



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

**Executive Committee Meeting
July 15, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.
Maine Revenue Services, Augusta, Maine – Rm 208B**

MINUTES

Executive Committee Members in attendance:

President Kerry Leichtman	Treasurer Matt Sturgis	Past President Wade Rainey
Secretary Clint Swett	Director Martine Painchaud	Director Susan Russo
Vice President Judy Mathiau	Directory Kyle Avila (via phone)	

Also present was Jeff Kendall of MRS

Members absent: Director Darryl McKenney

The meeting opened at 9:35 a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Judy moved to accept the 6/10/16 minutes as written, seconded by Wade, all in favor as motion passes unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Matt Sturgis stated that our checking account (as of 7/15/16) is \$4,841.53 and our savings account has a balance of \$8,609.56.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education – A very busy month, medical marijuana on the back burner for now, focusing more on quality of construction of materials. Kyle will follow up with Hancock Lumber on the topic, he will also call Efficiency Maine about air-tight houses and insulation. Penobscot Home Performance, also Revision (solar folks) still waiting for call backs from them. Kerry and Susan also suggested a few builders to query, she and Kyle will follow up and make some calls. Add this to the November 18th agenda.

Legislation – Kerry nothing to report

Membership – Jeff Kendall provided the secretary with an updated list of new CMA/CATs. There is one CAT and four CMAs. I will get new membership letters out to the new recipients, thanks Jeff! Also, I need more information about Kate Kern, her mailing address specifically so I can send her a member letter as well. 120 members.

Audit – Martine, nothing to report

Nominating – Wade, nothing to report

Newsletter – Nice job on the newsletter! September or October will be the next edition, possible paper-streets will be a topic; 2017 is the next deadline for renewals/release of paper-streets.

History – Matt, contacted IAAO about our chapter's history, we will have an update on this...could be good news. (Check previous minutes...Clint.). Kyle is working with the display board and items featured.

OLD BUSINESS:

2016 Tax School Update – Jeff Kendall, all set to go, Ethics class is being created, and professor Clifton Guthrie PhD, from Husson will be instructor. Possible permanent part of the curriculum, tailored to Assessing, with our assistance. Bob Crowley will also be at Tax School to talk about yurts. Newsletter will be on the bulletin board with instructions to download from the website.

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 15th deadline for mailer.

JATA “Just Ask the Assessor” – We all like it, would like to mail out to our membership with an introductory document. Line up people willing to contribute. This will be discussed at Tax School by Judy. **MOTION** to adopt program by Wade and Martine seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passes.

Assessing Standards – (Kerry) we should produce a “white-paper” on this topic, instead of having it come from MRS, it would come from our Chapter. Is it the right thing to do? Possible assist with MMA in their manual, collaborating/revising/updating their publication.

MMA Convention in Bangor – (Judy) October 5/6th, 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, Aaron Weston from CAI website may present along with Mapgeo, and course is Wednesday a.m. Put on September agenda. Judy cannot attend this meeting. Kyle and Clint will be chapter exhibitors, Daryl and Ruth Birtz from MAAO, talk with Judy about sign and brochures. Bill MAAO on registration. Bring membership applications.

NEW BUSINESS

Website Discussion – (Kerry) Lobbying for legislative change, air bnb for example. Shouldn't advocate for certain points. Decide as a group on ordinances....Kyle suggests pointing a link, instead of hosting on our website. Use link instead of actual document, keep from hosting outdated information, and a link prevents this from happening.

IAAO Certified Courses – (Kerry) Jean Speigle IAAO, Matt they need to increase availability and access to online classes, need to complete with McKissock for appraisal courses. Get in touch with New England chapters to discuss options. Matt will reach out to NE IAAO chapters in the fall for discussion. (See Kerry's email on topic). Our chapter was created to utilize the IAAO courses, but they are too expensive to purchase.

Motion to adjourn – Martine moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m., seconded by Matt, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully Submitted By
Clinton Swett, Secretary*