



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

**Executive Committee Meeting
April 14, 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	Director Kyle Avila	Past-President Wade Rainey

Also present was Nichole Philbrick of MRS

Members absent: none

The meeting opened at 9:35 a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Darryl moved to accept the 3/10/17 minutes as written, seconded by Martine, all in favor as **motion passed** 9-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Matt reports all checks have cleared. Clint moved to accept, seconded by Wade, all in favor as **motion passed** unanimously. Matt gave kudos to the Lewiston HS for our meeting, great!

Checking Balance	= \$ 3,971.30
Savings Balance	= \$ 6,610.72

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education – (Kyle) PTI s'mores budget will be reimbursed with receipts to whomever picks up the supplies. Registration is robust with approximately 63-68 people in attendance, per Nichole. Hospitality suite will have munchies and soft drinks, as alcohol will be a BYOB style event, mixers may be provided.

Rene LaChappelle will use her scholarship towards PTI, we are awaiting paperwork. \$25 discounts towards everyone who attends, see email stream. Matt moved that we fund \$500 (not to exceed) towards s'mores bar and hospitality suite, seconded by Martine, all in favor as **motion passed** unanimously.

A raffle box idea has been presented with 2 passes to annual meeting, anyone who goes to PTI. You have to be present to enter. Nichole says the food will be amazing at PTI event as the restaurant renovations will be complete.

For our November meeting, Howard Hurd's Windows presentation will be scheduled. (Kerry)...ongoing construction components for almost every meeting. Judy will see that Jerry Daigle get a plaque for 40+ years as member of IAAO. Location? Riverside Ramada was a good location, possible go back to Wishcamper at USM with Riverside as a backup location. Nov 17th?

Legislation – (Kerry) There is plenty going on, Wed at 1pm, bill will be presented to Kerry's bill as written/oral testimony will be presented, plus there are some taxation issues too. Farmland/trees (Nichole) involving islands changed...voted out of committee. Kerry will talk with a local Rockport legislator about championing some open space loopholes to be closed. (10:05am audio). Rumors (Nichole) that HS may go up to \$25K in appropriations, then \$30 with 66.6% reimbursement. Stay tuned!

Membership – Julie, 115 active members, 25 unpaid members.

Mission committee – Kerry/Matt, (last time on agenda?) committee should be disbanded, Matt said there were results that were positive in turning some wheels within the organization, but it's time to close it. Judy moved to dissolve the committee, seconded by Martine, all in favor as **motion passes** unanimously.

Audit – Martine nothing to report (usually done in October).

Nominating – Wade nothing to report

Newsletter – Judy, April newsletter was sent, very good and informative!

History – (Wade) Add something from the past on the board, featured from the past about Maine Assessing. Kyle is doing a great job as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

MMA AFFILIATES MEETING – Kerry, Ruth Birtz and Judy attended in Augusta, all presidents/VP from all groups invited to attend. We do not pay, but are considered an affiliate. A name change was suggested, changing the name of the booth to MAINE ASSESSORS booth, this year in Augusta, not Bangor. Bangor was bad turnout and more expensive there. Do we really want to sponsor a booth again? We will coordinate with MAAO to make a joint membership meeting perhaps, maybe get Central Maine group involved too.

Judy suggested that Kerry should email the presidents to the other chapters about a joint venture. He can canvass the groups to gauge their interest in participating as a group, then approach MMA about getting a booth with presentation space.

NEW BUSINESS

IAAO INSTRUCTOR TRAINING – MRS will not be sending someone to IAAO training this summer. Judy/Kerry met with IAAO last board meeting about the history and they listened. Dan Robinson and Bill Healey (not enough time for selection process) focus on next year. There would be a \$750 registration fee for each. The goal is to make courses available and inexpensive as possible. Have to pass training sessions before they can teach in Maine. May be

possible get a sponsor to help with funding, law firms, Vision, etc. We are unsure what they are going to teach and if they will receive the same training materials or not.

At PTI we will have a discussion about our group selecting instructors for the following year, speaking to which topics will be taught. (Kerry)...no decision, just a discussion. In June meeting we will have a discussion about (instructor training) where we're going, what we are looking for and future of our IAAO training. Judy will discuss with other groups in NH regarding their training.

JUNE MEETING – will be held at Judy's home in Vassalboro...June 2nd. (629 Cross-hill Road).

COURSE 101- Kerry, the IAAO is offering the online version of this; Judy/Kerry has volunteered to view it. Both think the materials are good; way too much volume is included. For an inexperienced person it would be too much...no stopping to talk and move on. Lots of videos, but it very time consuming to get through it, online posting/discussion boards, essays and tests...\$449 is introductory costs.

JATA – Judy (feedback) very little feedback from participants...people are still networking. Maybe rewrite to make the audience to more selectman assessors, mini-newsletter to managers; reach out to a new audience...JATA is actually the "helpdesk" for assessors and selectmen.

Next meeting will be May...no board meeting.

Motion to adjourn – Judy moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m., seconded by Martine, all in favor, **motion passed** and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted By
Clinton Swett, Secretary