# MMA NEWS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a pleasant holiday. I'm looking forward to a challenging New Year.

I regret to announce that Tim Houtchens has resigned as the education chairman due to illness. However, I'm grateful that he will be able to participate with the committee. Carl Sohn has agreed to resume the position as chair. Thanks Carl, and welcome aboard

Missouri Mappers has been approached about joining the 2003 annual meeting with the Kansas Mappers. I've submitted a brief survey in this issue of MMA News. Please take the time to fill it out and send or e-mail it back, as this will determine your interests and preferences for future meetings.

Just a reminder the next board meeting will be held on March 1, 2002, in the new Phelps County courthouse in Rolla. Directions may be obtained by logging on to missourimappers.org. Meetings will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. in the Sky Room. You are invited to join the board members to share your opinions and ideas. If you have information to present and are unable to attend, please fax or e-mail it to me before the scheduled meeting at 636-797-5470 or belinkaheld@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there.

Belinka Novotny-Held, PMM President MMA

# **AN ACT**

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

# MMA PROFILES

Gladys Smith, Deputy Assessor, has worked in St. Clair County Assessor's Office for 11 years. She came to the town of Osceola when she was nine and has remained living there with her three sons, Chad, Clay and Matt. She also has a caring daughter-in-law, Julie, and is Grandmother to a wonderful granddaughter, Jacey. She is proud of her sons, sending two through college and working on getting the third one through. Gladys started work in the Assessor's Office on July 23, 1990. She started out learning the procedures of the office, then continuing on into the mapping field. Gladys currently maintains 11, 538 parcels and has gone through the headache of mapping new road right-of-ways for State Highway 13. On average, Gladys managed to look at 1,783 documents a year, making 1,191 land transfers. Last year, 116 new parcels were created. Twice a year, she updates the maps by hand, using her trusted Leroy set. A little over a year ago, Gladys took on the job of assigning the majority of new addresses to all homes in St. Clair County. Using the assessment maps she maintains and other tools, she accomplished this feat. She still continues to assign addressed to new homes. Gladys is a member of the Missouri Mappers Association and holds the position of Chairperson for Membership. She has held this position since 1995. In 1998, Gladys received Mapper of the Year. She was Vice President for Missouri Mappers for 1998-1999 and held Director for 1997-1998. She is past Chairperson for West Central Regional Chapter. I asked Gladys when she liked best about the mapping field and her response was "I enjoy mapping from the beginning to the end or else I wouldn't be here. I can honestly say I enjoy every aspect of the job."

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St. Clair Co. Deputy Assessor, Gladys Smith

Howard County Mapper, Susan Oser, is in charge of the county's 9-1-1 addressing program in addition to her regular mapping duties. The County's agreement with the telephone company to assign official addresses for telephone customers before telephone service is provided is a help for the mapper and the Assessor's Office in keeping up with new construction in the rural areas. Susan states. "Since we, in the Assessor's Office physically go out and measure and assign a 9-1-1 address to a potential construction site and compare to our splits to be mapped, we can stay current with new improvements." In addition to the mapping duties for Howard County, Susan is also the Administrative Assistant to the Assessor. The Assessor's Office has selected to work an equal of four tens and each employee can either take off on Friday or Monday for a three-day weekend every week. When the end of the month falls on Friday or Monday, Susan makes sure there is adequate help in the office to handle all the Certificates of Non-Assessment. Susan has two grown sons, Randy and Jason, a daughter-in-law, Dana (Jason's wife), grandson Havden Michael Oser and granddaughter Halei Madison Oser (two HMOs)

Submitted by George Frink Howard County Assessor

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# OUTSTANDING MAPPER OF THE YEAR APPLICATION

The "Outstanding Mapper of the Year" award is presented yearly at the MMA Annual Meeting. It is presented to honor an individual who has displayed outstanding abilities in the cadastral mapping field. Nominees should be a current member in good standing, have been a member for at least one year, have a base knowledge of mapping, map management and be technically proficient in mapping techniques and standards. Nominations should be brief and explain why the nominee merits the "Outstanding Mapper 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:			
Employer:			
Employer's address: _			
Phone:			
I believe		should	be nominated for
Outstanding Mapper of	of the Year because		
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(Continue on addition	al sheet if needed)		
Signature: Address:			
Mail Applications to :	Patty Williams Warren County Asso 105 S Market	essor's Office	

Warrenton, MO 63383

Phone: 636-456-8885 Fax: 636-456-9024



# 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	
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Address	Phone
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.

Which would you rather attend	- a full-day workshop or a half-	day workshop?
2. Do you feel it would be better t workshops across the state?	o have one workshop for the en	tire membership or several
3. What time of year would be bes	st for you to attend a workshop?	
4. Please rank the following works important and 5 being the least imp		e to you (1 being the most
Beginning Mapping	Inking	Map Compilation
Curves	PMM Preparation	
5. What is your opinion of having starting on Thursday morning?	a workshop on Wednesday price	or to the MMA Annual Meeting
Please return the completed survey	to:	
Belinka Novotny-Held		
9801 Held Road		
Hillsboro, MO 63050		
or belinkaheld@yahoo.com		
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# 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

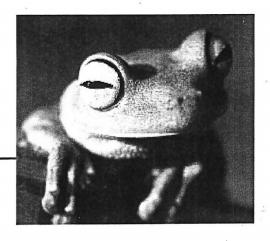
# GENERAL INFORMATION

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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# MMA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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