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GOOD MORNIN' CAROLINA!

Good Mornin' North Carolina! After the holidays and their special meaning to each of us I think it gives us reason to reflect on times gone by and also look to the future. We gain valuable experience from good things that happen to us as well as the bad.

For the last couple of years economic hardships have fallen on many of us both at home and at work. The age of fiscal restraint has taken a bite out of our ability to keep up, but as I reflect on these thoughts I see that this has happened before and for many of us blessed with some remaining youth we will likely see it again. The point is...these things are not permanent. More likely they blow with political winds. Trying times should be received as a challenge. It is how we deal with these challenges that defines us as individuals. These days are marred by conflict at home and abroad and the uncertainty of tomorrow in simple ways as well. However, your character, faith, skills and resolve are yours. Use them to define yourself both at home and at work. I know you. I have seen these skills applied. I know your strength. Be steady and forthright and tomorrow is yours!

Likewise, I have been challenged by you to lead this organization for a year. This is a short time in the

scheme of things, but I hope enough time to make a difference. Already, through the efforts of your executive board and various committees we have begun work to recover lost memberships, complete the update of State specifications and enhance interaction with other professional organizations. I look forward to a year of service to you and my phone lines are always open to you for ideas and concerns.

Further, in my babblings, I must challenge you to talk to neighboring counties that have for some reason failed to rejoin or have never been a member. Examine the Legend and see who is not represented that is adjacent to you. Express to them the benefits that you have enjoyed from your membership. We have identified some systematic issues regarding our renewal process and see the potential to revamp it in a way that will better provide for the renewal process, but nothing that we can do will do better than word of mouth.

Gil Robbins
President NCPMA
Beaufort County

Hail and Farewell

The last year has seemed to go by too quickly at times and so slowly at other times that I wondered if it would ever end. It did end though, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who volunteered their time and efforts, enabling us to accomplish the many things we did. I know we will all help Gil in any way we can to keep our organization strong. Volunteer!!!! I know I say that again and again, but volunteers are the backbone of an organization like ours. The NCPMA is held up as an example to other states that want to form an organization similar to ours. Let's keep it that way. Once again, thank you for a wonderful year. It has been a privilege to serve you.

Marie Monteith

Past President NCPMA

Membership Renewals

In an effort to get the membership applications processed, we are printing the application in this issue as well as the next. Please complete the application and update any changes in your phone number, address, or e-mail and let us know what your certification status is. If you happen to know of an adjacent county that is not currently represented in the association, please take the time and forward an application to their office. Remember; don't confuse this membership with your state certification. You should have received that information from Rex Minneman. If you did not join the Association until late in the year, (Mapping School), you still have to update your membership for 2004.

As a result of the delay in the delivery of the North Arrow, memberships are overdue. Please help out and get these to Vic Spencer as soon as possible. The deadline has been moved to March 31st if you want your name to appear in the Legend.

Committee Reports

Check out our website frequently. Rich Elkins does a tremendous job with it. It's full of useful information. We're always open to suggestions, so if you have any please contact Rich.

<http://ncpropertymappers.org>

School Update

Mapping School 2004 Asheville, NC
August 2 - August 6
Reservations start on the 1st (Sunday)
Ramada Inn West Asheville
Smoky Park Blvd
Hotel Contact: Debra Smith
(828) 665-2161

Do you have an interesting article or photo? Don't be selfish; share it with the rest of us.



Are you lonely ???
Don't like working on your own ?
Hate making decisions ?

Then call a MEETING !!

You can
SEE people
DRAW flowcharts
FEEL important
FORM subcommittees
IMPRESS your colleagues
MAKE meaningless recommendations
ALL on COMPANY TIME !!!!

MEETINGS
THE PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO WORK.





UP COMING EVENTS

North Carolina Property Tax Education Calendar 2004

March 22 – 26, 2004 (045610) IAAO Course 101 Institute of Government Joe Hunt	July 19-23, 2004 IAAO Course 112 Institute of Government Joe Hunt
April 20, 2004 Forum 909 – The Appraisal of Commercial Properties in a Declining Market Asheville, NC Joe Hunt/Ken Joyner	August 9-13, 2004 IAAO Course 311 Institute of Government Joe Hunt
May 3-7, 2004 (045620) IAAO Course 102 Institute of Government Joe Hunt	September 13-17, 2004 IAAO Course 400 Institute of Government Joe Hunt
May 10 – 14, 2004 (045550) Fundamentals of Property Tax Collection Institute of Government	October (Date TBA) Property Listing & Assessing Institute of Government Shea Denning/NCDOR
May 17-21, 2004 Property Listing & Assessing Asheville, NC David Baker/ Stan Duncan	Date TBA USPAP Western NC Joe Hunt

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2004 NCPMA Membership Application

Name:	
County:	
Business Address:	
Position:	Dept.:
Phone:	Fax:
Email Address:	
Certification: <input type="checkbox"/> Mapper <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Mapper <input type="checkbox"/> State	

To insure proper placement in the 2004 LEGEND please fill in all information and indicate correct membership applicable to your profession. Please review names in the 2003 LEGEND and advise us of employee changes. Deadline for your name to be printed in the Legend is March 31st, 2004

REGULAR MEMBERS: NCPMA Bylaws Article II Section 1
Mappers, mapping supervisors, GIS personnel and department heads in charge of mapping, employed by County and City Government units shall be entitled to regular membership. (According to G.S. 147-54-4, a person employed by a local government who is responsible for creating and maintaining large scale cadastral maps is a mapper.)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: NCPMA Bylaws Article II Section 2
Persons not eligible for regular membership but whom are actively involved in Land Records Management. (Other interested government workers, i.e. E911, Appraisers, and Planning & Zoning, Register of Deeds.)

SUBSCRIBING MEMBERS: NCPMA Bylaws Article II Section 3
Manager Level individuals and marketing Representatives of non-governmental firms committed to the Advancement and Modernization of Land Records.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 Regular Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> New Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 Associate Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 Subscribing Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Requested |

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