



FCIAAO Executive Board Planning Workshop

President Crapo called the recent FCIAAO Executive Board Meeting and Workshop to order on July 16, 2011, with a visit at the Hyatt Regency, Sarasota, the tentative location for the 2013 annual conference. FCIAAO conferences are planned several years in advance to achieve the best room rates, convenient locations and the most appropriate facilities for our group. The board covered a number of topics at the daylong meeting including finalizing plans for the 2012 conference to be held in Lake Mary and as well as negotiations for the 2013 conferences.

Representatives from the Sarasota Hyatt Regency met with the board to discuss the April 2013 conference. Another conference was held at the hotel location while we met, making it convenient for our group to see — up close — how the conference meeting rooms would function.

The number one priority of the Annual Conference is to provide educational opportunities in a setting conducive to learning. The

numerous break out rooms, ample space for vendors, ballroom layout, and the hotel amenities certainly met our needs.

The Hyatt Regency Hotel is offering rooms that have been recently updated lending beautiful views of Sarasota and Sarasota Bay. The hotel is furnished in an “island beach” décor with an outstanding on-site restaurant. Also available are nearby restaurants (for meals not included in the registration) which are considered a plus for those who wish to venture out on their own prior to and following scheduled meetings.

For our cultured members the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall is located nearby and if you visit www.vanwezel.org you will find that email specials are available for your convenience.

Free shuttles to St. Armands Circle, Lido Beach and downtown Sarasota are available at 1, 5 and 7 p.m. Hotel parking is free to guests unless, of course, you opt for valet parking.

Planning for the 2013 educational



sessions is definitely underway and we guarantee there will be training and educational tracts that are tailored to meet the needs of our members in order to effectively enhance their individual career paths. The agenda will include something new, credit oriented and will provide our members an opportunity to network with their peers.

The board accomplished a lot at the workshop under President Crapo's direction. An aggressive agenda was completed with many positive plans made for the future.

Alice Weinberg, Secretary

“Planning for the 2013 educational sessions is definitely underway . . .”



*Leona Carol Field
February 23, 1948-
July 30, 2011*

Citrus County Suffers Tragic Loss

It has been said that “Sometimes in life, you find a special forever friend. Someone who makes you believe that there really is good in the world.” This person actually worked in two Property Appraisers’ Offices in Florida.

Leona Field started her career in Monroe County where she worked as a Deputy Appraiser for 18 years. She graced Citrus County with her presence during the past 5 years. “Big Red,” as she was affectionately called, had a personality that matched her 6’ frame and her beautiful red hair.

She worked hard to maintain proper appraisal practices and

knew how to handle difficult people and situations. She always offered an encouraging word and freely shared her wonderful stories. Her memories of taking her grandchildren to Disney or the first time she was able to back-up her travel trailer are now part of our cherished memories. She was someone who could light up a room just by walking into it.

We lost Leona much too soon, and for those of us that knew her there remains full agreement that there is “nobody” that will take her place.

The Citrus County Property Appraiser’s Office staff has planted a

tree in her memory. This tree has two trunks — which could be seen to symbolize the two Property Appraisers’ Offices for which she worked. It is a beautiful flowering remembrance for all who knew and loved her.

“Like branches of a tree we grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one. Each of our lives will always be a special part of the other’s.”

Leona was a forever friend . . . And that has no end.

Marsha Coleman

Crazy Field Stories

Marilyn Daly, loved by all who know her, is enjoying retirement from Pinellas County. She was the director of wholly exemptions and in the late 90's asked me to check on a church in south St. Petersburg.

We determined that the church building was used for storage. I visited the parsonage the next day, which turned out to be a large two story house. It eerily resembled the Adam's family mansion. The front was completely hidden by foliage, including thick vines.

I made my way to the front door where a sign directed me to the privacy fence around back. It had rained and the shell road which

lead to the fence, as bad luck would have it, was filled with puddles. The fence to the back yard had a door and a buzzer. I pushed the button and waited for an answer.

A big Rottweiler stuck its head out of a hole at the bottom of the fence growling, showing me his teeth and cutting his eyes up at me. I guessed that he didn't want company. He couldn't reach me so I stood waiting for an answer. Except now, I didn't want anyone to open the door . . . regardless.

The fence creaked and leaned out which was disconcerting. Through the cracks I could see a large gray mass sliding along the inside of the fence. "What the . . .!" Whatever

this was made a noise as it scraped along inside the wooden fence. It all appeared kind of creepy and I got goose bumps. The hair on the back of my neck stood up and I decided my investigation was complete. Yep, I'm done here!

Before I could turn to leave something reached over the fence and came right to the front of my face. I stumbled backward and fell on my butt in a puddle.

It was an emu. It jumped into the air and stuck its head over the fence to greet me. They had two of them. I went home to change!

Leroy Kelly



Ken Remington Award

Kenny Pennington, Appraiser for Osceola County, has the distinction of having an "office award" named after him . . . of sorts.

Bob Day, former property appraiser, sent Kenny to a fish farm that was not on the tax roll. He was to look at the ponds and aquariums.

He took another appraiser with him, and found that the owner was not on site. The wife told him

not to go into the building to look at the aquariums because the fish were breeding and he would just upset them.

After getting back to the office he discovered two things. The man had returned and called the office in a rage. He said, "You tell that Ken Remington if he ever steps one foot on my property again, I'll take matters into my own hands."

Secondly, he learned that Bob Day

neglected to tell him that the owner had sicced dogs on him in the past when he was a field appraiser and was currently suing the County Commission.

Thus began the Ken Remington Award for office blunders.

Do you have any funny field stories or office blunders to share? If so, send them to Lkelly@ircpa.org. We would like to include them in future issues of the newsletter.

"You tell that Ken Remington if he ever steps one foot on my property again . . ."

A Posthumous Field Story

"In the heat of summer in the fabulous Florida Keys it was late afternoon and I was finishing a large Commercial Property. Tired, sweaty and ready to finish the day, I stood outside my county car, paying little notice to this cute mid-sized 'Dog,' who was obviously the grounds keeper.

While finishing my notes this cute fellow stood at my side watching my every move. Occasionally I

would stop, at his insistence, and pet him.

Well, that must have really pleased this guard of the grounds for as I stood finishing those last notes I suddenly realized that something very warm was running down my leg.

I stood stunned for what seemed like an eternity. I looked down to see this guardian and champion

with leg lifted, marking me. He lifted his head 'as it seemed as I looked down upon him,' and he seemed to have this 'ear to ear' smile for this great deed. As I ran off to the showers I will never forget that champion of champs and that smile of contentment!"

Written by: Leana Field



A canine's way of marking friends and influencing people.



April 2012 Conference

At the FCIAAO Executive Committee's Planning Workshop in July proposals were conceptualized which promise to provide fantastic upcoming conferences.



As explained earlier, the Hyatt Regency in Sarasota has been chosen for the 2013 conference and the Lake Mary, Marriott, was the popular choice for the April, 2012, conference.

Although it is way too early to make your reservation, it is certainly not too early to make your plans to attend.

At the next conference expect to see I.T. with their own breakout session. Given the statutory changes requiring programming miracles, it is imperative that our I.T. departments share notes.

The Exemptions, Real Estate and Tangible committees are working hard to provide the best presenters that can be found.

If you have suggestions for specific presentations please contact any FCIAAO Board Member. We want to hear from you.

Happy 2 dozen plus 1

It's Our Birthday!

The Florida Chapter of IAAO was established in 1987. David C. Nolte, ASA, Indian River County Property Appraiser, is one of the founding fathers.

Nearly 25 years ago Mr. Nolte made arrangements and collaborated with others to create our Chapter for the purpose of building a strong membership and to provide educational opportunities for our members through networking.

Mr. Nolte has agreed to present at the upcoming conference in Lake Mary. He will tell us about our roots. The Chapter has a rich history that has been built on the volunteer spirit of our membership.

It is because of the tireless work of our volunteers throughout the years that we have a vibrant award winning Chapter.

Come help us celebrate our 25th birthday. It's time to celebrate our achievements . . . It's time to celebrate ourselves!

Property Appraiser's Office Focus Strategies

A continuous analysis of an organization and implementation of focus strategies is crucial for the success of the organization, whether it is in the private sector or government sector. This article provides a quick overview of some focus strategies which can help the property appraiser's office.

Evaluate current capacity of the operations: Before improvements or enhancements can be made relative to assessment practices, a basic understanding of the existing and potential capacity of the property appraiser's office is essential. Analysis should consist of a thorough review of resources available (funding, time, tools, number of staff, and quality of staff) and those resources potentially available outside the appraiser's office.

Adopt the IAAO Standards on Mass

Appraisal of Real Property.

Obtain the proper tools and information to do the job. Continuous enhancement of the computer assisted mass appraisal system and the geographic information systems will allow the property appraiser and staff members to review all properties.

Make professional development of property appraiser and staff a high priority. Today, with the rapid advances in various mass appraisal methodologies and changing computer technologies, the training program should include a component that encourages capacity for growth within the property appraiser's office.

It can be difficult to have a fair and equitable assessment roll if the appraiser's office is not appropriately

staffed and supported with the proper tools and resources.

Therefore, implementation of focus strategies by the property appraiser will provide an overview as to the direction of the organization. It will create confidence among the property owner, the property appraiser and his staff.

Using these strategies helps ensure data integrity and uniformity in values which, in turn, will strengthen confidence in the process.

Lairie Claudio, CFE

Vice President, FCIAAO
Marion County Property Appraiser's Office



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Member Spotlight



The Member Spotlight is focused on Lee Herbst, Director of Information Services with the Marion County Property Appraiser's Office. He graduated from St. Leo University with his Bachelor's Degree June, 27th, 2011. He is currently out on maternity leave with his wife. Now that we have pictures of him and his bio we can speak to him at the conferences as though we have known him for years. "Hello Lee. How are you? How's the baby? Are you still running?" That look of confusion on his face as a result of his sudden celebrity status is going to be a lot of fun. We all know so much about you now Lee, and look forward to seeing you at the conferences. Thanks for participating.

What do you do for the PA?

I started off as a programmer/analyst in 1994 and eventually became the Director of the Information Resources Department (IRD) in 2007. IRD provides for all of the technology needs of the Property Appraiser which includes both our IT and GIS functions. I designed our current CAMA system which was developed entirely in house, saving the Property Appraiser a significant amount of funds. I am also proud of our website which provides the taxpayers of Marion County complete property information as well as interactive GIS maps.



What do you like most about your job?

The people I work with, both inside my department and those throughout the organization. We have a lot of good people working for us and I am proud to be part of the team.

What was your first job?

My first job was working with my father in the construction industry. My father was a general contractor that primarily built residential homes, both custom and spec. I started off as a gopher and through on-the-job training learned framing and finish carpentry.

Where were you born?

I was born in the small farming community of Amboy, Illinois. Population around 2,000.

What do you like to do on your days off?

Spend time with my family. I have 4 kids ranging in age from 12 down to a newborn and I cannot imagine a more enjoyable time then spending it with my wife and kids. Nobody knows how much time we have in this world and I cherish every moment I get with my family.

Where was your best vacation ever?

That would have to be a 7-night Disney cruise we took to the Western Caribbean. The cruise included the Grand Caymans and Cozumel, both of which were absolutely beautiful. Of course, Disney cruises are perfect for families and my kids loved every moment. I love to travel and see new places.

What do you plan to do when you retire?

Retire? I am 48 with a newborn, you do the math. Seriously, once I retire from the property appraiser in about 7 years, I will start a new career as a CPA. I completed my BA in accounting this summer and will finish up my education and other requirements before I retire or very soon afterwards.

What are your hobbies?

My hobbies include running, bowling, golf, reading and drawing. Running probably takes up most of my hobby time. I like to run races, anything from 5K to Marathon. I have completed 1 marathon, 3 half-marathons, and dozens of 5 and 10K races. I am considered a good bowler (averaging around 200), but I am horrible with golf, though I do enjoy golf immensely. I don't get a lot of time for reading and drawing, but that is what I do when I need to decompress.

Lee C. Herbst, CFE, MCSD
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In life we must play a number of different roles. Most of us do the very best we can to strike a balance. While it is true that we have to make a living, offsetting that responsibility with personal accountability is of paramount importance in achieving equilibrium, i.e., family, work and personal goals.

It appears that Lee has achieved the symmetry which leads to a happy life. It was nice getting to know you Lee.



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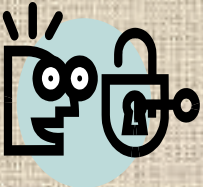
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"The validity of thought is in adventure. Ideas won't keep. Something must be done about them." Alfred North Whitehead (1861-1947)

*"Do something. If it doesn't work, do something else. No idea is too crazy." Jim Hightower, *The New York Times*, March 9, 1986*

"An idea that is developed and put into action is more important than an idea that exists only as an idea." Buddha

"Good ideas are common — what's uncommon are people who'll work hard enough to bring them about." Ashleigh Brilliant

"Everyone who's ever taken a shower has an idea. It's the person who gets out of the shower, dries off and does something about it who makes a difference." Nolan Bushnell

We have always maintained that our best ideas come from our members. Please feel free to contact any executive board member with an idea. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. said: "A mind that is stretched to a new idea never returns to its original dimension." Give us ideas, or suggestions, that are "stretchingly realistic" and you will be well received.

The Florida Chapter of IAAO has a history of creativity and has always had an innovative spirit. Eleanor Roosevelt said: "Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events. Small minds discuss people." Let's all have great minds and discuss ideas.

An old country preacher responded to his members' complaints regarding his boring sermons. He said, "I'll preach better sermons, when better sermons are written." In like manner, we'll have better conferences when we get better ideas. We're aggressively looking for better ways to serve our members.



County Profile – Bradford County

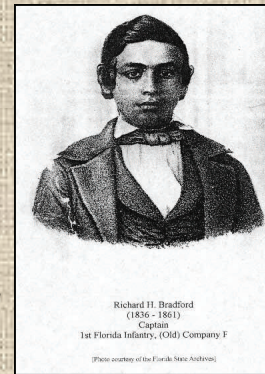


Bradford County, as can be seen on the map to the right, is located in the Northeast section of the great state of Florida. The county seat is Starke. This of course is the location of the Florida State Prison sometimes referred to as “Death Row,” as well as several other correctional facilities. Starke is the county seat and is located in approximately the center of the county on US Hwy 301. There are two other cities – Hampton and Lawtey, as well as one town called Brooker.



Court House today - 945 North Temple Ave

According to the 2010 census, Bradford County has a population of 28, 520, increasing its population by 9.3% since the 2000 census, a land area of 293.13 square miles, water area of 6.91 miles, an average January temperature of 55.9 degrees and an August average of 81.4 degrees. Bradford has, according to the 2010 census, 97.3 people per square mile. Bradford is a beautiful county with a rich history.



Richard H. Bradford
(1836 - 1861)
Captain
1st Florida Infantry, (Old) Company F
(Photo courtesy of the Florida State Archives)

Formerly known as New River County, it was carved out of Columbia County in 1858. Florida Governor John Milton, our fifth governor, signed a law changing its name to Bradford County on December 6, 1861 for Civil War Captain, Richard H. Bradford, who was killed approximately two months prior, on the morning of October 9, 1861, in the Battle of Santa Rosa Island. He was said to be the first Florida officer killed in the Civil War. Captain Richard H. Bradford was born in 1836. He enlisted March 28, 1861 in Madison County at 25 years of age. “. . . Was shot in the breast and instantly killed, while leading his men . . .” This battle was fought in an attempt to capture Fort Pickens which protected Pensacola Harbor. His cousin, Edward Bradford, brought the body home and Richard was buried in God’s Acre at Pine Hill.

Governor John Milton (April 20, 1807—April 1, 1865) was the grandson of Revolutionary War hero and former Georgia Secretary of State, John Milton (1756-1804). Governor Milton’s grandson, William Hall Milton (1864-1942), served as a United States Senator from Florida (1908-1909).

Governor Milton was a practicing lawyer in a number of communities in Georgia and Alabama before settling in New Orleans. He came to Florida in 1846, and quickly entered the Florida political scene. In 1848 he served as a presidential elector for the state, then in 1850 was elected to the Florida House of Representatives. He strongly supported states’ rights and was an early advocate of secession of Florida from the Union. He served as a delegate for the Democratic National Convention in 1860, and in that same year ran for Governor of Florida. Florida elected to secede on January 10, 1861, and Governor Milton took office October 7, 1861.

During the War, Governor Milton stressed Florida’s role as a supplier of goods rather than men. Florida was a large provider of food and salt for the Confederate Army. As the war drew to a close and the Confederacy was close to defeat, Governor Milton became worn down by the stress of his office. He left Tallahassee and moved back to his plantation, “Sylvania,” in Marianna, FL. In his final message to the legislature, he said that Yankees “have developed a character so odious that death would be preferable to reunion with them.” On April 1, 1865, he committed suicide, in his home, by a gunshot to the head. He took his life 19 days prior to his 58th birthday. The president of the Florida Senate, Abraham K. Allison, was sworn in as governor of Florida later that day. Governor Milton is buried at Saint Luke’s Episcopal Cemetery in Marianna.



Bradford County Property Appraiser’s Profile:

Mr. Alvarez was first elected in 1976.

Number of Employees: 6

Number of Parcels: 15,000 real estate and 1250 personal property accounts.

Total Just Value: \$1.9 Billion

Taxable: \$900 Million

Highest Valued Taxable Property: Florida Gas Transmission Company

Website: BradfordAppraiser.com



Honorable Jimmy Alvarez
Bradford County Property Appraiser, CFA



Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration

Why did we decide to take a shot at this? Well, while we are fully aware that there is always a better way to build a mousetrap, we felt that our mousetrap was an excellent model. So, what better way to test that theory, than to document the processes and protocol to see how they compare? The Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration (CEAA) award is a very prestigious reward for a job well done that is not given away freely and was a challenge that our office was determined to meet.

Since the inception of the CEAA, seven jurisdictions have achieved recognition, as follows:

Alachua County, Florida, Property Appraiser's Office (2004, 2010)

Johnson County, Kansas, Appraiser's Office (2005)

Seminole County, Florida, Property Appraiser's Office (2005)

King County, Washington, Department of Assessments (2008)

Lee County, Florida, Property Appraiser's Office (2008)

Manatee County, Florida, Property Appraiser's Office (2008)

Osceola County, Florida, Property Appraiser's Office (2010).

What was the most difficult part of the process? Time is always the biggest and most difficult part of any project of this scope. It was necessary to continue to complete our current tax roll obligations, while providing a thorough response to the questions. In short, we learned to juggle.

This was not one of those projects that a single person (or even a single department) could have accomplished. There were a total of ten persons in our office that were responsible for research, articulating the responses and then assembling the various chapters into one seamless publication. Each department within our office contributed to this submission. We began around the middle of February and completed with the submission of the project the first week of May. So, there was little more than three months spent in developing the submission.

As an unexpected benefit, I believe we gained a broader understanding and appreciation of what the various departments within our organization do. A general knowledge already existed, to be sure, but to see in writing, all of the considerations that must be given, the myriad of statutory requirements that each decision must be based on and the follow through necessary to complete each phase of the process, was definitely enlightening. As a result, we discovered a new respect for the talents and abilities of those surrounding us.

Was it easy? No, of course not, but no worthwhile exercise is. Would we encourage others to attempt this same endeavor? **ABSOLUTELY!** Don't be intimidated by the process. The IAAO will assign you a mentor to assist you through the mechanics of the project. Listen to your mentor and implement his/her advice. It isn't supposed to be easy, but be honest and thorough and the rest will happen.

I am very proud of the way our office pulled together on this and the level of professionalism that was made evident throughout the process. They worked hard, remained focused and still managed to meet the demands of the day to day operations.

Roger Suggs, CFA, AAS, CFE



There are already proposed bills pending for the 2012 Legislative Session, a few of which may concern us, and we are certain there will be more by the time our next newsletter is issued. Following is a brief synopsis of proposed legislation currently pending:

HJR 55 – This is a proposed amendment to section 4, Article VII of the Florida Constitution that would allow counties or municipalities by ordinance and subject to the provisions of general law, to limit assessments on homestead property receiving the limited income senior exemption. The assessment limitation will be applicable to those properties for which the just value is less than the prior year’s just value, or is equal to or less than 150% of the average just value of homestead property within the county or municipality.

HJR 93 – This is a proposed amendment to section 6, Article VII of the Florida Constitution that would allow additional property tax relief to the total amount or a portion of the tax owed on homestead property to the following categories of taxpayers: (1) the surviving spouse of a veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces; and (2) the surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty. A first responder is defined as a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic.

Compare to:

HB 95 – This bill would amend s. 196.081, Florida Statutes to create the “Fallen Heroes Family Tax Relief Act.” It would provide an exemption for the surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty. Defines a first responder as HJR 93, but also specifies that a first responder can be a full or part time paid employee, or an unpaid volunteer. Also defines “in the line of duty” and would be operative beginning in 2013.

Following are cases that were decided since January 1, 2011:

1108 Ariola, LLC v. Jones – Equitable Ownership of Lessee – First District Court of Appeal held that tenants under a 99 year lease from Escambia County were equitable owners subject to ad valorem taxation because the tenants substantially enjoy all the benefits of ownership of the improvements such as the right to receive rental income, the right to capital appreciation, and the right to depreciate their improvements for federal tax purposes if the units are rented.

Gowdy v. Overton – Portability – The First District Court of Appeal affirmed the trial court’s order granting Summary Judgment in favor of the Duval County Property Appraiser and Tax Collector where the court concluded that the will of the people is not thwarted by the statute’s requirement of using the previous homestead’s just value as of January 1 of the year in which it is abandoned instead of the actual sale price of the prior homestead, and that the constitutional due process for a portability challenge does not require that the plaintiff be allowed to challenge the just value of their prior homestead.



2011 Annual Business Meeting

TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
FLORIDA CHAPTER OF IAAO APRIL 21, 2011
2011 ANNUAL Conference JACKSONVILLE, FL

Prior to calling the meeting to order, President Wetherington recognized distinguished guests including:
President of IAAO, Bruce Woodzell
Florida Property Appraisers in Attendance
Past Presidents of the Florida Chapter in Attendance

President Wetherington called the FCIAAO Annual Business meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

Bobbie Atha motioned to approve the 2010 Annual Business Meeting minutes and Fred Jefson seconded. The Motion passed.

2nd Vice President Tim Wilmath reported that he had reviewed the accounting records that are maintained by the Treasurer Doug Will and found them to be in good order.
The Chapter's total income in 2010 was \$43,419.85 The total expenses of the Chapter were \$32,100.21
Total cash in the bank at year end was \$71,285.25 The Chapter does not have any liabilities.

A motion was made by Megan Hill and seconded by Fran Beach to approve the financial report for the Chapter. The motion passed unanimously.

President Wetherington noted no further old business.
President Wetherington then made remarks about the Chapter's good conferences and growing membership and the general good health of the organization. President Wetherington recognized the accomplishments of the Chapter and its members, noting the following awards presented in 2010 by the IAAO at their international conference in Orlando, Florida.
Bernard L Barnard Award – Morgan Gilreath, Volusia County Property Appraiser
Virginia Cup Award – The State of Florida
Certificate of Excellence – Osceola County & Alachua County

The Tony Hodge Award which promotes education and professional growth through attaining IAAO Designations was presented to:
Brenda Fischer, PPS, Sarasota County
Mike Hall, (Now relocated out of state)

President Wetherington introduced the IAAO Florida State Representatives present:
Sheila Crapo, Alachua County John Griffin, Osceola County
Lainie Claudio, Marion County Dorothy Jacks, Palm Beach County

Introduction was made of the following Committee Chairs:

Presentation Research Committee: - Chair – Russ Counts, St. Lucie County – Dianne Johns (Incoming Chair)
Professional Development Committee: - Michael Chaves, CAE, CFE, Miami Dade County
Exemptions Steering Committee: - Chair – Erin Moore, AAS, RES, CFE, Pinellas County
TPP Steering Committee: - Chair – Todd Finlayson, St. Lucie County – Brenda Fisher (Incoming Chair)

President Wetherington recognized the Property Appraisers who support members serving on the Board of the Florida Chapter and presented each with a certificate of appreciation, they are:
Honorable Bill Donegan, Orange County Honorable Ed Crapo, Alachua County
Honorable Rob Turner, Hillsborough County Honorable David Johnson, Seminole County
Honorable Villie Smith, Marion County Honorable Bert Hartsfield, Leon County
Honorable David Nolte, Indian River County (not present) Honorable Tim Parker, Putnam County
Honorable Ken Pruitt, St Lucie County (not in attendance)

Presentation of recognition gifts were made to the Board of Directors:
Vice President Sheila Crapo, Alachua County Second Vice President Tim Wilmath, Hillsborough
Treasurer Doug Will, Leon County Secretary Alice Weinberg, Seminole County
Director Leroy Kelly, Indian River County Director Lainie Claudio, Marion County
Director Justin Edwards, Putnam County Immediate Past President Russell Counts, St. Lucie County

Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Past President Russell Counts announced the nominations as presented by the Nominating Committee (Russell Counts, Ann Wetherington and Sheila Crapo) for the 2011-2012 Board of Directors. They are:

President	Sheila Crapo, Alachua County	Vice President Lainie Claudio, Marion County
Second Vice President	Leroy Kelly, Indian River County	Treasurer Doug Will, Leon County
Secretary	Alice Weinberg, Seminole County	Director Justin Edwards, Putnam County
Director	Dianne Johns, Brevard County	Director Todd Finlayson, St. Lucie County

There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved by Ken Wilkinson and seconded by Keith Hall to accept the slate of officers. The motion passed on a voice vote. The board was sworn in to office by the Honorable Ed Crapo.

President Sheila Crapo made brief remarks and presented a gift of appreciation to outgoing President Wetherington; President Crapo then handed out door prizes.

Door Prizes were presented to the following winners: Wendy Sapp, Paul Gaudette, Susie Baker, Wendy Chavalier, Bobbie Atha, Bruce Wozzell, Joy Hearn and Laurie Conklin.

David Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Bobbie Atha; all were in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM by President Crapo.

Minutes Transcribed by Alice Weinberg, Seminole County – Secretary,

UPCOMING CONFERENCES/MEETINGS

Annual Conference Lake Mary Marriott,, April, 18-20, 2012