



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

**Executive Committee Meeting  
September 16, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.  
Maine Revenue Services, Augusta, Maine – Rm 208B**

**MINUTES**

**Executive Committee Members in attendance:**

President Kerry Leichtman	Past President Wade Rainey	
Secretary Clint Swett	Director Martine Painchaud	Director Susan Russo
Vice President Judy Mathiau	Directory Kyle Avila	Director Darryl McKenney

Also present was Jeff Kendall of MRS

**Members absent:** Treasurer Matt Sturgis

The meeting opened at 9:35 a.m.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Judy moved to accept the 7/15/16 minutes as written, seconded by Martine, all in favor as motion passes unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Matt Sturgis talked with Judy and indicated there was one check missing from the town of Brewer. The other missing check from Paris was found. Judy indicated that the checking and savings accounts were at the same balance as last month, per Matt.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Education** – Kyle reports the MMA convention in a few weeks in Bangor with Clint, Kyle, Darryl & Ruth Birtz will be manning the assessor's booth. The agenda is published. Bill Healey and Kerry have arranged for MapGeo, CAI and Azimut (Michel & Celine from Quebec) to present their online mapping/database products. Kerry has assembled a panel of organizations that serve assessors who will inform attendees about what they do (NRAAO, IAAO, MAAO, etc.).

Venues for the November meeting are still being efforted; Kyle will touch base with Matt regarding the venue. With the board was not enthused about going back to Martindale. Ramada in Westbrook may be considered. Clarion (old Ramada Inn) on Congress near the train station is another place to consider.

Efficiency Maine and Revision reps will be speakers at the meeting. Scarborough court case could be presented by Matt at the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Judy will ask Donna Hayes to give a summary of Mike Austin's legacy and then present the Michael Austin Scholarship. Typically we have 3 speakers at the meeting. The Scarborough court case regarding lot splits (a Dave Ledew-led discussion) in the afternoon session; Efficiency Maine/Revision, Geoff Herman, LUNCH, MMA Mike Austin, and then court case will be the order of the day.

We'll give out two free chapter meeting certificates at the November meeting, redeemable for the February meeting. Need to get a plaque for Geoff Herman, Judy will check into this.

The MAAO will return to Sebasco (Daryl) next year, \$2500 in auction items. Staff was good, food was good.

Our spring meeting will be at Lewiston HS, in February.

**Legislation** – Kerry, nothing to report

**Membership** – Judy, 120 members currently...just sent out 11 letters to new CMAs with web site resources and JATA Participant list.

**Audit** – Martine will get in touch with Cathy to set that up with Matt

**Nominating** – Wade needs to research who to nominate. Kyle & Susan's term ends this year; they will communicate with Wade regarding staying on.

**Newsletter** – Judy, email sent to chapter looking for stories, plenty of content for next newsletter. Bill Van Tuinen has submitted a few articles and she will be receiving regular articles from MRS Bill Brunelle to add to newsletter as well. Next Wednesday the newsletter should be finalized.

**History** – Me chapter bio will be sent from Judy to Kyle, history of the board in Word document form. Matt received old items from IAAO (update for next agenda items).

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Videos** - Kerry is proposing to do some research with Craig Skelton to assist with this project. This might serve multiple purposes, inspections, 706, for example. Judy would recommend a few new assessors to see what they would like to see as well. We need to get insight into what is needed. Wade recommends having a high school student to participate in the production; Kyle said his daughter might be available as a videographer. Rockport filmmaking school could be approached to do the work. Some comedy and levity would be appreciated.

Judy suggested that Bob Gingras is a good person to show how to field inspect a property from start to finish.

**JATA "Just Ask the Assessor"** – Judy said we have 15 participants. When new letters were sent to new assessors, she sent them a list of JATA participants for assistance, if needed. Need to get feedback from participants, keep them updated, and see how it's working. We need to add this program to the website & publish the application to volunteer in the program.

**Assessing Standards** – Kerry is going to put together an outline over the winter, create an outline document to review.

**MMA Convention in Bangor** – Kerry will check with Darryl (who will check with Rick) about the door-prize. Kerry will send Judy an update about the presentation details from our vendors so she can update the newsletter.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Annual Meeting Certificate of Appreciation discussion** (Kerry) – Geoff Herman will be presented with this certificate of Appreciation, we need to get him there...ask him about lobbying...past/present/future about MMA's role. Ask Steve Gove, MMA to see if he can go too. Judy will secure a plaque for Geoff.

**IAAO Pete Rodda at Sebasco** – Kerry discussed an issue with Pete about education and how IAAO places an emphasis on this. Kerry and Pete talked about education costs from IAAO and how our chapter was created to offer education, but it's too expensive. Pete said they are working on placing some courses online. Pete asked Kerry to contact Ron Worth about continuing the conversation.

**Motion to adjourn** – Wade moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m., seconded by Martine, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully Submitted By  
Clinton Swett, Secretary*