Rhode Island Association of Assessing Officers

Raymond E. Beattie, Jr. NRAAO Conference Scholarship

The Northeast Regional Association of Assessing Officers (NRAAO) offers its members many benefits, including offering timely topics on appraisal issues, best practices in the field of assessing, as well as networking and establishing connections with other assessment professionals in the northeast region. 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 NRAAO Conference.

The $500 scholarship has been named for Raymond E. Beattie, Jr., a past President of the NRAAO, who shared his valuable time with both the NRAAO and the RIAAO. Ray was the 1999 Sherry Vermilya Award winner, the 2008 Kay Pardee Award winner, and earned the Richard Prendergast Lifetime Achievement Award. Ray was also on the Executive Board of the IAAO from 2015-2017, was an IAAO Representative, a 2007 IAAO Representative of the Year finalist, and awarded the Stacey Ford 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 NRAAO.
- Applicant has never attended an NRAAO 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 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 September 1st and October 31st annually.
- Submissions will be review by the Scholarship Committee. Final recommendations will be made to the Executive Board no later than November 15th annually and awarded at the December RIAAO meeting..
- Provision of each scholarship is subject to availability of funds from the RIAAO treasury.
- Payment will be made directly to NRAAO (via check made out to the recipient).