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CALL TO 2018 WINTER EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR  
MARCH 12-16, 2018 at the EMBASSY SUITES IN HUNTSVILLE



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. I think we can definitely say we have had some cold weather and snow this winter.

The Executive Board, committees, Alabama Department of Revenue, and Government and Economic Development Institute recently met to plan the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference. We will have excellent workshops and two wonderful pre-conference courses that will be offered if you need hours for a Professional Designation or Continuing Education.

This year the Mid-Winter Conference will be held March 13-16th at the Embassy Suites in Huntsville. We have planned a special game night at the banquet with lots of special prizes that will be given away. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for your continued support for the AAAO. If you are not involved it is never too late to start.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Teel  
Deputy Revenue Commissioner  
Lee County Revenue Commission



Barbara Cooper, President-Elect

Once again I would like to say thank you for letting me serve as your President-Elect. It is just a honor to be a member of the AAAO. I have made so many friends throughout the years in this great organization. I will strive to fulfill my duties to the best of my ability, and do it with a grateful heart.

I would like to say thank you to the Alabama Department of Revenue and GEDI for their continued support, we couldn't be who we are without you guys.

I look forward to seeing you at the Winter Conference and if I can be any help to you, please free to contact me.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve and God Bless.

Barbara Cooper,  
Marion County Revenue Commissioner

Tanita Jones-Vice President

I would like to say thank you for letting me continue to serve on the AAAO Board as your Vice President this year. I look forward to participating in another awesome year serving in this great organization. I would also like to thank everyone for their participation in the 2017 conferences and look forward to seeing you at the 2018 Mid-Winter Conference in Huntsville. If I can be of any assistance to our new and old members, please let me know.

Thanks,  
Tanita M. Jones  
Supervisor Taxpayer Service Representative  
AAAO Vice President

It has been an honor to serve as AAAO Secretary this year. I would like to thank all who were able to attend the Summer Conference in 2017. I love meeting new people at each function that I attend. I have been employed by the Marion County Revenue Commissioner since 2012 and am currently the Business Personal Property Appraiser. I will be testing for Certification this year in hopes of furthering my job qualifications. If you have not taken advantage of our education program with AAAO, you are missing out on some great opportunities. I look forward to serving as Secretary and as a member of the Executive Board for the upcoming year. If I can be of assistance to anyone, please feel free to contact me.

Thank You!  
Tammy Emerson  
Business Personal Property Appraiser  
Marion County  
AAAO Secretary

Please let me introduce myself. I have worked for Geneva County Revenue Office for 5 years. I have had the privilege and honor of holding the position as Chief Clerk for Mary Ann Ellison, Revenue Commissioner. I have been married for 22 years to Brandon Adkinson and we have one daughter, Lauren who is 17 years old and is a Senior in high school. She will be attending Judson College in the Fall of 2018.

I have enjoyed meeting new people and making new friends at every conference and class that I have attended and look forward to meeting more new people and making more new friends. I look forward to seeing everyone at Mid-Winter Conference 2018 in Huntsville.

I would like to sincerely thank all the members of AAAO for having faith in me to serve as your new Treasurer. I am looking forward to serving in this position and helping in any way I can. If there is anything I can do for you, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you again!  
Laney Adkinson  
Chief Clerk  
Geneva County Revenue Office  
Treasurer

Message From the Past-President

Once again I would like to thank each member of the Alabama Association of Assessing Officials for allowing me to serve as your President for the 2016-2017 year. It was truly an honor and a privilege.

I would also like to thank the Executive Board, the ADOR and GEDI for all of their help and support. Without your hours of time and dedication to our organization we could not continue to offer classes for the educational advancement of our members. As you know, we rely heavily on the support of our Vendors. I would like to express my appreciation to them and look forward to their continued support.

Looking forward to Mid-Winter 2018 in Huntsville.

Thank you,  
Chris Crutchfield  
Past-President, A.A.A.O.

The Alabama Association of Assessing Officials would like to extend a special  
THANK YOU to our Vendors/Sponsors.  
YOU ARE THE BEST OF THE BEST!!!

Thank you for your generous support!!!



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**Previously Displayed or Invited to Display**

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Certified Payments  
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County Apps By Breeze  
DuCharme, McMillen & Associates  
ESRI

Geographic Computer Technologies  
Integrapp Government Solutions  
NightShiftBackUp  
Sidwell  
Smart Data Strategies

AAAO Pre-Conference Courses 10 Credit Hours (tested)  
2018 Winter Educational Seminar  
Monday, March 12 & Tuesday, March 13, 2018

**Appraisal, Assessments, Appeals of Alabama**  
(10 hour-tested)

This course will provide exposure to the overall equalization process for Ad Valorem Taxes in Alabama. A special emphasis is placed on the protest of real property values at the local county board of equalization. The topics to be discussed include: issues of reappraisal, property valuation processes, general assessment of Ad Valorem Taxes, and protests of assessments.

Location: Embassy Suites by Hilton  
Huntsville, Alabama

Fee: \$175

Time: Monday, March 12, 2018, 8:30am - 5:00pm  
Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 8:30am - 12:00pm

Instructor: Joseph Brewer, ADOR

**Handling the "Uh Oh's" of Returns and Audits**  
(10 hour-tested)

This course focuses upon business personal property which, because of its uniqueness, presents special problems in discovery and determining fair and reasonable market value. Specific content varies, depending upon the topics identified by the participants and the Department of Revenue. This course is dynamic, interactive, and problem/solution oriented.

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Huntsville, Alabama

Fee: \$175

Time: Monday, March 12, 2018, 8:30am - 5:00pm  
Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 8:30am - 12:00pm

Instructors: Jennifer Byrd, ADOR  
Evelyn Pope, ADOR



PRE-CONFERENCE COURSE  
REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Tag Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate Program (ACTA, ACAP, ACAR, ACM, SUPPORT STAFF): \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ EXT: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Choose ONE:

Appraisal, Assessments, Appeals of Alabama \$175 \_\_\_\_\_

Handling the "Uh Oh's" of Returns and Audits \$175 \_\_\_\_\_

Register online with credit card at [www.auburn.edu/propertytax](http://www.auburn.edu/propertytax) or return form with payment of \$175 made payable to Auburn University and mail to:

Government & Economic Development Institute  
Auburn University  
213 Extension Hall  
Auburn, AL 36849-5225  
Email: [heflijb@auburn.edu](mailto:heflijb@auburn.edu)

Fax: (334) 844-1919

Tel: (334) 844-4782

Alabama Association of Assessing Officials  
2018 Mid-Winter Conference  
March 13-16, 2018; Embassy Suites by Hilton, Huntsville AL  
*Workshop times are subject to change. There will be technology breaks at 30 minute intervals*

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

3:00 - 4:30pm Registration & Vendor Setup

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 (All Tracks)

9:00 - 10:00 am Registration, Vendor Area Open & Breakfast "On Your Own"

10:00 - 11:00 am Opening Session

11:00 - 11:30 am Technology Break

11:30 - 1:00 pm AAAO Luncheon

1:00 - 2:00 pm *Social Media Benefits and Landmines (All Tracks)*

Description: Social Media can be a tremendous benefit to your organization. It can improve your communication and enhance your marketing efforts. It can also be a detriment as it could lead to inconsistency, false information and even lawsuits. This session will uncover both the benefits and landmines to social media, and will raise your awareness of the importance to a social media policy in your organization.

2:00 - 2:30 pm Technology Break

2:30 - 3:30 pm *Social Media Benefits and Landmines (continued) (All Tracks)*

Thursday, March 15, 2018

8:00 - 9:00 am Breakfast "On Your Own" & Vendor Area Open

9:00 - 10:00 am *Bankruptcy (PPTA,SS)*

Description: Bankruptcy is a form of protection from creditors that businesses and individuals sometimes believe will also shield them from taxation. This workshop will highlight the rights and responsibilities of government agencies to impose and collect taxes on those going through the process of bankruptcy.

*AL GeoHub Providing a Robust GIS for State of Alabama (Mappers,TA &SS)*

Description: The Alabama GeoHub creates an ecosystem to collaborate and share information with all levels of government. It empowers agencies and jurisdictions with ready-to-use maps and toolsets by creating a framework for repeatable solutions that are open and interoperable. This presentation will give insight into the GeoHub's refreshing and innovative approach for you to use and share geospatial data effectively.

*Ratio Study Revival (RP,TA &SS)*

Description: This workshop will highlight the important role ratio studies play in the appraisal process, and reinforce the concepts which lead to a quality study.

10:00 to 10:30 am Technology Break

Thursday, March 15, 2018

10:30 - 11:30am

*Examination of BPP Returns (PP,TA,SS)*

Description: The ADV-40 personal property tax return form captures information for several different types of personal property. This workshop will break down the return by its parts (A-F), discussing the way that each type of property should be reported and how the information from the return is captured and used at the county level.

*Alabama GeoHub Technical Review and Demonstration (Mapping,SS,TA)*

Description: The Alabama GeoHub improves collaboration between stakeholders by connecting everyone to authoritative data that is relevant to their job function. This can in turn be leveraged to enable participation by connecting people with issues and initiatives that are important to them. This presentation will provide the technical understanding of the GeoHub and will demonstrate how it connects people directly to what impacts their work.

*Low Income Housing Tax Credit Apartments (RP,SS,TA)*

Description: This workshop will look at what LIHTC apartments are, how they operate, and how we currently appraise them.

11:30 - 1:00pm

Lunch on Your Own

1:00 - 2:00pm

*Examination of BPP Returns (continued) (PP,TA,SS)*

*Manufactured Homes and More (All Tracks)*

Description: Manufactured home basics with information on move permits, citations, registration and late fees. Exemptions that deal with age, disability and other.....

*Low Income Housing Tax Credit Best Practices (RP,SS,TA)*

Description: In the second part of the LIHTC apartments workshop, we will explore valuation methods which will produce the most consistent appraisals.

2:00 - 2:30 pm

Technology Break

2:30 - 4:00 pm

*Roundtable Discussion (All Tracks)*

Description: Participants will submit questions/issues to be discussed during the roundtable.

6:30 pm

Banquet - Game Night

Friday, March 16, 2018

9:00 am

Breakfast "On Your Own" and Closing Session

Alabama Association of Assessing Officials  
 2018 MidWinter Conference  
 March 12-16, 2018 Embassy Suites by Hilton in Huntsville, AL

WAYS TO REGISTER

1. Fax this completed form to AAAO at: 334-684-5602
2. Mail this completed form and payment to AAAO at:

AAAO, Treasury, Laney Adkinson P.O. Box 326, Geneva, AL 36340  
 Phone: (334) 684-5649      Email: l.adkinsongenevarev@gmail.com

Registration Information:      Pre-Registration Deadline Feb. 11, 2018  
 Please Check:

AAAO Member     Non-Member     First Time Attendee

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name for Badge \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check Boxes Pre-Registration Deadline Feb. 11th, 2018	Discount Fee by Feb. 11, 2018	Fee after Feb. 11, 2018	On-Site Fees	Amount
Conference Registration - AAAO Member	135.00	175.00	175.00	
Conference Registration - AAAO Non-member	150.00	190.00	190.00	
One-day Registration - AAAO Member Per Day No Meals Wednesday _____ Thursday _____	50.00	75.00	75.00	
One-day Registration - AAAO Non-Member Per Day No Meals Wednesday _____ Thursday _____	100.00	125.00	125.00	
Guest Food Meal Ticket \$25 per meal (per guest): Wednesday Lunch (\$25) _____ Thursday Banquet (\$25) _____	50.00	50.00	50.00	
<b>Grand Total</b>				



# Door Prizes!!! Door Prizes!!! Door Prizes!!!

Thanks again to all of the counties and individuals that donated door prizes for Summer 2017 Conference.

Don't forget your door prizes for  
MidWinterConference.

Everyone enjoys winning a prize!!!!



Atlantic welcomes you back to the Rocket City, the place we call home.  
Please join us for our AAAO Conference Appreciation Event on Tuesday,  
March 13, 2018.



Where: The Ledges Country Club

Time: 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Entertainment: Jonathan Byham (Seminoole Strut)

Additional details will be provided prior to event.



G-Squared Photogrammetrist  
INVITES YOU TO OUR  
HOSPITALITY EVENT

DATE: Wednesday, March 14, 2018

TIME: 5:00 until 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: FIVE POINTS HISTORICAL DISTRICT (MAPS WILL BE AVAILABLE)

PLEASE JOIN US TO KICK OFF THE AAAO CONFERENCE

WITH FOOD, DRINK AND FELLOWSHIP

EVERYONE IS INVITED

Embassy Suites by Hilton  
800 Monroe Street  
Huntsville, AL 35801

Reservation Phone Number: 1-256-539-7373

Reference Group Name (AL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICIALS)

To Register Online: [https://secure3.hilton.com/en\\_US/es/reservation/book.htm?execution=e1s1](https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/es/reservation/book.htm?execution=e1s1)

[Reference AL ASSOC OFFICIALS](#)

Cut-Off-Date for Group Rate Reservations is Feb. 11, 2018

Standard Single \$129.00

Plus local and state taxes

Teresa Wendlick-District I Director

Wow! What a great organization to be a part of. I have met so many wonderful people through AAAO, most I hope to call lifelong friends.

I have really enjoyed serving as your District 1 Representative. Thank you ADOR, GEDI and to our great vendors! Looking forward to seeing everyone in the beautiful Rocket City next month.

Darla West - District II Director

Of all the goals in the AAAO's mission statement, the one that speaks to me most is to "educate the public on basic tax principals and to orient the public on the role of assessing officials in local government." I love this goal because it focuses on human interaction with our community members.

I've learned during my tenure with Cullman's Revenue Commission that a simple, kind interaction with a taxpayer can alter the course of his or her perceptions of the Revenue Commissioner, our department, and local government as a whole, as well as the taxpayer's own responsibilities. A service perspective in this role is important and serving our taxpayers is a great privilege.

I am honored to be a part of AAAO and to be a district representative. I look forward to getting to know everyone better and to learning more about the issues affecting your counties, including how you overcome any obstacles that arise. I'm here to help; let me know how I can help you!

Brad Carter - District III Director

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as the District III Representative! I was selected to fill in for Glen Ford for the rest of his term after his retirement... Congrats Glen!!! I have worked with the Chilton County Revenue Commissioner's Office since 2010 and have been a member of the AAAO for most of my time here. If anyone has any suggestions for this organization, please feel free to contact me and share your ideas! Look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones as we move forward! Thank you again for this opportunity to be a part of this great organization!

Brad Carter  
Business Personal Property Appraiser, ACAP  
Chilton County Revenue Commissioner's Office  
205-755-0160  
bcarter@chiltoncounty.org

Julie Stanley District IV Director

I want to say thank you for allowing me to be your District IV Director. It has been a delight to work with and serve each and every one of you. Thank you for all of your support and confidence in me to do the job. I invite all of you to get involved, invite your co-workers to join and let me know what you would like in the way of workshops and education. I will continue to do the best I can to serve this organization and you. You all are the best.

Thank You,  
Julie Stanley  
District IV Director

## NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

If you are interested in receiving AAAO information through email, please send a current email address to  
Laney Adkinson at  
[l.adkinsongenevarev@gmail.com](mailto:l.adkinsongenevarev@gmail.com)

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