

Training Advisory Group Meeting Minutes April 4, 2017 – Albany and Teleconference

Present: Christine Bannister, Cathy Conklin, Tim Maher (facilitator), Dan Martonis, Patricia McVee, Gene Monaco, Roger Tibbetts, Denise Trudell, John Zukowski
Others Attending: Sean Fitzsimmons (EDS)
Recorder: Dave Ange

Training funds for 2017-2018 and the 2016-2017 reimbursement status

The amount of training funds for 2017-2018 is not expected to be impacted by the State budget. At this time, it appears 2016-2017 training requests will be fully reimbursed.

Statewide Learning Management System (SLMS)

Work to convert the 4 Top Class training courses (Assessment Administration, Data Collection, Mass Appraisal and Sales Data Management) to SLMS and to load all the user accounts was completed in August. ORPTS employees were enrolled in the SLMS training courses beginning in September through early 2017. First scheduled SLMS course is Assessment Administration scheduled for May 24. Enrollment will be limited to 15 – 20 students with preference given to assessors needing the course for basic certification. A smaller class size will allow us to manage technical issues which may arise. A second Assessment Administration course is scheduled for August. Notification of the training schedule will be sent to the assessment community in the next weekly Listserv. If all goes well with the scheduled Assessment Administration course ORPTS is open to offering the Mass and Data Collection online courses later in the year. It was suggested that ORPTS may also want to offer a classroom Assessment Administration course (maybe in Syracuse).

Updated needs report

Needs Reports have been generated upon request. Previously the reports were generated for these meetings. ORPTS will try to generate these reports for the Training Advisory meetings.

Cornell Planning

The Mass Appraisal and Farm courses will be offered at Cornell this year. CMI Course 1 and Course 2 are also being offered at Cornell with a second Course 2 class being offered later in the year in Syracuse. Commercial/Industrial will be offered Sept 11-14. Ethics will be offered at the Assessor's Fall Conference in October. Additional courses may be scheduled later based on needs report.

AOT / NYC conferences

There was a one day seminar in NYC for which no CE credit was awarded. There may be an issue with awarding credit and NOT providing reimbursement for the training. This will be discussed further at the September 2017 group meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for 10:30 on Tuesday, September 19, 2017.

Possible Agenda Items

- Courses given at AOT / NYC
- Updated Needs Report