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Belinka Novotny-Held, PMM
President MMA

To amend Chapter 137, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to assessment of real property.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A Chapter 137, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section to be known as section 137.727, to read as follows:

137.727. Beginning January 1, 2003, in all counties and in all cities not within a county, a percentage of all ad valorem property tax collections allocable to each taxing authority with the county and the county shall be deducted from the collections of taxes each year and shall be deposited into the assessment fund of the county as required pursuant to section 137.750. The percentage shall be one-half of one percent, not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars in any calendar year. The county shall bill any taxing authority collecting its own taxes. Money's deposited into the assessment fund pursuant to this section shall be expended solely for computer hardware and software including installation and maintenance agreements, salaries and benefits or contracted services for data entry personnel and data conversion, aerial photography, digitized mapping projects including maintenance or installation and maintenance of a geographic information system program and any new technological development that may occur and assist in the assessment of all property, as approved by the county governing body and in compliance with the State Tax Commissioner's approved assessment and equalization maintenance plan. These moneys shall not be used to reduce county general revenue contributions to the assessment fund.

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COMMITTEE NEWS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Survey indicated the desired classes would be in the following preference:

- 1) Beginning Mapping
- 2) Curves
- 3) Inking
- 4) Compilation
- 5) PMM Preparation

Hopefully we can get some volunteers to teach the classes.

Carl Sohn, PMM
Chairperson

ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

There will be a special mailing for the Annual Meeting information and registration form. When you get it, be sure to sign up to attend.

Stan Balsman, PMM
Chairperson

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

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AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee is still seeking nominations for Boss of the Year, Mapper of the Year and Fireball. Nomination forms are again in this issue of MMA News. Please send your nominations as soon as possible.

Patty Williams
Chairperson



LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

SB 806 and HB 1371 are still in committee at the time of this printing. We will keep the membership informed of any happenings.

Darrel King
Chairperson

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Recently a flyer was sent out for those interested in passage of the above bills to write their legislators for support of House Bill 1371. I urge all MMA members to make the effort of writing to your representative voicing your support of this important legislation. If you did not receive a flyer, or disposed of yours without looking at it, please call either Kim Swisher or myself for another copy. I will be happy to fax or mail it to you.

Marti Suiter, PMM

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership stands at 236 current paid members with 44 Missouri counties with members.

Gladys Smith,
Chairperson

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Certification Committee reports that there were no applicants for the PMM exam for this year.

Stephanie Trejo, PMM
Chairperson

+++++ THANK YOU NOTES -

I want to thank my friends in Missouri Mappers for their prayers and loving support while my mom was sick and when she passed away on March 19. It means a lot to have friends like you all.

Gladys Smith
St. Clair County

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MMA PROFILES

Submitted by Stephanie Trejo, PMM
Missouri State Tax Commission

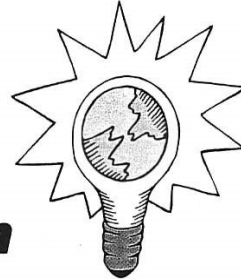
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Submitted by George Frink
Howard County Assessor

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OUTSTANDING BOSS OF THE YEAR AWARD Application

The "Outstanding Boss of The Year" Award is presented at the MMA Annual Meeting. It is presented to honor the "top boss" who has displayed "above and beyond" efforts in mapping, with the employees in the mapping department and not limited to leadership, management & people skills. Nominees should be a current member in good standing, have been a member for at least one year and planning on attending the annual meeting. Nominations should be brief and explain why the nominee merits the "Outstanding Boss of the Year" award. The Award Committee will review the applications and make recommendations to the MMA Officers and Board of Directors. Nominations will be accepted through June 1, 2002

Name of Nominee _____

Company _____

Company
Address _____

Company Phone _____

I believe _____ should be nominated for

Outstanding Boss of the Year because _____

(Continue on additional sheet if necessary)

Signature _____ Phone _____
Address _____ -

Mail applications to: Patty Williams
Warren County Assessor's Office
105 S Market
Warrenton, MO 63383
Phone (636) 456-8885 Fax (636) 456-9024

EDUCATION SURVEY

Please complete the following survey, as your participation will help the Education Committee best determine the needs of the MMA Membership.

1. Which would you rather attend - a full-day workshop or a half-day workshop?
2. Do you feel it would be better to have one workshop for the entire membership or several workshops across the state?
3. What time of year would be best for you to attend a workshop?
4. Please rank the following workshop ideas in order of importance to you (1 being the most important and 5 being the least important).

_____ Beginning Mapping	_____ Inking	_____ Map Compilation
_____ Curves	_____ PMM Preparation	
5. What is your opinion of having a workshop on Wednesday prior to the MMA Annual Meeting starting on Thursday morning?

Please return the completed survey to:

Belinka Novotny-Held
9801 Held Road
Hillsboro, MO 63050

or

belinkaheld@yahoo.com

JUST FOR FUN-----

The Monday Afternoon Club, an organization of wealthy city women, met and decided that this month's outing was to be at a dairy farm. Most of them had lived in the city all their lives and had never seen such a thing.

The day came, and the ladies filed into the rented bus which whisked them off to their destination. On the way, they watched out the windows as the city squalor turned into lovely, unpolluted countryside. After they arrived, they were greeted by the farmer who invited them to look him up should they have any questions.

Myrtle, after looking about, and being amazed by what she saw, stepped into a building and viewed something she thought was quite remarkable. She saw the farmer walk by and hailed him - he sauntered in.

"Sir," she inquired, "Why doesn't this cow have any horns?"

The farmer cocked his head for a moment, then began in a patient tone, "Well, ma'am, cattle can do a powerful lot of damage with horns. Sometimes we keep 'em trimmed down with a hacksaw. Other times we can fix up the young 'uns by puttin' a couple drops of acid where their horns would grow in, and that stops 'em cold. Still, there are some breeds of cattle that never grow horns. But the reason this cow don't have no horns, ma'am, is 'cause it's a horse."

MMA LETTERS

Dear MMA,

Just wanted to express some thoughts on the "Boss of the Year" award. In the last few years, I have talked with members about this award and more people feel that this award really puts many members at a disadvantage.

Many Mapping/Assessor's offices that are very small may have only the Assessor or one mapper as a member. This award clearly shows those that support or do not support MMA, but is unfair to those very small offices where the Assessor attends and they do not have a Boss to vote for. Additionally private consultants fall into a gray area as they may be considered "Their own Boss".

Larger Assessor's offices in which the Assessor or Manager/Supervisor supports MMA and sends folks could receive multiple votes from the office just because they approved the trip to the Annual Meeting. This is unfair to the very small or small office that may have one member who does much more to support MMA membership.

The "vendor" or private business Boss who is trying to promote Mapping for the livelihood of their business is obviously going to support their employees attending MMA functions completely and can write-off many of these expenses. The small county Assessor with a small budget does not really have these advantages.

Most importantly is the issue of "Should the Boss Award only be awarded to an attending member?" This really puts the award away from a boss who could be outstanding to his employees and support MMA but is not eligible since he does not attend the Annual Meeting. Also, this probably reduces the likely candidates to only a fraction of our membership. Think about this - about one-third or less of the members actually have bosses that are also members of MMA. Of this one-third, probably half of them have multiple employees who could "shoe-in" votes for their boss.

In summary, I feel strongly that the "Boss of the Year" award introduces "Politicalism" to our members and their bosses unnecessarily. The award and it's process seems unbalanced and a potential for "Hurt feelings" and/or "being political" exists. Just some food for thought and perhaps there are more good reasons to have this award that I am not aware of and would welcome any feedback.

Thanks,
Chris Matthews
St. Louis County

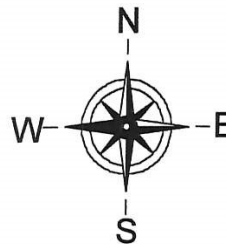
EDITOR'S NOTE - When I received this letter, it was recommended that we start a column of letters from the membership. I think this is a great idea, if the membership will cooperate. If you have any concerns, or would like to respond to Chris' letter, please send your letter to me at the address on the last page of this newsletter.

Marti Suiter, PMM

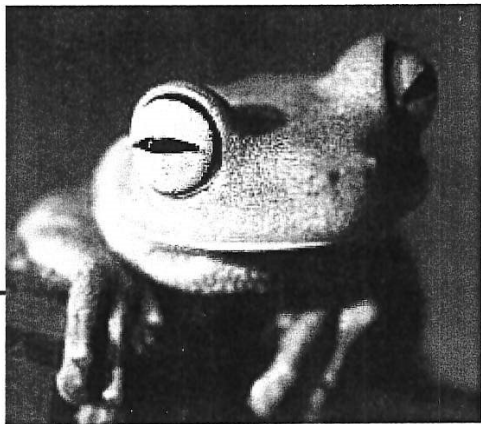
GENERAL INFORMATION

Enclosed are registration forms for the Bowling Tournament and Golf Tournament. If you need more registration forms than you receive with newsletters, please make copies. Do NOT include more than one person per registration form. Also, to save expense on the newsletter, I have copied on the backs of the Golf and Bowling Tournament forms, so if you want to keep what is on the back, please make copies of the registration forms to use.

Thank you!
Marti Suiter, PMM
Publications Chair



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Articles about your county or company news should be submitted by June 30, 2002, for the July, 2002, issue of MMA News. Please send your ads, articles, or other information to:

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Hickory County Assessor's Office
P.O. Box 97
Hermitage, MO 65668
TEL: (417) 745-6346
FAX: (417) 745-6715

MMA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 7, 2002	Executive Board Meeting, Phelps Co. Courthouse, Rolla, MO 11:00 a.m.
August 7-9, 2002	18th Annual MMA Conference, Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia, MO

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