

# AAA O NEWS

## MARCH NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



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### Mission

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- Inculcate and stimulate a high degree of integrity and justice in the administration of tax laws in the State of Alabama.
- Promote the concept that professionalism is fundamental to sound assessment and to improve means for the collection and distribution of useful information relating to assessment practices.
- Educate the public on basic tax principles and to orient the public on the role of assessing officials in local government.
- Conduct research and public studies.
- Attain and maintain the highest standards of personnel requirements in assessment offices.
- Cooperate with other agencies, public and private, interested in improving tax administrations.
- Take whatever action necessary to ensure that uniformity, equity, and justice prevail in the distribution of the tax burden.



ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE RSA CENTENNIAL HILL

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### New Facility for ALDOR

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The Alabama Department of Revenue has relocated into their new facility after nearly four years of preparation.

The entrance is located on the corner of South Ripley Street and High Street, with a parking deck behind it on South Jackson Street and a courtyard in between.

The department was spread over three buildings downtown.

This move is not only aimed at improving efficiency, but it will also provide a more secure environment, enabling the department to comply with IRS protocols.

The Department of Revenue believes that this new facility will revitalize their workforce and improve recruitment efforts.

Congratulations on the new building!



Alabama Capitol Building, Montgomery AL.

# DISTRICT MEETING UPDATE, SUMMER CONFERENCE

## 2025 DISTRICT MEETING

SUSAN STRICKAND, PRESIDENT



### Successful District Meeting in Clanton, AL: A Gathering of Ideas and Community Spirit

The Alabama Association of Assessing Officials (AAAO) recently held a vibrant district meeting in Clanton, Alabama, bringing together members from across the state for a day filled with insightful discussions, networking opportunities, and community engagement. With a warm welcome from local officials and a diverse agenda, the event showcased the importance of collaboration and knowledge-sharing among assessing professionals. For those who missed this year's gathering, the anticipation for next year's meeting is already building.

The day began with early registrations, allowing attendees to mingle and explore various vendor booths set up along the hall leading to the auditorium. Members enjoyed complimentary doughnuts provided by DivcoData, setting a friendly tone for the day.

Mayor Jeff Mims of Clanton kicked off the meeting with an enthusiastic welcome, introducing several key elected officials from Chilton County, including Superintendent of Education Corey Clements and County Commissioners Sheila Hall, Roger Perkins, and Allen Williams. Rachel Martin from the Chilton County Chamber of Commerce highlighted local attractions, emphasizing the county's rich offerings, including hiking trails and the upcoming Peach Jam festival scheduled for June 13-14, 2025.

Following the warm welcome, the meeting transitioned into a series of informative sessions led by experts from the Alabama Department of Revenue (ALDOR). Evelyn Pope initiated the discussions with a presentation on Short Term Rentals, addressing the growing trend and its implications for local assessments. Oliver Fitzpatrick followed with insights on the assessment of 501(c)(3) organizations, providing clarity on the responsibilities of assessing departments.

Lee Ann Rouse concluded the morning session with an update on recent legislation affecting the assessing community, ensuring that members were well-informed about the latest developments.

Lunch was a highlight of the day, featuring a delicious meal accompanied by light music, fostering an atmosphere of camaraderie among attendees. During the luncheon, AAAO held a drawing for a two-night stay at Perdido Beach Resort, along with other prizes, including two \$50 gift cards and specialty cookies adorned with the AAAO logo. Eagleview also contributed by offering a \$50 gift adding excitement to the event.

The afternoon sessions resumed with Michelle Fuller addressing common taxpayer inquiries related to the 7% CAP, providing valuable guidance for assessing officers. Wendy Plash and Charles Smith then shared their expertise on solar panels and electric vehicle (EV) chargers, topics that are increasingly relevant in today's evolving energy landscape.

To conclude the meeting, Director Amanda Wolfe facilitated a roundtable discussion, inviting attendees to pose questions and engage with her department. This interactive segment allowed for a deeper exploration of the topics discussed throughout the day, reinforcing the collaborative spirit of the AAAO community.

The district meeting in Clanton, AL, was a resounding success, marked by engaging presentations, valuable networking opportunities, and a strong sense of community among assessing professionals. As members left with new insights and connections, the excitement for next year's meeting is already palpable. The AAAO continues to foster an environment of learning and collaboration, ensuring that its members are well-equipped to navigate the challenges and opportunities in the field of assessment.

*To the Alabama Department of Revenue, Property Tax Division, the AAAO expresses its sincere gratitude for preparing the educational materials for our District Meeting. Your dedication and support are invaluable to us, as they enable us to provide our members with essential information and resources necessary to perform their duties effectively. By ensuring compliance with state laws, you help us maintain the high standards our community relies upon. Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to our shared mission.*



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## SUMMER CONFERENCE

## AAAO 2025 Summer Conference Set to Shine at the Perdido Beach Resort

### *Orange Beach, AL*

#### SUSAN STRICKLAND, PRESIDENT

Orange Beach, AL – As the dust settles from the recent AAAO district meeting, the executive board is already gearing up for the highly anticipated AAAO 2025 Summer Conference. Scheduled to take place at the picturesque Perdido Beach Resort, this year's conference promises to be an enriching experience for attendees, featuring a blend of educational opportunities and networking events.

The conference is set for August 6-7, 2025, with preconference classes scheduled for August 4-5. This year, the executive board is committed to enhancing the educational offerings, ensuring that participants leave with valuable insights and skills applicable to their professional roles. The planning committee will convene in April to finalize the curriculum, which is expected to cover a range of topics pertinent to each participants' profession.

In addition to the educational components, the conference will feature numerous networking opportunities. Attendees will have the chance to connect with peers, industry leaders, and experts, fostering relationships that can lead to future collaborations and partnerships. The awards banquet, scheduled for the evening of August 7, will celebrate the achievements of individuals, adding a festive touch to the proceedings.



As the planning process unfolds, the executive board encourages all members and interested parties to mark their calendars for this exciting event. The AAAO 2025 Summer Conference is not just an opportunity for professional development; it is a chance to be part of a vibrant community dedicated to excellence in the field.

In conclusion, the AAAO 2025 Summer Conference at Perdido Beach Resort is shaping up to be an event not to be missed. With a focus on education, networking, and celebration, it promises to be a highlight of the year for professionals in the industry. Stay tuned for more details as the planning committee finalizes the agenda and speakers for this landmark event.

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## 2025 2<sup>ND</sup> QTR. Courses

### AUBURN UNIVERSITY

#### April – June 2025

#### April 16-18, 2025 (20 hours) – Basic Mapping

- Location: Opelika
- \$350

#### April 23-25, 2025 (20 hours) – Management & Supervision

- Location: Huntsville
- \$325

#### April 30 – May 2, 2025 (20 hours) – Introduction to Property Tax Administration – 2<sup>nd</sup> Offering

- Location: Opelika
- \$325

#### May 5-9, 2025 (20 hours) – Personal Property Audits

- Location: Montgomery
- \$350

#### June 4-6, 2025 (20 hours) – Introduction to Property Tax Administration – 3<sup>rd</sup> Offering

- Location: Mobile
- \$325
- Course Location: Mobile - Government Plaza South Tower

#### June 23-27, 2025 (30 hours) - Intermediate Mapping

- Location: Opelika
- \$400
- Course Location: Opelika

#### June 25-27, 2025 (20 hours) – Real & Personal Property Abatements

- Location: Montgomery
- \$325

**2025-2026 the position of AAAO Secretary will be open.** Does this sound like something you would be interested in doing? If you are intrigued but just want to just dip your toes in the water, consider running for a District Representative position. (Must run for the district in which your county belongs).

There is an opportunity for AAAO to present a couple awards each year. These awards include the County Award and the Honorary Lifetime Member Award

**County Award** – If you have noticed a county (group or individual) that is always present and contributing assistance to AAAO, consider nominating them for the county award.

**Honorary Lifetime Member Award** - Nominations for this award should be for a dedicated individual that has made a positive impact and contributed to the success of the AAAO organization. They go the extra mile to serve AAAO, sometimes with little recognition. While serving on the Executive Board is very important, it should not be the only consideration for this award. Any nominations for honorary lifetime member **must** also be accompanied with a detailed biography of the individual being nominated, listing their service, accomplishments and any other information that references the ways they have contributed to the success of AAAO.

**The deadline for ALL nominations is May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Nominations should be sent to Leigh Ann Fair @ [lfair@tuscco.com](mailto:lfair@tuscco.com)

