



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

**Executive Committee Meeting
March 10, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.
Maine Revenue Services, Augusta, Maine – Room 208B**

MINUTES

Executive Committee Members in attendance:

President Kerry Leichtman	Treasurer Matt Sturgis	Director Darryl McKenney
Secretary Clint Swett	Director Martine Painchaud	Director Julie Ethridge
Vice President Judy Mathiau	Directory Kyle Avila	

Also present was Jeff Kendall, Justin Poirier, Laurie Thomas of MRS

Members absent: Past-President Wade Rainey

The meeting opened at 9:35 a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Judy moved to accept the 1/20/17 minutes as written, seconded by Julie, all in favor as **motion passed** 7-0 with Martine abstaining.

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

Checking Balance	= \$ 5,147.96
Savings Balance	= \$ 6,610.61

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education – (Kyle) the February meeting went well despite the change in date due to bad weather. The venue was great, but looking back more signage for directions at facility would be beneficial. Also, parking was an issue. We should speak with them before using the facility again to see if anything can be done to better accommodate our parking needs. (Judy) Going forward, all preparation/scheduling will go through the education chair; this is the best way to coordinate. This will keep things from slipping through the cracks. We all want to help out, but 1 person as coordinator is best to get things done.

Legislation – (Kerry) they are in session right now. (Justin) There is stuff in pipeline, but nothing set, no public hearings yet.

Membership – Julie reports there are 138 members and 71 of them have paid their dues. Several new CMAs are taking new memberships. We need to look at a targeted mailing of those who have not renewed, included in the pitch should be a questionnaire asking questions about why.

(Julie) there was confusion at the sign-in table at the Lewiston meeting, because the checks were going all over the place. All checks should be going to one place. Clint will present Julie with the membership book at our next meeting.

Mission committee – Kerry/Matt, email correspondence from IAAO...didn't really get anywhere with the IAAO, but there is momentum about getting people trained with our own instructors. Paul McKenney recommended 2 instructors from NH. If we participated with our own instructors, we could have a small body of instructors; more instructors means more courses for the groups. Maybe get 2-4 people educated. Justin said some people within MRS may be able to send a person to the training workshop...perhaps another next year too.

The feedback from the Lewiston meeting regarding IAAO classes is YES, they still want them. Midcoast Assessors meeting had the same discussion with pretty much the same response: people want IAAO courses. Phil Drew (Bangor), suggested to offset some training costs by getting sponsors.

IAAO is offering its first online course but the price at \$449 is still; steep, and it's only open to 25 people, internationally. If we don't get instructors, we may have to look at other alternatives. (Judy) trouble with sending a person, getting them trained and then have them leave the group/area to take their talents elsewhere, need a legal contract to keep them from doing this.

Kerry will bring up this issue in the newsletter and via discussion at our PTI meeting. Judy was ceremonially pinned with her 30 yrs. IAAO pin.

Audit – Matt nothing to report (usually done in October)

Nominating – Wade nothing to report

Newsletter – Judy be published the 1st week in April...articles are being gathered complete with pictures and notes from speakers, good content.

History – (Wade) nothing to report, Kyle is doing an excellent job with the board.

OLD BUSINESS:

PTI – Justin, pretty much all set as far as courses go...John Ryan will do 2 days of classes. Small chance the restaurant may not be ready and renovations are continuing. New menu is in place. Could be more expensive this year, discount may be changed, discussions are still ongoing; soon to be updated in the newsletter. Maybe cap it at 60 people, but it is being looked at; don't want to take people away from Tax School in August. Last year, attendance was around 55 on Thursday.

Campfire meeting – perhaps a s'mores bar...spend/reimburse for the project, Caitlin Anderson will take care of this, "S'mores by Caitlin". Additional comp room (for hospitality) from MRS maybe available because the speaker has his own condo at Sunday River.

February Meeting at Lewiston HS – Good venue, easy to find, great food. Suggest we go back; student parking cut into the spots. 44 were in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

IAAO Leadership Symposium - Our attendance there may not be needed. We will proceed on our current course. Perhaps if we do go the purpose would be to try and get the IAAO to take a stance on issues such as "Dark Stores", etc.. Commend Kerry for taking the lead on this issue and the leadership will produce a greater product for our Maine assessors (Judy).

Next meeting will be April 14th.

Motion to adjourn – Matt moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m., seconded by Martine, all in favor, **motion passed** and meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully Submitted By
Clinton Swett, Secretary*