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Your local BC Chapter of the IAAO is proud to bring you our February 2021 Newsletter. We hope that we can provide you with some insight to the goings-on of our chapter, and the work the executive is doing to bring value to our members. Without further ado, here is a message from the President, Tamanna Hamid.

President's Report

While 2020 was a challenging year, we took the opportunity to grow our chapter by 30% and introduce Webinar Wednesdays, a bi-weekly educational webinar series. I am looking forward to continuing this momentum while serving as your president this year!



We will be focusing on providing access to educational content with an on-demand service, expanding on **IAAO Webinar Wednesdays**, and provide the paths for designation and help grow our chapter and presence within BC.

Starting today, you will have access to **IAAO on Demand**, an on-demand educational webinar library from the IAAO. We will be adding new content to this library each month (please see the exciting news section for more information).

Thank you for your continued support of the Chapter. If you have any ideas to improve the Chapter in 2021, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Your Chapter President,



Tamanna Hamid

IAAO On Demand



Access **IAAO on Demand** from the link provided in the emailed newsletter sent to members as we will be collecting analytics on the popularity of the service. The login information will change periodically and we will send updated information when we do so – please do not share this information with anyone else.

Not a member but would like to access this service? Contact our [Membership Committee](#) for more information.

Educating our Members

The IAAO BC Chapter Executive have been hosting **IAAO Webinar Wednesdays** throughout 2020. Training provides value to our Chapter, and can be used to enhance your career as well as to apply professional development credits towards your accreditations. We are taking time to ensure that these webinars will bring you value and leveraging the knowledge and experience of our local executive to bring a BC perspective to the critique of this training. We will be expanding this service into 2021.

Growing Our Membership



The IAAO BC Chapter continues to expand its membership. New members bring new ideas and energy to the chapter. As a member you get exclusive access to webinars and events put on by our local chapter, and the opportunity to network with professionals in BC and beyond. If you have any questions or know anyone who is interested, please reach out to membership@iaaobc.com.

Meet a Member

IAAO can help you continue your education, add to your credibility, embark on a new career, pursue leadership opportunities, make a difference in your professional community or provide great networking opportunities among property assessment professionals in BC.

Beki Zajac



I started my career with BC Assessment as an appraiser in 2008. I still work for BC Assessment as a manager in our Assessment division. I am also the Business Readiness Lead on our project to replace our core CAMA system. BC Assessment is a great place to work! I switched from doing the actual assessment work because I enjoy the challenge of working on different things and it's been a great opportunity to switch gears and get involved with some of the technologies that support our assessment work.

I got involved in IAAO because of the outreach work that our local chapter has done. They've done a great job making a compelling argument for getting involved with the agency and improving my knowledge of assessment rather than focusing on appraisal as I'd done previously as a member of the AIC.

Laila MacMillan



My father was a building contractor so I grew up comfortable on a construction site. I started as a residential designer in 2004 and began taking appraisal courses through UBC as a point of interest at first, but continued and became an insurance cost appraiser in 2015 and then moved to the residential sector as a fee appraiser in 2016. I joined BC Assessment in June of 2017 as a Property Information Collector. I am currently working as an Appraisal Analyst with Quality Standards and Practices at BC Assessment on a temporary placement and continue to do a small amount of residential design work, time permitting. Working at BC Assessment along with continuing appraisal education allows me to keep my finger on the pulse of the industry and the opportunity to utilize my background and education to best advantage. I am a researcher at heart and I am thoroughly enjoying my new temporary position as an analyst.

My hobbies are sculpture, architecture, history and travel. My most recent trips were to Paris and Italy where I had the opportunity to sculpt with master sculptors, and totally immerse myself in the local culture for a couple of weeks. It was a fabulous experience.