



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

**Executive Committee Meeting  
December 9, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Maine Revenue Services, Augusta, Maine – Room 208B**

**MINUTES**

**Executive Committee Members in attendance:**

President Kerry Leichtman	Past-President Wade Rainey	Treasurer Matt Sturgis
Secretary Clint Swett	Director Martine Painchaud	Director Darryl McKenney
Vice President Judy Mathiau	Directory Kyle Avila	Director Julie Etheridge

Also present was Jeff Kendall of MRS

**Members absent:** none

The meeting opened at 9:45 a.m.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Matt moved to accept the 11/18/16 minutes as written, seconded by Martine, all in favor as **motion passed** unanimously.

Judy moved to accept the 10/14/2016 minutes as written, seconded by Matt, all in favor as **motion passed** unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Matt reports all checks have cleared. Darryl motion to accept, seconded by Martine, all in favor as **motion passed** unanimously.

Savings Balance	= \$6,610.29
Checking Balance	= \$3,659.53

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Education** – (Kyle) Domain website is expiring, Kyle will get info to Matt for updating, possible 5 year subscription update, if available. Kerry will be searching for a builder to present at our February meeting, he will check with the builder's association for a builder in the area (Portland). Lewiston HS is the venue, however capacity for a Friday event presents a problem, possible change day to Wednesday, Matt will check with them to see if they can change to Feb 15<sup>th</sup> or March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Themes for the meeting will include building inspection/materials, 706 in-depth analysis, perhaps Bill Dale could present (Matt will ask). Ask Dave Ledew about new CMA requirements, Kerry is getting many calls about it.

**Legislation** – (Kerry) they are now in session! No updates. Please subscribe to legislative updates if you haven't done so already. Geoff Herman's message about coming forth to give testimony or advocate as assessors, NOT representing the IAAO, was presented at our annual meeting. Matt said that targeted advocacy may be more successful, asking assessors if they have a voice or input into certain issues. Get a list of taxation committee to reach out...14 members? An article in newsletter might help regarding advocacy.

**Membership** – Judy, reports 6 new CMA for 2017. Clint will get the 2017 Membership drive started and emailed out as soon as possible.

**Audit** – Martine, nothing to report.

**Nominating** – **Wade**, nothing to report.

**Newsletter** – (Judy) Good stuff going in! If you have any news, get ideas to Judy. Bill Brunelle's Tax school article, IAAO conference, paper streets and assessor's involvement in 2017, annual meeting with photography session, taxation committee maybe, like idea of quick reach-out for annual meeting (increased attendance), 1<sup>st</sup> week in January from Kerry (President), new shoreline zoning (Darryl), and membership photo of the board. Bill Van Tuinen also wrote an article about 706.

**History** – Wade, annual meeting board looked GREAT! Kyle did a great job getting it together. Wade made a motion to approve any costs incurred about maintaining our chapter's history, Martine 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, **motion passed** unanimously.

George Greene suggested an article for the newsletter, but the board decided it was not the proper audience for the piece.

Kyle would like to donate his \$500 scholarship winning prize from the December Annual Meeting to be re-drawn at a future IAAO meeting; Kyle made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clint, **motion passed** unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**IAAO Course Update** (Kerry) – Correspondence with Kerry and Pete, forwarded to Ron Worth about courses and their expense.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Kerry – Received a package from IAAO. The list of ideas from the leadership symposium was mostly bullet points on how to puff up the IAAO and make more money. Nothing in the box was about making assessors better at their craft. Kerry is trying to have a good dialogue with IAAO, but has so far been disappointed with their responses, and will next reach out to David Wayne Reed.

(Judy) create subcommittee to look into this issue, Matt said he would contribute. To “make IAAO Great again”, MOTION to create a new committee called Mission Committee with Matt and Kerry as members, Martine 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, to review chapter's purpose, how they are related to IAAO and to create more educational opportunities, the **motion passed** unanimously. The discussion focused on whether or not continuing the Chapter makes sense in light of our inability to get the IAAO to cooperate in finding a way to make bringing their courses to Maine feasible; possibly merging both Chapters into one.

IAAO Leadership Symposium, 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting (new business next month)...

PTI – (Judy) being more visible, working with a chapter meeting after hours, more sponsorship, work with other groups and MRS. “Assessor campfire stories”. Judy will be the liaison, speak with Justin about campfire and about our involvement in sponsoring one of the nights. Make sure to communicate topics with MAAO, so no duplicate programming will occur at Sebasco. Sunday River will open the bar next to the pool for the event (hopefully).

**Motion to adjourn** – Judy moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m., seconded by Matt, all in favor, **motion passed** and meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully Submitted By  
Clinton Swett, Secretary*