Rhode Island Association of Assessing Officers

Linda L. Cwiek IAAO Conference Scholarship

The International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) offers its members many benefits, including an extensive library replete with myriad appraisal topics, best practices in the field of assessing, as well as networking and establishing connections with other assessment professionals throughout the world. Since the cost of attending the annual conference may not be borne by municipal budgets, the RIAAO offers annually a scholarship for an active member to attend the IAAO Conference.

The $1,000 scholarship has been named for Linda L. Cwiek, RICA, a member of the IAAO Executive Board, an IAAO Representative from 1994-2018, winner of the 2007 Rosalyn Johnston Award, and the 2018 Harry Galkin Award (given to a member for contribution and efforts in advancing the mission of the IAAO). Linda also shared her valuable time serving as the 2000 President of the NRAAO, and also won the 1996 Sherry Vermilya Award, the 2008 Kay Pardee Award, and the 2014 Richard Prendergast Lifetime Achievement Award.

The RIAAO Executive Board has established the following guidelines for awarding the scholarship:

- Applicant must be an RIAAO Member in good standing and preferably a member of the IAAO.
- Applicant has never attended an IAAO conference before OR not attended within the past five years. If no applicants meet this requirement the Scholarship Committee may use its discretion to waive or alter this requirement.
- The cost to attend the conference in excess of the scholarship will be paid by the award recipient or their municipality, not by RIAAO.
- Scholarships will be provided to Assessors first, or assessment staff with the Assessor's approval.
- Subject to local policy on time off from work for professional training.
- Scholarship submissions accepted between March 1st and March 31st annually.
- Submissions will be review by the Scholarship Committee. Final recommendations will be made to the Executive Board no later than May 15th annually.
- Provision of each scholarship is subject to availability of funds from the RIAAO treasury.
- Payment will be made directly to IAAO (via check made out to the recipient).