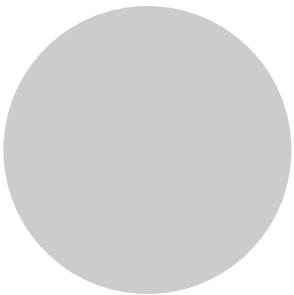
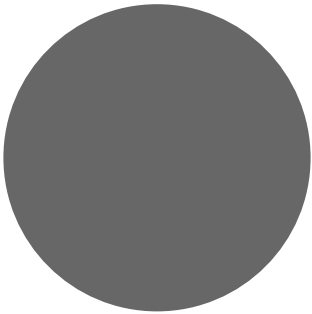


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Membership Renewals

This year when filling out your membership application please be sure to check the boxes we have added to enhance our membership database and serve you better.

Be sure to check Mapping certification status and any other designation(s) you have earned.

Please indicate which way you would prefer to receive the *North Arrow* in the future. (By mail or listserv announcement) Every current issue of the *North Arrow* is available on the NCPMA's website. By choosing to view the *North Arrow* electronically, you can help us keep down the cost of postage that is spent on every issue. If you still want to receive every issue by mail, no problem, just let us know by checking that box. If you should change your mind in the future, the switch can easily be made.

NCPMA SPRING WORKSHOPS

We are in the planning stages of our annual spring workshops. As soon as the places, dates and instructors are determined we will make the announcement on the listserv. We will try to have the workshops in April or May, and in each region (same as last year) if possible.

Website Info

Check out our website. Rich Elkins does a tremendous job with it. It's full of useful information and information is constantly being updated. We're always open to suggestions, so if you have any please contact Rich,
webmaster@ncpropertymappers.org

Website Address:
<http://ncpropertymappers.org>

CMS Requirement Change

The following announcement is provided for your information. If you have questions concerning this article, please contact IAAO via their website <http://www.iaao.org> or by calling 800/616-IAAO.

New Reporting Implemented For Continuing Education

The IAAO has implemented a new method for professional designees to report their continuing education hours. Effective immediately, hours will be reported cumulatively at the end of the recertification cycle, on a new Continuing Education Log.

The recertification cycle starts on January 1 following the initial professional designation and runs for a five-year period. During that cycle, the professional designee is expected to complete 50 credit hours of continuing education.

Within each certification period, it is mandatory for each designee (with the exception of the CMS designation) to successfully complete at least 14 hours of education courses or seminars on the Standards of Practice and Professional Ethics approved by the Professional Development Committee.

Approved courses or seminars include IAAO 171, the two-day Appraisal Foundation approved USPAP Course and the one-day Foundation approved USPAP update course. CMS designees must complete either the four-hour IAAO online Standards of Professional Practice and Ethics, IAAO 171 or the IAAO one-day forum on Standard 6.

The new Continuing Education Log will simplify reporting and recording of education credit, according to Jim Todora, CAE, chair of the IAAO Professional Development Committee. He said the reporting will continue to ensure the integrity of the designation program.

Log on to IAAO website at <http://www.iaao.org> and click on EducationTab / Professional Development Forms / Professional Designations.

!!!! Fall Conference Logo Contest !!!!

Hello everyone,

Looking back, I hope everyone really enjoyed last year's conference. I know I did and would like to thank Suzie Nicholson (the Chair) and everyone else who contributed to making the 2004 conference a success.

The Conference Committee for 2005 has already been busy making plans for the **NCPMA 25th Anniversary Conference**. Yes, I did print that correctly! It is the 25th Anniversary Conference and hopefully with your help, we can make it a memorable one.

I said with your help because we need just that! The NCPMA is having a logo contest for the conference. This year's theme for the conference is

“2005’ NCPMA 25th Anniversary...Plotting a Course into the Future”

Entries must utilize the theme within the submitted logo. The entries must be received by March 31st, 2005. Please submit your entries to me at srandone@brunswickco.net (jpeg or bit map) or hard copy (8.5” x 11”) to

Steve Randone, Brunswick County MIS Director, PO Box 249, Bolivia, N.C. 28422.



If your entry is selected by the Conference Committee, it will not only be utilized and displayed at this year's conference and the NCPMA website, but you will also receive your choice of \$100 or free registration for the conference. So get out your pencil and paper or graphic program, whichever works for you, and put your creative minds to use. I'm looking forward to seeing the entries and seeing you all at this year's conference.

Good Luck!

Steve

Steve Randone
2005 Conference Chairman



OPEN MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Members of the NCPMA,

I will be retiring December 31, 2004 with 30 years of work in local government. From the time that I graduated from college, my work has been with maps/mapping. Shy of several years of being part of the initial group that created the NCPMA. I am fortunate to have been able to be an active participant. I recognized and have supported the high standard that the NCPMA established for its membership. The "Legend" personifies and bears witness of the history of this standard. It's not often that North Carolina is envied about something. Yet the NCPMA has established a land records program that other states want to copy or to imitate. If there is a "clique" of any kind, it's because the "volunteers" are motivated. They want to be involved, to participate, and to be part of a process that challenges us.

I appreciate the opportunity to have been a part of the NCPMA. It is a work in progress that continues to set high standards. That is what keeps us in our jobs and keeps us reaching for the knowledge and technology of the future. It is also why we call ourselves "professionals". It is what makes the NCPMA a "professional organization".

Thanks again,
Albert Taylor Jr.
Carteret County

Albert will be greatly missed as will Gil Robbins who has also left county government to pursue other avenues.

NCPMA Board of Officers

Upcoming Events

3-4 NC GIS Conference Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, NC

1-5 NCPMA Mapping School Sheraton Grand Hotel, New Bern NC

18-21 IAAO Conference Anchorage, AK

5-7 NCPMA Fall Conference Sheraton Imperial, RTP NC
8-12 Annual URISA (National) Conference Kansas City, MO

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