

Training Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2023 – Teleconference and WebEx

Present: Cathy Conklin, Gary Drake, Sean Fitzsimmons, Erica Foley, Gene Monaco, Anne Sapienza, Denise Trudell, Warren Wheeler,

Get Organized

This meeting was held using WebEx video conference software. There were no questions about the minutes from the last meeting.

NYSAA and IAO Update

A) NYSAA

- a. There were 4 series of Webinars offered with out giving CE. Topics included legal issues, technology, and legislative agendas. Over 400 people attended these.

B) IAO

- a. Cornell is set for July 17th-20th, 2023
- b. 4 classes will be taught at the campus all others will be held at hotel Ithaca.
- c. Course 1 & 2 will be taught.

ORPTS Training Update

The training schedule is posted and was featured in the Assessment Community weekly. Introduction to Farm Appraisal is scheduled for 4/24/23.

We are working on converting all our exams to a WebEx format, so people do not have to come into the regional offices to take them.

Reimbursement Update

\$62,000.00 has been paid out for this year. The number has decreased over the years due to less travel reimbursements because more people are taking classes online. The amount of people seeking reimbursement has increased but the amount they are requesting has decreased.

Open Floor

Anne spoke about the Ad Hoc committee she has put together. They meet every 3 weeks and discuss the current requirements for qualifications of Assessor and explore ways to get more people interested in being an Assessor. Anne said if anyone from the state would like to join them, they are more than welcome. The committees' members are as follows:

Patricia Brede, Assessor (former county director)

Kelly Anderson, Schuyler County Director)

Meghan Kincais - Yates County Director

Stephanie Holtz - Assessor

Victoria Sirota, Assessor

Heather Weinhold, Assessor

Katherine Johnson, Assessor

Anne Sapienza, Retired Assessor

Discussion about the Assessment Admin WebEx class that was held. Also talked about exemptions needing to be its own class.

Next Meeting

The next Tag meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2023.