

Training Advisory Group Meeting Minutes September 17, 2019 – Albany and Teleconference

Present: Dan Martonis, Don Weber, Cathy Conklin, Roger Tibbetts, Christine Bannister, Dave Ange, Sean Fitzsimmons, Erica Foley, Bill Film, Gene Monaco

Get organized

IAO Training Update: Given by Roger Tibbetts

- A) Cornell 2019:
 - a. Advanced Farm Course in conjunction with CaRDI, was a success with 25 attendees, all felt it was very beneficial.
 - b. Residential Data Collection and the 2 basic courses were offered.
 - c. IAO-2 Exemption Administration and Ethics were offered on Friday after Cornell
- B) Ethics:
 - a. 7 Ethics Courses are scheduled as well as one day seminars in 2020.
- C) IAO-2 Exemption Administration:
 - a. Course by Anne Sapienza on administering difficult exemptions is still being taught throughout the state.
- D) CaRDI:
 - a. They are working with Community and Regional Development Institute at Cornell to develop an advanced Farm Course for 2020 possibly at Cornell.
 - i. A new farm course is planned to include more valuation for 2020.
- E) Intro to Farm Appraisal:
 - a. Being offered in Watertown this Fall.
- F) Mass Appraisal:
 - a. They had 15 people attended the course that was offered at their Liverpool Office.
 - b. They will most likely offer it again in 2020 at this location.
- G) Conference Center in Liverpool:
 - a. Can hold about 20 people
 - b. Pending the installation of modern technology, they are hoping, since this location is centrally located, to hold one day/multi day seminars there.

Rosters:

We recently had an assessor take the same course at Cornell that they had already taken with ORPTS. We discussed sending the rosters to us to review once they are finalized. Roger stated he would bring it up and we will discuss again at the March meeting.

2018-2019 Reimbursement Update:

Dave Ange gave a brief update on the reimbursement status for this year. Stated we are now using the 2019 funds.

Statewide Learning Management System (SLMS) Survey Results

The team reviewed the results from the last Assessment Administration and Mass Appraisal Online Training Surveys which were sent out in April and July. He provided data on the number of people who responded to each survey. Cathy Conklin asked if we had ever thought about including the survey in the class, to increase participation. Andrew had talked to the TRB about this before. We will be forwarding their response on to Cathy. There was also discussion about flash animation and problems with SLMS. Gene Monaco offered to share some insights from Rockefeller college on this topic and how they have prepared to address it. Sean will follow-up with Gene.

Assessment Administration Course Review

Dave Ange gave a summary of what the team has been working on. They have met twice since the last TAG meeting. Approximately 6 chapters are done with revisions. Spring is the target for all revisions to be done. Their next meeting is in November. We discussed the reason they wanted the course reviewed was for the exemption section.

Open Floor

Cathy Conklin brought up her concern over the large number of assessors listed on the needs report that still need their certification. We then discussed our process of enforcing compliance, and how letters are sent out twice a year.

Bill Film spoke about a class he went to at DEC, exemptions for forest valuation. There was a discussion on the lack of education of DEC on the topic.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for 10:30 am on Tuesday, March 10, 2020