

Betsy Barr, AMANJ President announces 1994 Committees and Emphasizes Goals of Recertification/Licensing Education, Legislation (and open dialog from the membership directly with the President)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



January 24, 1994

Randy Brokaw Assessors Bulletin PO BOX 0261 Pennington, NJ 08534

Dear Randy,

Thanks for the copy of NJAB. I am sending you copies of two different newsletters in return:

The first is the GISMO newsletter. I coordinate this organization which is for those interested in GIS in an NYC context (including private sector). I increasingly use desktop GIS in all aspects of my work, but most importantly where location value is concerned.

The second is the MGV journal from the Assessors organization in the state of Victoria, Australia. A great number of the members work in suburban Melbourne jurisdictions just as most New Jersey assessors work in smaller suburban units of Megalopolis.

On the second page there is a thank-you-letter from me for my reception there in November. This was part of monthlong trip in Australia (there is a weird picture on the last page.) I spoke about computerized approaches to valuation. They have been slower to initiate because of small offices with no economy of scale and lack of "critical mass". There are great parallels with many NJ areas, I am guessing. Am I right?

Maybe there are success stories of computerization in NJ? The Victorians would love to hear about it. And if you read my letter, I can almost guarantee that any cooperation that led to visits would cherished! I really enjoyed my visit but could only suggest so much since NYC is a very different kind of shop.

I thought this all sort of fit in with that wonderful international tour you helped me pull off a few years ago. I'm always ready for more. All of my international-level interaction in our field has been good for me.

Best in 1994, sincerely, 1 well Eichenteun fack Eichenbaum

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H. Randy Brokaw and Lady Emily Brokaw Pennington, N. J. 08534

To My Dear Friends,

I'm sorry it took me so long to write this letter but I have been extremely busy

reorganizing my office and training new personnel.

I just didn't want another day to go by without wishing you both a very happy, health and peacefull New Year. As for me, as long as I know there are people like you I have

great hope for tomorrow.

I just lost my Chief Assistant Assessor to the town of West Orange. Brigida Caruso, who worked with me for the past eight years was appointed Assessor of West Orange on January 11th. I'm sure she will do a great job there, and if so it's a feather in my cap.

I just began a term as a newly elected board member of the Metro New Jersey Chapter of the Appraisal Institute representing State Accredited Affiliates. As the representative of State Certified General Real Estate Appraisers and State Licensed Residential Real Estate Appraisers, who are Affiliates of the Appraisal Institute, I also serve on the Regional Committee of State Accredited Affiliates. An awesome task, to say the least, but I don't mind lending my time and energy on behalf of my fellow appraisers. I hope to see more Assessors get involved in State Licensing and Certification Programs and become affiliates of the Appraisal Institute as well.

Randy, I'll send you more information on this in the near future, and also information of IAAO. We need to start a new membership drive and advise people of the next conference. I look forward to seeing you real soon.

Sincerely.

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ASSESSORS IN THE NEWS

THE SUNDAY STAR-LEDGER, December 12, 1993

Photo by Gene Boyars

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After 10 years of phone calls and letters to urge support for a state law benefiting veterans, Harold Liebeskind, center, with fellow veterans Arthur Buehrer, left, and Herbert Quinton, right, was honored for his efforts

HIGH ASSESSMENT

Tax official honored for aid to veterans

By MARY KELLEHER

Springfield resident Harold Liebeskind, the tax assessor for Maplewood, has received a favorable assessment for his work in passing legislation for state

Liebeskind was honored for receiving the Russell T. Wilson Award from the Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey. The award is given to the member who has made the greatest effort in affecting areas of general government as well as the public, to the benefit of the assessing profession.

The award, last given four years ago, is only presented when a person has made exceptional contributions to the association.

"Oh, it's quite an unexpected thrill," said Liebeskind, who claims, at 66, to be the oldest tax assessor in Essex County.

Liebeskind's contribution was 10 years of phone calls and letters to pass what is called the Veterans Bill of the 1990s or Assembly Bill 1423. The bill, signed into law in January 1992, entitles veterans of Grenada, Lebanon, Panama and the Persian Gulf War to all benefits provided under state law. It also adjusted the state-recognized dates of World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars to conform to federal

guidelines. "According to previous New Jersey law, World War II ended on Sept. 2, 1945," said Liebeskind, "although according to federal law, the war ended Dec. 31, 1946. So, in New Jersey, if you were injured on Sept. 3, you received no benefits."

The assessor, a World War II veteran, became involved in the bill's passage through his own activity in veterans' organizations. He was not discouraged by the amount of time it took to pass the bill: "Once you start a project, you have to finish it. It was a task I did with delight."

The bill is but one of the many projects of the enthusiastic, tireless Liebeskind. He has been an instructor at Rutgers University Extension Division for the past seven years, training new assessors and assessing clerks, and he is a state vice president of the municipal assessors association.

He is currently serving as chief of the Springfield Auxiliary Police, a unit he has served for 35 years.

"My wife says she never sees me," said Liebeskind, who has been married for 40 years, "but I take great delight in getting involved in everything. Some projects fail, but if you stand still, then you do nothing for the world."



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ASSEMBLY, NO. 1112 STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 17, 1994 BY ASSEMBLYMAN STUHLTRAGER

STATEMENT

This bill requires that <u>all</u> persons performing appraisals on real estate located in this State be certified or licensed in accordance with the provisions of the "Real Estate Appraisers Act," P.L.1991, c.68 (C.45:14F-1 et seq.). Currently, the act requires licensure or certification of real estate appraisers only in regard to federally related transactions and certifications or licensure is otherwise voluntary.

This bill would clarify that <u>all appraisals</u> performed in connection with real estate located in this State, which shall include, but not be limited to, any transaction involving a third quasi-judicial body or financial institution, <u>shall be performed by a State certified or licensed appraiser</u>. The bill also provides that a person who assists in the preparation of an appraisal under the direct supervision of a State licensed or certified appraiser may also perform an appraisal assignment.

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SENATE, NO. 501 & ASSEMBLY NO. 960 STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 10, 1994 BY SENATOR RICE (S501) AND ASSEMBLYMAN ROCCO (A960)

AN ACT concerning certain property tax assessment records and supplementing chapter 4 of Title 54 of the Revised Statutes.

STATEMENT

This bill requires each tax assessor to provide a property owner or his legal representative or appraiser, with access to the information used by the assessor to establish the taxable value of the owner's real property. The bill also gives all persons access to information contained in the property tax lists of a municipality.

Local assessors are required to maintain property tax record cards in the manner and format specified by the Division of Taxation. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Right to Know Law, P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), users of property tax information other than the property owner are granted limited access to essential information contained on property tax record cards.

This bill requires assessors to maintain property tax record cards and requires that they be accessible to the owner of the property to which the card pertains or his legal representative or appraiser without restriction. Persons other than property owners, their legal representatives and appraisers are considered third party users. These persons have access only to information pertaining to the identifying locational and physical characteristics, including, but not limited to, items such as construction detail, square footage, age and real property use.

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Bills in the "Hopper" – continued SENATE, NO. 382 STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Review by Legislative Counsel BY SENATOR LYNCH

AN ACT establishing a State Board of Property Appraisal and a Division of Property Assessment in the Department of Community Affairs, and amending, supplementing and repealing parts of the statutory law and making an appropriation.

STATEMENT

This bill, the "Property Assessment Reform Act," restructures the property tax assessment system of New Jersey to reduce or eliminate the inefficiencies and inequities inherent in the current assessment structure. This bill builds upon the recommendations of the State and Local Expenditure and Revenue Policy Commission and the New Jersey Property Tax Assessment Study Commission to fundamentally reform property assessment structure and practice.

In doing so, the bill seeks to strengthen accountability within the current property tax administrative system rather than to establish a State operated system. The bill would create greater accountability in the system from the State down through the municipal assessor's office, by:

- a. Establishing the State Board of Property Appraisal and the Division of Property Assessment in the Department of Community Affairs. Relocation in the Department of Community Affairs will assure greater State attention to the property tax assessment function by a department that routinely oversees the implementation of State standards and requirements at the local level and will provide for greater coordination of local revenue and budgetary supervision.
- b. Making the director of the division the chairman of the board. This parallels the structure of the Local Finance Board which the Director of Local Government Services chairs, and assures that no conflict of authority will occur between the director and board.
- c. Requiring the recertification of municipal tax assessors every five years, and that municipal tax assessors hold a current tax assessor's certification.
- d. Requiring the licensing of revaluation firms every two years; providing that revaluation contracts will be let by public bidding among licensed firms by the director; and providing that revalued municipalities shall appropriate over five years payments to compensate the State for revaluation costs.
- e. Providing that municipal appointment of tax assessors and municipal funding of tax assessor offices shall be subject to standards of the State Board of Property Appraisal and the approval of the county tax supervisor.
- f. The establishment of computer assisted mass appraisal systems to provide the capacity for annual updating of assessment roles and values in every taxing district of the State.

g. The establishment of offices of county tax supervisors, and the assumption by the State of the cost of office space, staff, equipment and supplies therefor. The county tax supervisor, a State employee, is provided strengthened powers to direct assessors within the county, in addition to performing all the duties heretofore exercised by the county board of taxation, except equalization and property tax appeals.

h. Authorizing a municipality to contract with the county tax supervisor, who is a State employee and officer, for the performance of property

tax assessment in the municipality

i. Authorizing the director to order the county tax supervisor to perform property tax assessment in a municipality if the municipality is in consistent compliance with standards adopted by the board or fails to appoint a tax assessor in a timely manner.

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New Jersey Assessor's Bulletin PO Box 0261 Pennington, N. J. 08534-0261

Please find below the new address for the Jackson Township Assessor's office and the correct spelling of the Assessor's name:

Mr. Dennis A. Raftery Tax Assessor—The of Jackson 95 West Veterans May Jackson, N. J. 08527

Should you have any questions, please do not heatitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

Gloria Yanes Gloria Kanis Assistant Assessor

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January 26, 1994

Randy Brokaw Assessors Bulletin P.O. Box 0261 Pennington, New Jersey 08534-0261

Re: Advertisement in the NJ Assessor Bulletin

Dear Mr. Brokaw:

Pursuant to my telephone conversation with William Nikitch, please allow this letter to serve as my request for a <u>one-quarter page</u> advertisement in the Assessors Bulletin. I want the advertisement to run for the entire year. Enclosed is a copy of my advertisement.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Mark J. Hanson

Enclosure: ad

cc: William Nikitch

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January 31, 1994

H. Randolph Brokaw, Editor Assessor's Bulletin F. O. Box 0261 Pennington, New Jersey 08534-0261

Dear Randy:

I am writing to advise you that I have become a State Accredited Affiliate of the Appraisal Institute and a member of the Metro New Jersey Chapter, effective August 28, 1992.

On December 7, 1993, I was elected, and sworn in, as a board member of the Metro New Jersey Chapter of the Appraisal Institute representing all State accredited affillates. Additionally, my name has been submitted to the Appraisal Institute to serve on the Regional Subcommittee of State Accredited Affillates. I feel this is a significant accomplishment inasmuch as I now have the distinct pleasure and opportunity to represent appraisers and assessors who have received State certification or licensing and have become affillates of the Appraiser Institute.

I trust that my accomplishment will further serve as an incentive to all New Jersey assessors, who qualify, to seek not only their state certification, but also an affiliation with the Appraisal Institute. With the advent of State licensing, there is now legislature which will make it mandatory for all appraisers in this Sate to be licensed and/or certified to appraise any type of property for any purpose without exclusions. Therefore, it is extremely important that all New Jersey assessors recognize the inevitable requirement to seek the highest degree of professionalism to maintain their status as assessor/appraiser in this State. It is also high time that members in the field of property taxation recognize the need for recertification,

I will be more than happy to consult with the Executive Board and/or members of AMANJ, at any time, regarding these issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor G. Shreetuer ULLO A. HATTSTABLE, BI. VICLOT A. HATTSTABLE, BI. CIA, RPA, SPA, CREA, SCPA, SCGREA PASE President, AMANJ

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Dear Conferee:

The New Hampshire Association of Assessing Officials welcomes you to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, site of the 1994 Northeast Regional Association of Assessing Officials Conference, the week of May 22, 1994. We are excited to have you in New Hampshire and look forward to making the 1994 NRAAO Conference a most memorable and educational one.

Our conference theme is "Set the PACE", which represents Professionalism, Action, Commitment and Education. These four components are integral to the field of ad valorem taxation. The challenging conference agenda will define, promote and reaffirm their importance.

Educational sessions include a discussion on contaminated properties; a review of income and capitalization rates; depreciation, FDIC appeals, and a presentation from our fellow Canadian assessors. There will be an on-site tour of the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant and a demonstration of GIS Systems.

Social activities range from a dinner cruise with DJ Jimmy Ramos, to a tour around historical Strawbery Banke. Golf at Wentworth by the Sea and shopping in Kittery, Maine, are topped by a lobster bake prepared by a few enterprising gournet assessors. Don't forget the Sunday evening reception and Wednesday's banquet.

I believe you will enjoy your stay in Portsmouth. I look forward to seeing you and extend my personal welcome to each of you.

Very sincerely,

Laura Thetodeau

Laura Thibodeau, CNHA NRAAO Chairperson

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ASSESSORS IN THE NEWS (continued)

Carol Caskey, outgoing President of Mercer Assessors, requested Joe Kucinski to install the officers for 1994. Four of the officers had served under Trenton Chief Assessor in New Jersey's capitol city.

Following the New Jersey example of Governor Christie Whitman, AMANJ President Betsy Barr retiring Chief Assessor Kucinski installed:

- President Pat Hice, City of Trenton;
- Vice President Dianne Walker, Washington Township:
- Treasurer Eleanor Blake, Ewing Township; and
- · Secretary Toni Sost, Hopewell Township.

Keeping order during the proceedings, was Sergeant at Arms John Laciskey, City of Trenton.

Following the installation Commander Kucinski was presented with a Life Membership for his many years of outstanding service to the City of Trenton, County of Mercer, N.J. Assessors Association and U.S. War Veterans.

Also honored with Life Memberships were, J. Henry Ditmars, Randolph Brokaw, and Stewart Robeson (see photo page 12).

INSTALLATION OF 1994 OFFICERS

Pictured left to right: John Laciskey, Pat Hice, Joe Kucinski, Dianne Walker, Eleanor Blake, and Toni Sost.



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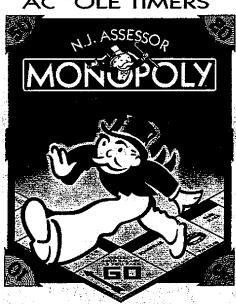
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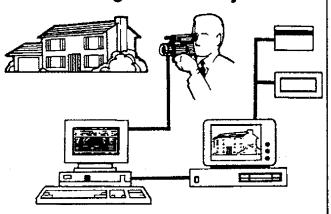
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