



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

**Executive Committee Meeting
June 2, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.
Judy Mathiau's Home, Vassalboro, Maine**

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	

Also present were Jeff Kendall, Bill Brunelle, Justin Poirier, Laurie Thomas and Nichole Philbrick of MRS

Members absent: Past-President Wade Rainey

The meeting opened at 10:35 a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Darryl moved to accept the 4/14/17 minutes as amended, seconded by Judy, all in favor as **motion passed** 8-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Matt reports all checks have cleared. Judy moved to accept, seconded by Martine, all in favor as **motion passed** unanimously. Matt filed the 990-N for our federal return, maintaining our 501-c3 status.

Checking Balance	= \$5,948.30
Savings Balance	= \$7,120.95

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education – Nothing to report.

Legislation – (Justin) the Island bill passed and awaiting governor's signature...overall, we are waiting for a budget.

Membership – 119 active members, 28 unpaid members. The targeted mailing helped with the membership drive.

Audit – Nothing to report (the audit is usually done in October).

Nominating – Nothing to report.

Newsletter – Judy said the next newsletter will be ready by the last week of June or the 1st week of July. PTI photos and article from Kerry about IAAO instructors will also be included.

History – Comments from the PTI were very positive; the History board looked good and continues to receive good comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

IAAO INSTRUCTOR TRAINING – How would we choose who to send and what do we expect from them when they return from training? There was good discussion at PTI, has to be a limit on what our expectations are, 3 years is the general consensus. Other ideas included:

Preparing a survey to be sent out with the newsletter to see who would be interested. In the survey, ask what classes they've already taken. A summary of the commitment should also be presented with the survey.

People have to take the class before they can instruct it; maybe we could sponsor them to obtain this training as well. Spreading out the course over 5 weeks instead of cramming all into one week, good idea (Kyle).

Perhaps a selection committee would help to select assessors, not a large pool of people to select from and ratified from the base.

NRAAO might be able to coordinate training in different states, MRS suggested we look into this partnership.

Assessor certification was also discussed, 100 hours of advanced training and one class from IAAO courses to be advanced CMA2. This issue will be revisited at Tax School.

NEW BUSINESS

PTI Debriefed – This is the 2nd year for this event and it came off great, good instructors, food, people really liked it. Only constructive criticisms...John Ryan was good, except, too much material. Perhaps offer a larger timeframe to present information, this would help, fairly universal comment. Maybe take a 2-day course and stretch it out to three days to alleviate this issue (recommended by MRS). Jeopardy was a big hit again...

ANNUAL MEETING – Judy so moved to award Jerry Daigle recognition of his 40+ years as a member of IAAO, Martine 2nd, all in favor as the **motion passed** unanimously. One speaker will be Howard Hurd of Mathews Brothers windows. Also, we discussed the possibility of having MRS have a discussion about CMA levels and requirements. We'll also have a business meeting. The keynote presentation is still being researched. USM Wishcamper facility may be available again, as Matt is researching this effort. "State of the local economy", might be presented by an economist. This discussion will continue at our July meeting. Bring thoughts and ideas.

MMA CONVENTION – Darryl and Judy, representing a joint effort between the Chapter and MAAO are planning a full day of assessor programming. Paper streets, solar farms and TG are potential topics. Also, a discussion of new tools to be used in the field, drones and GIS for example. The meeting is Wednesday, Oct 4th. The booth will be registered under the names of both organizations, listed as "Maine Assessors." The space is usually \$650, we would pay half of that

amount \$325. We can reserve a room for up to 50 people. The convention will be held in Augusta this year. Kyle and Judy volunteered to man the booth for the Chapter.

JUDY letter from IAAO – 2nd annual president’s symposium will be held Oct 18-19th. One chapter member can go. The IAAO is offering a \$400. Currently no one is interested in attending the symposium.

JATA – Judy reports that two more assessors are interested in participating in the program as respondents. A new brochure will be created for the annual convention. The JATA program is morphing into an “Assessor’s Helpdesk.”

Motion to adjourn – Kyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m., seconded by Martine, all in favor, **motion passed** and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted By
Clinton Swett, Secretary