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## IAAO Oklahoma Chapter Meeting

### 2011 George Keyes Award Winner Announced

The Oklahoma Chapter of the International Association of Assessing Officers held a meeting at the Biltmore Hotel in conjunction with the 100th anniversary conference of the County Assessors Association of Oklahoma. Chapter President Keith Hulsizer conducted the meeting.

Guest speaker Jewette Farley from Rustin, Louisiana, who is an IAAO past president and board member, and serves as a national instructor. Mr. Farley also served a lengthy tenure as a parish assessor before retiring.

Special guests for the meeting were family members of former Oklahoma County Assessor, George Keyes. A strong advocate of IAAO, Mr. Keyes was instrumental in the formation of the Oklahoma Chapter and served as its first president. He was esteemed as an innovative leader who brought a high degree of professionalism to the Oklahoma County Assessors' office. A man of integrity, he considered the impact on the property owners before implementing new programs. The first Oklahoma County CAMA system was installed under his direction, and he brought the first IAAO educational courses to Oklahoma. Elected to 4 successive four-year terms, he served 13 years before his death in 1992.

In 2010, the chapter put in place the "George Keyes Award" to be awarded annually to a chapter member for meritorious service to the local chapter and IAAO. This year's recipient is Mike Morrison of Oklahoma County.

Mr. Keyes' grandson, Jacob Keyes, spoke to the Chapter sharing the family's appreciation of the annual award which bears his grandfather's name. He commented his grandfather would be pleased to know the Chapter had honored his contribution to the Chapter in this manner. He spoke of his grandfather being a patriotic man who served 6 years in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War.

The Chapter voted to keep the same slate of officers for 2012 which had served the Chapter in 2011.

### Photos taken at the IAAO Chapter Meeting



*Chapter President Keith Hulsizer reviews the purpose for which the George Keyes Award was created and the qualifications necessary to be nominated.*



*Jacob Keyes, grandson of George Keyes, expressed appreciation to the Chapter for creating an award in honor of his grandfather.*

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