

VALA QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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2015 LISTER OF THE YEAR
CHARLES MASON
TOWN OF PAWLET

Michael P. Cyprian Lister of the Year Award Charles Mason Town of Pawlet

The 2015 winner personifies the legacy of Michael P. Cyprian. Charles grew up in his home town and brings 80 years of personal historic information, as well as previous generations. His vast knowledge of the history of the community has been invaluable in solving parcel map questions, deed research, and finding boundary lines in the field.

Charlie has been a lister in the town of Pawlet for 16 years. He has been tireless in improving and educating town officials and the public in the assessment process. Charlie is a champion for lister education and continues to attend training classes. He has a keen sense of lister procedure, duties, and responsibilities. He takes those responsibilities to heart, even outside the Lister Office.

Charlie is the 1st recipient of the Steven Jeffrey \$250 Education Grant!

VALA SEPTEMBER 18th ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

Over 120 VALA members and 6 sponsors attended the Annual VALA Meeting at Lake Morey. Highlights of the meeting were:

- + NEMRC Tablet Demonstration – Chris Miele
- + Election of New Officers
 - o President Todd LeBlanc – South Burlington
 - o Vice President Camilla Roberts – Rockingham/Bellows Falls
 - o Secretary Tamsin Coon – Fairfax
 - o Treasurer Robert Vickery – Colchester
- + Approved revised Mission Statement and new Vision Statement
- + Approved 2015-2016 Budget
- + Lister of the Year Award and Steven Jeffrey Education Grant given to Charles Mason – Pawlet
- + Douglas Farnham PVR Director presented Vermont Assessing Certification Awards
- + Calcutta Basket Raffle Winner
- + Election of new County Delegates
- + Current Use Workshop
- + Fee Appraiser Presentation
- + Regional Engineer for Ground Water Protection
- + LUNCH with a sunny, warm day at Lake Morey Resort
- + Key Note Speaker – Steve Jeffrey his experiences under the “Golden Dome”
- + Lister Forum
- + Annual Meeting Tote Bags given to all attending members
- + Membership Update
 - o Member Towns 104
 - o Professional Members 15
 - o Membership 285

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WWW.VALAVT.ORG

FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION.

Annual Meeting Sponsoring Vendors were:

CAI Technologies

The Warren Group

Vermont Center for Geographic Information

New England Municipal Consultants

Avitar

Thank you for your VALA support!

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IAAO Membership is a good Listers/Assessor investment!

Monthly Magazine "Fair & Equitable"
recent feature articles:

- ✓ Vertical Equity Standards in Judging Performance for Mass Appraisals.
- ✓ State Tax Agencies Assist Counties with Parcel Mapping
- ✓ Depreciation in a Declining Market
- ✓ Ratio Studies

The IAAO education classes Assessing Professional Certification Work of members – IAAO Representatives work year round to spread the word about IAAO benefits. This year we have two amazing Reps who went above and beyond. Jeffrey Dart from Oregon won the Kenneth J. McCarren Award. Ryan not only recruited new members, he also made numerous presentations, exhibited IAAO materials at events and more!

Reps collect points for activities such as attending Chapter/Affiliate/IAAO meetings, making presentations, exhibiting IAAO materials, publishing articles and submitting reports. Thank you to our IAAO Reps for all their work supporting IAAO.

IAAO Vermont Representative Ed Clodfelter

Contact Ed about IAAO memberships or other information at ed@nemrc.com

Your VALA Organization Is also an associate member of IAAO.



PVR Team Left to Right:

Roger Kilbourn, Douglas Farnham, Christie Wright,
Elizabeth Hunt and Teri Gildersleeve

PV&R DIRECTOR DOUGLAS FARNHAM presented the Assessment Certification Awards to the following:

Ed Clodfelter – NEMRC - VPMA Certification
Louise S. Ferris-Burt – Bethel VPA II Certification
John B. Fike – Reading VPMA Certification
Parma L. Jewett – Montgomery VPA I Certification
Kenneth Nosek – Burlington VPA II Certification
Camilla Roberts – Rockingham VPA III Certification
Nancy Merrill State of Vermont VPA III Certification
Michelle Wilson – Hartford VPMA Certification

These individuals are being recognized for their professional commitment to continuing education by attending IAAO, PVR, NEMRC and VALA classes.

See the State of Vermont PVR website for the education requirements for the various certification levels.

VALA congratulates the above certification recipients and their commitment to the assessment profession.

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INCOMING AND OUTGOING!



INCOMING AND OUTGOING OFFICERS

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ROBERT VICKERY,
PAULINE MOORE, PENNY ALLYN AND
TAMSIN COON

OUTGOING AND INCOMING VALA OFFICERS

Newly elected Treasurer Robert Vickery from Colchester will assume the duties of outgoing Treasurer Pauline Moore from Manchester.

Newly elected Secretary Tamsin Coon from Fairfax will assume the duties of outgoing Secretary Penny Allyn from Reading.

Lower picture is your newly elected VALA Vice President Camilla Roberts from Rockingham, Vermont.

Todd LeBlanc is your newly elected VALA President (see following page for photo).

New Grant process for education class reimbursement and Grand List maintenance funds.

PV&R Director Douglas Farnham provided an update on the grant process. Town Treasurers must complete a grant application form for education funds with an accompanying class or workshop invoice.

Treasurers must also complete a grant form to receive the per parcel revenue for grand list maintenance and reappraisals.

Your town treasurer should have the various grant forms for processing payment. Contact PV&R if your town treasurer has not received this information or to answer any questions you may have about the new Grant Application Program..



NEW VICE PRESIDENT CAMILLA
ROBERTS FROM ROCKINGHAM

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.

Albert Einstein

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES AND INFORMATION

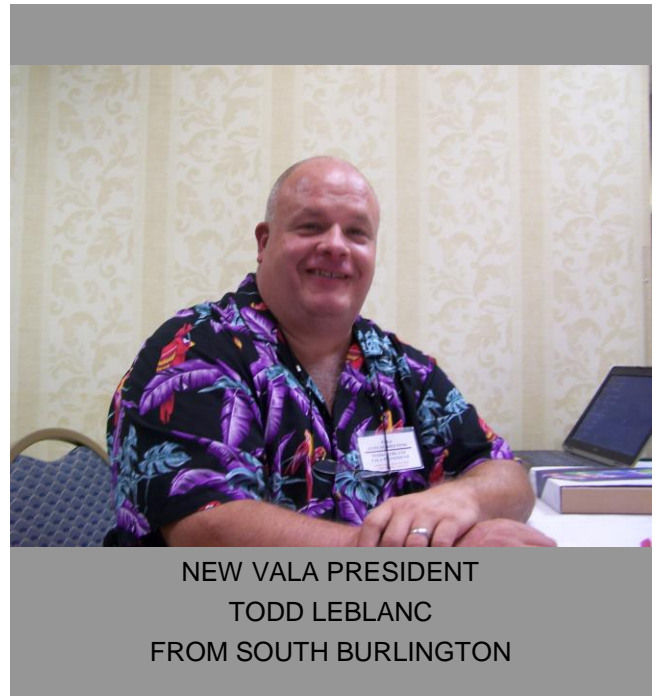
We want our newsletter to be informative and educational. Your member input is essential.

If you have any articles or suggestions for articles for the newsletter please contact

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The next VALA Newsletter will be published in February 2016!



VALA Members enjoying the
2015 Annual Meeting!

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