



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

**Executive Board Meeting
May 22, 2020 – 10:00am
Via Zoom**

MINUTES

Members Present: Judy Mathiau, President; Karen Scammon, Vice President; Clint Swett, Treasurer; Julie Ethridge, Secretary; Kerry Leichtman, Past-President; Phil Drew, Natalie Andrews, Caitlin Thompson, Brent Martin

Members Absent: Darryl McKenney

Also Present: Bill Brunelle, Nick Cloutier

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am

Secretary's Report: Kerry moved to accept the minutes of January 10, 2020 as written. Clint seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Clint e-mailed the latest treasurer's report (attached). The current balance is \$13,483.89 Julie moved to accept the treasurer's report. Karen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Winter Meeting Review and Discussion: Kerry suggested we think about using the Hutchinson Center for increased space.

Committee Reports

Legislative: Bill Brunelle previously sent out an e-mail notice summarizing legislative changes after they adjourned in March. There has been no legislative activity since; just the executive orders from the governor. The legislature had discussed having a special session in the summer or fall.

Membership: Julie reported there are currently 135 registered members for 2020.

Audit: No report

Nominating: No report

Communications: Julie reported the committee has not yet met.

IAAO: Kerry reported there have been no representative meetings recently. He also reported that IAAO has ramped up the online course offerings.

Education: Kerry reported the Education Committee met via Zoom to discuss options for continuing education credits. The committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of having meetings via Zoom vs webinar. They felt Zoom would be best because it is more interactive.

Potential meeting topics are:

1. Maine Revenue Services – Introducing Acting Director, Peter Lacy. Topics: continuing ed credits, tax school.
2. Legislature – Will there be a special session? Is the \$25,000 homestead exemption safe? BETR and other state reimbursements, and other things to be looking out for. Presenter: Kate Dufour.
3. Legal – What accommodations are being made/have been made due to COVID-19? Pertinent case law presented and discussed. Presenter: Joel Moser
4. Revals – Who’s doing them and how will they deal with likely issues, who’s postponing or suspending? Presenters: John O’Donnell, Chris Huff, Roxy Lafrance, Rob Tozier, Clint Swett
5. Inspections – What/how are people conducting them? Presenters: Alex Konczal and two others.

The Executive Committee discussed the options and agreed that Zoom would be best and that sessions should be two hours to allow for discussion with participants. The first meeting should take place in early June. The Education Committee will meet early next week to discuss and plan the first meeting.

Sub Committee Reports

- **History:** No report
- **MMA Convention Sub Committee:** No Report

Old Business

- **PTI:** The 2020 Property Tax Institute was canceled due to Covid-19.
- **Appraisal Credits:**
- **Boston Conference 2022:** No new information on the conference.
- **Meeting Cost:** Tabled

Brent moved we adjourn the meeting; Natalie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Romano Ethridge, Secretary