



## COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF TAX APPRAISERS

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FROM: CATA PRESIDENT  
RE: 2006 CONFERENCE AND REGISTRATION  
DATE: 6-1-06

What a joy it has been to preside over an organization that is led by such committed and dedicated professionals and leaders. We on your executive board have again worked very hard to solicit some new class providers and some new classes. You, as the membership, have told us that you have liked what we have done, and we hope we are continuing to meet your needs.

Moving to a new conference location is a major challenge for a conference that has grown to the size of ours. We have a need for over 10 break-out rooms each day. We now have a need for a room large enough to accommodate over 300 for a sit-down dinner. We have a need for very reasonable room rates. These are just a few of the considerations that go into choosing a location for our conference. We feel that Copper Mountain resort is going to be able to meet our needs better than any other location, and we are excited that we could find a new and different location for our conference.

We are very pleased that Garth Thimgan and Thimgan and Associates are great supporters of CATA. James Thimgan has agreed to instruct a 3-day introductory SPSS class at a very affordable rate. If you are interested in attending this class, there are 2 things you will want to know. First, it is an introductory class for first-time SPSS users. Secondly, this class is limited to 30 participants.

Your CATA executive board works very hard to maintain a good working relationship with the Division of Property Taxation. The DPT provides the bulk of the education venue. There are a number of reasons for this, not the least of which is the very reasonable rates which obviously get passed on to the assessors. We have been very pleased with the class content they provide as well as the instructors abilities. They do a really great job offering education very specific to Colorado laws particularly regarding mass appraisal practices.

There are many County Assessor personnel that have become adequately familiar with Colorado mass appraisal and desire to expand their knowledge. Over the past few years we have worked hard at meeting the needs of these professionals within the County Assessors' offices. The CAA has also worked to meet this need by providing CATA with a grant that allows us to offer these classes at reduced rates. The more that these classes are taken advantage of, the more we are able to provide.

We hope to keep many of the things going that we have been able to get started. We are hoping to once again have the pizza party on Monday evening. It was sponsored by Dave Hawker (Tylerworks) last year, and we are anticipating that he/they will sponsor it again this year if we are able to find an appropriate place to hold it. The dance is expected to be on Tuesday evening hosted by Park County and our theme is "Mardi Gras". We are once again planning a dinner meeting on Wednesday evening. We hope to improve on this from last year to make it better suit the needs of the membership. We are anticipating there will be a hospitality suite provided by the tax agents, but this also has not been fully confirmed yet.

I would encourage you to check out the CATA web-site ([www.cata-log.org](http://www.cata-log.org)) from time to time to keep up with any new information. We, as a voluntary board, continue to work toward keeping you as informed as possible. We always welcome your encouragement and concerns.

Looking forward to another successful year,

Loren Morrow – CATA President

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