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100th Anniversary. That is quite an accomplishment, and I thought that was by far one of the best meetings of the County Assessors' Association Convention I have ever attended.

Everything about the convention was really good, including seeing all the retired assessors, the meetings, the IAAO Chapter luncheon, Mike Morrison winning the Keyes Award, and the Assessor's banquet with a wonderful appearance by Bart Conner.

Monica and the officers really did a super job in putting together a memorable meeting, and it was terrific to hear from many of the retired assessors and past presidents. I particularly enjoyed hearing some stories from Glendel Rushing and Eugene Cheatwood on some adventures of the association several years ago.

We are looking forward to working with the new officers. Scott Kirby, Gail Hedgcoth, David Tinsley, and Mandy Snyder will do a great job, but they'll have to come up with a major attraction for the next convention to beat this one. Perhaps Scott could get Nadia to come to the next convention.

We also want to thank the county assessors for their help this year in working so well with our staff in completing the annual Equalization Study and the various legislative reports we are required to complete during the fall. Thanks.

We have had some really good progress in several counties in completing some major improvements to their data base and fully implementing CAMA. It is an important milestone, and we appreciate everyone's work effort in this area.

I have really appreciated all the information that we received on our county assessor genealogy project from Craig, Bryan, Greer, Johnston, Haskell, Cleveland, and Blaine Counties so far, with promises from another dozen or so. Bryan and Johnston Counties provided many interesting details on the history of their county offices. Thanks for the help.

We will see everyone at the State Board of Equalization meeting.

Be sure and thank all the people that you work with some time during the Thanksgiving season. It's a great tradition. Thanks to the county assessors and their staffs for all their hard work this year. I know that many assessors and staffs don't always get a "thank-you", but remember that some people who don't express their appreciation do realize how important the job is. Thanks for your service and have a good Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Jeff Spelman, CAE