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Kessinger re-elected VP of Southwest Missouri Assessors Association

Greene County Assessor Rick Kessinger has been re-elected Vice President of the Southwest Missouri Assessors Association, a division of the Missouri State Assessors Association. The Southwest Missouri Assessors Association includes 19 counties in the area.

Kessinger was elected earlier this month at the 2009 Missouri State Assessors Association Conference in Branson. The appointment came after Kessinger served on a committee charged with creating the association's first certification program for county assessors and their employees. The multi-level certification program offers continuing education opportunities through the International Association of Assessing Officers. Kessinger said the program, delivered in week-long training courses and concluding with required examinations, will increase participants' professional expertise.

"The program helps promote professionalism among Missouri's assessors and their staffs," said Kessinger.

In addition to serving on the Assessor Certification Committee, Kessinger will be serving on the Legislative Committee for the State Association. This committee follows legislation affecting the assessment process and presents the thoughts of the Assessors Association to state representatives and senators.

The annual conference, sponsored by the Missouri State Assessors Association and the State Tax Commission, also provided continuing education for assessors as well as a forum for assessors throughout the state to discuss assessment concerns, practices and procedures.

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