

From Chapter President Wade Rainey:



Summer has come and gone as well as commitments. The foliage this fall has been out-

standing. There is no shortage of leaves or 20 degree mornings and 60 degree days. It has been a beautiful fall so far. Where else but in Maine can you find such diversity in the weather?

The executive board has been diligently working on providing exceptional educational classes. It is a non-stop duty. One class finishes and the next one is already being planned. Next year's educational programs are already in the works.

A great educational day is set at the Wishcamper on November 20<sup>th</sup> which is also our annual meeting.

I want to thank all of you for the support shown to the executive board. My term as president is up. It has been a pleasure working with you and the executive board. This is a great educational organization with a growing membership. You can be proud to be a member.

See you all in November.

Wade

Chapter President Wade Rainey, CMA, is a contract assessor and owner of TA Associates.



## Annual Meeting 2015: Focus on Assessing Standards

We've been busy again, planning what we think will be an exceptional Annual Meeting.

We're producing three presentations on the same topic: Assessing Standards. We begin with a discussion by a panel of Maine Revenue course instructors who will speak about the standards they are teaching and how they have changed over the years.

Then one of our favorite attorneys, Bill Dale, will speak about how the courts, through their decisions, interpret our responsibilities and function.

Then Dave Ledew and Tom Walker will wrap up the day with a talk about how and why our standards have evolved through the years.

But that's not all. We'll kick off the day with a presentation by Joe Young, the Administrative Director of State Office of GIS. Joe will speak about the orthophotography project that many of us have participated in.



Alex Konczal, of John O'Donnell & Associates, was last year's Michael Austin Scholarship winner.

He'll tell us how the first round went and what we should expect in the next phase.

We'll also be drawing for the \$500

Michael Austin Scholarship drawing. You have to be a paid-up member of the Maine Chapter to be eligible and you have to be present to win.

We'll also be voting on a few by-laws changes. As Chapter members you should have already received information on what those changes are. If not contact Judy Mathiau or any executive board member for the file. Our contact info is on the last page of this newsletter.

And speaking of the board, we'll also be voting on executive board membership. Wade Rainey has concluded his second tour as our president—and a very successful reign it has been. Our membership has increased and our programs have been timely, informative and well attended. We have also been meeting with Dave and his staff at Maine Revenue about creating unique educational opportunities for assessors.

You'll be hearing much more about that in the coming weeks, but here's a hint: keep your dance cards clear for April 27—29, 2016.

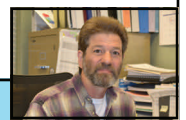
Also, a huge congratulations to Waldoboro

Assessor Darryl McKenney, who was honored by the MAAO as Assessor of the Year. If ever anyone deserved such recognition it's Darryl.



Darryl McKenney, Assessor of the Year!

Kerry Leichtman, CMA, is assessor in Rockport and Camden. He serves as Chapter vice president, and as editor of CMA.





# Spring Me

Our Spring Meeting was held at the Poland Spring Resort in Poland. To be totally honest, the room were not great, but the speakers and the original Poland Spring water were excellent.

The Innkeeper and owner, Cyndi Roberts, gave a history of Poland Spring water and the resort's interesting history.

MMA's Kate Defour updated us on the current state of the Legislature. Geoff Herman usually gives a presentation on the state of the economy, but he did an excellent presentation on the state of the economy.

Bob White explained the new election rules. Mike Rogers went over how the state has changed since the last election.

Then, after a very tasty barbecue lunch, we went way over to Keiser Homes manufacturing facility. What an opportunity to see the facility.



Standing in front of the original Poland Spring water bottle are Jeff Kendall, Wade Rainey, Mike Rogers, Kyle A.



# Meeting 2015

a unique setting - the Poland Springs honest the acoustics in the meeting speakers were on point and being at the bottling plant was pretty neat.

Robins, presented a slide show on the and the resort that was immensely interesting.

on bills moving (or not) through the y makes these presentations, but Kate ellent job of it.

enhanced 911 system, and then Mike has calculated undeveloped land rates.

que chicken lunch, we caravanned our acturing plant for a fascinating tour of operation! We were impressed.



ater spring are: (l to r) Cathy Jamison, Susan Russo, Judy Mathiau, vilia, Jerry Daigle, Gary James, Doreen French and Frank Yatta.



And the Maine Chapter IAAO & MAAO teamed up again this year to sponsor a booth at the MMA trade show. Rick Mace, Judy Mathiau, Darryl McKenney and Kerry Leichtman (not pictured) manned the booth.





# USM's Wishcamper Center



The University of Southern Maine Wishcamper Center is located just off I-95 in South Portland. Take exit 6B, Forest Avenue (west); travel on Forest Avenue for 2/10 of a mile and then turn left onto Bedford Street. There's plenty of parking available.





## STATE OF MAINE CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS

### ANNUAL FALL CHAPTER MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 2015

USM WISHCAMPER CENTER

44 BEDFORD STREET, PORTLAND

### ASSESSING STANDARDS

**Miriam Webster**  
**Definition of Standards**  
something established by authority,  
custom, or general consent as a  
model or example

8:30 – 9:00     Registration

9:00 – 9:15     Opening Remarks & Annual Business Meeting

9:15 – 9:30     Ortho-imagery Program - State Office of GIS – *Joe Young, Administrator*

9:30 – 10:30   Back to Basics – panel of Property Tax instructors will share their knowledge and experience regarding how basic assessing standards are taught in the regular course instruction - *Mike Rogers, Nancy Weeks, Roland Moreau, and Dave Bouffard* and moderated by *Kerry Leichtman (ME Chapter vice president)*

10:30 – 10:45   Break

10:45 – noon   Case Law Impact on Assessing Standards – a review of recent court cases regarding assessing standards and the take home message from those cases - *Bill Dale, Attorney*

noon - 1         LUNCH

1:00 – 1:15     **Michael Austin Scholarship Drawing! \$500 Education Voucher!!!!**

1:15 – 2:30     History and Evolution of Assessing – with years of experience and a talent for the retention of historical data, a perspective outline of the assessing function as it related to the standards we work by will be presented by *David Ledew, Property Tax Division Director*; and co-presented by *Tom Walker, Tax Section Mgr*

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### Fall IAAO State Chapter Meeting – November 20, 2015

Attendee(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed     \$\_\_\_\_\_ Please remit along with \$35 (member) or \$45 (non-member) payable to:

*State of Maine Chapter of IAAO And Mail to:*

*Judy Mathiau, Town of Winslow 114 Benton Avenue, Winslow, Maine 04901*



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## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 2015

WISHCAMPER CENTER, USM, 44 BEDFORD STREET, PORTLAND

9:00 a.m.

1. Call business meeting to order
  - a) Pledge of Allegiance
  - b) Introductions
  - c) IAAO Plug
2. Secretary's Report – Judy Mathiau
3. Treasurer's Report – Matt Sturgis
4. Committee Reports
  - a) Education – Kyle Avila
  - b) Legislative – Kerry Leichtman
  - c) Membership – Judy Mathiau
  - d) Audit – Martine Painchaud
  - e) Nominating – Martine Painchaud
5. New Business
  - a) BY-LAW Updates – Judy Mathiau
  - b) Property Tax Institute – Judy Mathiau
6. Installation of Officers – Martine Painchaud

The following officers are currently serving a two (2) year term:

|          |             |                         |
|----------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Director | Kyle Avila  | (term expires 12/31/16) |
| Director | Susan Russo | (term expires 12/31/16) |

The following officers are nominated to fill a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2016

|                |                   |                           |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| President      | Kerry Leichtman   | (term expires 12/31/2017) |
| Vice President | Judy Mathiau      | (term expires 12/31/2017) |
| Past President | Wade Rainey       | (term expires 12/31/2017) |
| Secretary      | Julie Ethridge    | (term expires 12/31/2017) |
| Treasurer      | Matt Sturgis      | (term expires 12/31/2017) |
| Director       | Martine Painchaud | (term expires 12/31/2017) |
| Director       | Clint Swett       | (term expires 12/31/2017) |

7. Adjourn business meeting

## State of Maine Chapter IAAO Executive Board

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Wade Rainey, CMA<br>wrainey@megalink.net                  | President            | TA Associates                |
| Kerry Leichtman, CMA<br>assessor@town.rockport.me.us      | VP/Newsletter Editor | Rockport & Camden            |
| Matthew Sturgis, CMA<br>matthew.sturgis@capeelizabeth.org | Treasurer            | Cape Elizabeth & Scarborough |
| Judy Mathiau, CMA<br>jmathiau@winslow-me.gov              | Secretary            | Winslow                      |
| Kyle Avila, CMA<br>assess@mtdesert.org                    | Board Member         | Mt. Desert                   |
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| Susan Russo, CMA<br>srusso@ci.scarborough.me.us           | Board Member         | Scarborough                  |
| Martine Painchaud, CMA<br>mpainchaud@eliotme.org          | Board Member         | Eliot                        |
| Helen Taylor, CMA                                         | Past President       | Retired                      |

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### Maine Chapter Executive Board

Left to right:

Kyle Avila, Judy Mathiau, Cathy Jamison, Martine Painchaud, Susan Russo, President Wade Rainey, Kerry Leichtman, Matt Sturgis.