

VALA NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MICHELLE WILSON-PV&R EDUCATION

2011 66TH ANNUAL TOWN OFFICERS EDUCATION CONFERENCE

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VALA is the Vermont's Listers & Assessors Organization. Your dues support a wide-range of activities that result in improved services for every town in Vermont.

VALA is YOUR Legislative voice in Montpelier. Our Legislative Committee advocates on your behalf legislation that will be beneficial to Listers and Appraisers and discourages legislation that will have a negative impact.

VALA partnership with PV&R supports a wide-range of continuing education programs for Listers and Assessors including IAAO Courses. This partnership was successful a few years ago to have education funds available for every town

VALA's partnerships with NEMRC/Microsolve & and PV&R continues to develop and implement enhancements to NEMRC/Microsolve (CAMA) software.

VALA is developing a new web-site that should be up and running by spring 2011. This site will provide links to PV&R, NEMRC and other Organizations to promote and enhance Lister and Assessor information. The new site will be a resource to all members and will become a major communication tool to and from its members. Your continued financial commitment to this organization has made this improvement possible.

VALA is only as strong as its membership base. Visit the current site www.vtala.org and complete the membership form and forward payment to the address on the form. *We need your support—please consider asking a fellow Lister to join!*



Quote for the Day—

Celebrate what you've accomplished, but raise the bar a little higher each time you succeed.

- Mia Hamm



Typical Log Home



Reproduction of a Southern Mansion

Michelle Wilson's PV&R Education, and Information Corner

Calling all New Listers!

- The Annual New Lister's Orientation is being held March 18th @ 9: 00 am at the Capital Plaza in Montpelier OR March 25th at Mount Snow 9: 00 am in Dover. (Lunch to be provided) You may register with felicia.martineau@state.vt.us as soon as possible.

Lister Training Minutes

- It is almost March and we are busy preparing Current Use files to send to the towns. Here is a note on the meaning of "Owner qualifies as a farmer" (Y/N) and "Number of enrolled farm buildings" fields – as well as how these relate to entering enrolled farm building value on the detail edit screen.

"Owner qualifies as a Farmer" = YES means that the applicant claimed in box 12C they did qualify as a farmer according to the guidelines.

"Owner qualifies as a Farmer" = NO means that the applicant claimed in box 12C that they did not qualify as a farmer.

"Number of enrolled farm buildings" – The number of eligible farm buildings that are enrolled in the program. If this number is incorrect please make a note in the comments field to go back to the state.

ENROLLED FARM BUILDING VALUE: Listers should enter only the value of the buildings that are actually eligible and enrolled in the program. Value of farm buildings that are NOT eligible – or that are not enrolled for whatever reason – must be included in the value of 'Dwellings' on line number one (the line above enrolled farm building value).

Instructions are available on-line for reference and should be referred to once you receive the electronic file from us in mid March. Remember we need these files back as quickly as possible in order to help you get your files 100% certified.

Thank you,

Michelle Wilson, Operations Chief

QUOTE: ALL OUR KNOWLEDGE BEGINS WITH THE SENSES, PROCEEDS THEN TO THE UNDERSTANDING, AND ENDS WITH REASON. THERE IS NOTHING HIGHER THAN REASON.
- IMMANUEL KANT

THE ASSESSOR'S CREED*

*taken from the IAAO Fair and Equitable Magazine

- ✿ I am an assessing professional and I am truly proud of it.
- ✿ I have been called to one of the most important functions of government.
- ✿ I carry out my job with pride and excellence.
- ✿ I serve all people fairly and equally, regardless of who they might be.
- ✿ I show no favoritism.
- ✿ I do what is right.
- ✿ I do what is responsible.
- ✿ The wheels of government turn better because I am here.

ATTENTION LISTERS MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

THE 66th ANNUAL TOWN OFFICERS EDUCATION CONFERENCE

- ✿ Hilton in Burlington, VT (April 6th)
- ✿ Johnson State College, Johnson, VT (April 7th)
- ✿ Lake Morey Inn, Fairlee, VT (April 20th)
- ✿ Holiday Inn Rutland (April 27th).

We are excited to announce this year that we have extended the TOEC day to accommodate town leaders and community volunteers! Watch your emails for registration!

Registration begins at 9:00am and the first Session will start at 10am. Attendees will now have the option to purchase a 2nd meal (lunch or dinner) and will have the liberty to come later or leave earlier to in order to accommodate busy schedules.



The ALPHA



The OMEGA



Quote for the Day: There are two great rules of life—never tell everything at once.

Author Ken Venturi

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To view current Bills pending in Legislature:

- Google vermont.gov
- Then click Government (top left side of site).
- Go to Legislative Branch under State Government.
- Go to Legislative Bill Watch.
- Under Bill Research click on "Show All Introduced Bills".
- Next click submit search. Then if you click on the Bill number this brings up all the info about that Bill and its status.
- Then click on "As Introduced" under Bill Text.
- Of interest--- if you scroll down to the bottom of the Vermont Legislative Bill Tracking System Page there is a running total of Bills that are pending.



CHRIS MIELE'S CORNER

The enhanced residential property record card in one, two, or three page options will now be the default in CAMA 2000.

If any town wants to create a custom card, please call NEMRC.

When you use section ID 1, 2, 3, etc. the photos and sketches will appear on the correct Property Record Card if you have saved them in the correct order in the photo field and in the Apex footprints. These enhancements reflect most of the CAMA Committee's recommendations.

Grand List Seminar 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Monday, March 21st – Holiday Inn, Rutland, VT
Thursday, March 24th – Lake Morey Inn, Lake Fairly, VT
Wednesday, March 30th – Holiday Inn, Rutland, VT
Friday, April 1st – Sheraton Inn, S. Burlington, VT

Cost \$110/person

Register on-line at www.NEMRC.COM