the AAP Chapter Education Fund after the dinner on **Wednesday, May 8**. We are asking each county to donate items for both a **silent and regular auction**. ALL auction contributions are welcome with the following exceptions - any type of tobacco products, weapons or ammunition. In order to organize the auction, please share with AAP any auction items your county will be donating. Please send a description of your items by April 12 to Lori Lawyer at *llawyer@pacounties.org*.

Our theme for the evening is wear your favorite sports team apparel!

AAP 75th Anniversary. Even though this Annual Conference is listed as our 74th, it's actually our 75th year in existence. Make plans to celebrate with us during the Conference!

Officer Nominations/Chapter Representatives. I have appointed Immediate Past President Jennifer Pettina as chair of the Nominating Committee. Nominations for Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer should be emailed by <u>April 5</u> to Terry Cochran, executive director, at *tcochran@pacounties.org*. Please review the information about qualifications and the nomination process on the AAP website. Local chapters, please share the names of your AAP Board of Governors' representatives for 2024-25 (term starts at July 2024 board meeting) with Terry Cochran. If your Chapter hasn't taken care of this item, please make sure that it is on the agenda for your next chapter meeting.

General Membership Meeting. Please plan to attend the AAP Membership Meeting on **Thursday**, **May 9**, where all AAP members in good standing will be voting for AAP's next Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and conducting other AAP business.

AAP Annual Awards Nominations. The AAP Awards Committee, co chaired by Darrell Lutz and Michelle Hasker, both of Monroe County, is seeking nominations for the AAP Annual Awards. A nomination form and award criteria can be found at the awards link on the AAP website. Nominations should be sent to Terry Cochran at *tcochran@ pacounties.org* by **April 5**.

Service Awards. AAP's service awards are presented to "members in good standing for service in the county or municipal assessment field." This means that cooperative members are also eligible for these awards. Also, persons who have worked in the assessment profession but have not always been members of AAP are still eligible as long as they have accrued enough years in the assessment field. The electronic service awards form can be found on the AAP Annual Conference awards webpage and the submission deadline is **April 12**. A separate submission form is required for each award recipient.

New CPEs, Monitors, Extra Meal Tickets. Please complete the electronic form on the AAP website if you'd like to volunteer as a class monitor, you're a new CPE and haven't received your CPE pin yet, or you need to order extra meal tickets for a Conference guest. If you volunteer to be a monitor for the Conference classes, you will be required to attend one of the monitor briefing sessions at 8 a.m. on Wednesday or Thursday during the Conference. AAP staff will send you the details on where and when closer to the Conference.

Monitoring Procedures and Code of Conduct. On the AAP website there is an explanation of AAP's monitoring and disciplinary procedures, the AAP Code of Conduct and the Commitment to Well-Being. Please read them over before signing up for classes. By registering for classes, you, as an individual, are agreeing to abide by both the monitoring and disciplinary procedures and the Code of Conduct.

Commitment to Well-Being. AAP considers the safety of all those onsite at the AAP Annual Conference as our top priority. With that in mind, we are committed to hosting a safe event for all participants, and in partnership with Seven Springs, we will be following best practices designed to mitigate exposure or spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses. However, by choosing to attend the AAP Annual Conference in-person, attendees are acknowledging that they fully and knowingly understand and accept the risk of exposure to COVID-19 or other illnesses. If you are experiencing any symptoms or other circumstances under current public health guidance, we ask that you respect your colleagues by refraining from attending to avoid the spread of illness.

Questions. If you have any questions about the safety protocols, please contact Terry Cochran, executive director, at (717) 736-4734 or *tcochran@pacounties.org*.

I look forward to seeing you at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort in May!