

Cockerill named State Assessor of the Year

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Washington County Assessor Jason Cockerill's hard work is being recognized across the state. In the last month, he has been named Indiana Assessor of the Year, Southeast District Assessor of the Year and has been assigned to the Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) Legislative Committee.

Cockerill was nominated for the Indiana Assessor of the Year award by the southeast district assessor's for giving significant time to the betterment of the Indiana County Assessor's Association. District members voted to give him the nomination and all the county assessor's in the state voted in the election to award him the title of assessor of the year.

"I'm honored to have even been nominated for this award, let alone to be chosen by my fellow assessors," said Cockerill. "I really enjoy my job and the work I do for Washington County and the State of Indiana."

Cockerill was honored at an awards banquet at the annual summer assessor's conference.

He is also looking forward to his new role on the AIC legislative committee, which, according to their Web site, is a committee that is "charged with preparing and presenting the association's Legislative Platform to the Board of Directors each fall at the annual conference. Additionally, the Legislative Committee considers all legislation affecting county government and makes recommendations for action to the Board of Directors."

"This is going to be a new challenge for me and I'm looking forward to meeting and working with some new people," said Cockerill. "This will give me an opportunity to present Washington County values and common sense to Indianapolis."

The AIC was established in 1957 for the betterment of county government. AIC's purposes and goals are to seek the betterment of county government through: representation of counties at the Indiana General Assembly; research and dissemination of information; communications through publications and seminars; professional training and educational programs; liaison between counties, state and federal agencies; and technical and managerial assistance.

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While there are a number of agencies and groups offering assistance to county government, AIC is the only entity that represents the legislative needs of Indiana counties.

Cockerill has been a member of the AIC since 2008.

He has served as Washington County's assessor since 2008 and is up for re-election in 2014.