



**STATE OF MAINE CHAPTER  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF ASSESSING OFFICERS**

**Executive Committee Meeting  
June 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.  
Judy Mathiau's Home in Vassalboro, Maine**

**MINUTES**

**Executive Committee Members in attendance:**

President Kerry Leichtman  
Vice President Judy Mathiau  
Past President Wade Rainey

Treasurer Matt Sturgis  
Secretary Clint Swett

Director Kyle Avila  
Director Martine Painchaud  
Director Darryl McKenney

Also present were Justin Poirier, Jeff Kendall, Bill Brunelle and Laurie Thomas of MRS

**Members absent:** Director Susan Russo

The meeting opened at 10:00 a.m.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Judy moved to accept the 5/13/16 minutes with a few minor edits, seconded by Matt, all in favor as motion passes unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Matt Sturgis stated that our checking account (as of 6/10/16) is \$4,733 and our savings account has a balance of \$8,609.27, no changes from the previous month.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Education** – Kyle Avila reports still looking for speakers on the topic of marijuana as a business, but so far, it is too new and speakers are hard to find.

Jeff Kendall of MRS indicated that Marietta Augustino (is this name correct?) could speak at Tax school on the topic and has put a panel together for tax school. It might be possible to have her speak in November at our meeting at the Wishcamper Center.

Solar farms, so far there has been no response from O'Donnell's (Judy). Black Mountain in Rumford could also provide information about their operation.

Building components – Kyle said that many people are having the same questions about these components, especially with new technology and materials. There is a need to identify components, insulation, etc. Kyle will check for a contact at Hammond Lumber for a speaker.

Note for Clint to bring IAAO Binders to tax school.

**Legislation** – Kerry nothing to report

**Membership** – Judy, currently there are 115 members. Jeff Kendall has provided us with a new list of CMA/CATs and we'll be sure to send them a "welcome" letter as soon as possible. Clint needs to make sure that Kate Kern is on the list, also to remove Joe Grube and Jody Kennison, as they have retired.

**Audit** – Martine nothing to report

**Nominating** – Wade nothing to report

**Newsletter** – Judy said it will go out before tax school. Kerry will submit an article on airbnb's and Jeff Kendall will provide a link to the tax school programs and highlights. The last part of the week of July is the latest for submissions to the newsletter.

**History** – trying to link up with IAAO about past history, Matt is efforting this. Darryl has old Fair and Equitable magazines, dating back years. Kerry will talk with F&E about getting copies to hand out at Tax School.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Videos** - Kerry makes sense to have a series of videos, different ideas, explaining the issues through their perspectives. Educating the public is a part of the charter, simplify the information. Keep from duplicating work. Need feedback. Letter to assessors asking them for their input, explain the type of info we are looking for board of assessors. Possibly get a mailer to go out with MRS for Aug 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for mailer.

**Meeting Schedule Revisited** - Have more of a presence at PTI, possibly Thursday morning with a welcome address by ME chapter IAAO and prize drawings. Justin said that MRS will welcome any additional collaboration with us. Kerry said if we're going to have PTI replace our spring meeting date it's important that we continue to offer a discounted Thursday-only admission to Chapter members.

Instead of January 13<sup>th</sup>, move the meeting to February 17<sup>th</sup> Friday. Matt will check with Lewiston HS for availability.

**JATA "Just Ask the Assessor"** – Group said it looks good, we will table it and Judy will send a new attachment to the board.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Training for new CMA/Assessors** – (Kerry) make new assessors "hirable", hasn't progressed very far, tough to approach the issue; managers were not in favor of it going forward. This may work well with dovetailing with JATA.

**Maine Municipal Directory (Motion)** – (Judy) advertising in the Maine Municipal Directory? Motion by Matt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martine for ½ page advertising at \$200, vote was unanimous as Judy will create draft for reviewing.

**MMA Convention in Bangor** – (Judy) October 5/6<sup>th</sup>, we plan to have a booth at the event along with MAAO, Kyle said he could do ½ day on both days; Clint will volunteer for two days. Kerry said that we also have 3+ hours of speaking time. Kerry and Bill Healy have planned a two-part program where people from organizations who work in support of assessors will present information about what their organizations do. The second part will be presentations from Aaron Weston from CAI website and someone from Mapgeo. They will demonstrate their GIS products. The course will be Wednesday A.M.

**2016 Tax School Update** – (Jeff Kendall) the program will be finalized in the next few weeks. Jeff will get the info to us as soon as he has it. There will be an assembly in the auditorium on the morning of the first day before class begins.

**Motion** - Kerry made a motion to reimburse Judy for lunch at today's meeting, Matt 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, all in favor, motion passed.

**Motion to adjourn** the meeting at 11:35 a.m., seconded by Wade, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully Submitted By*  
*Clinton Swett, Secretary*