



**STATE OF MAINE CHAPTER  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS  
Executive Board Meeting  
December 10, 2021 \* 10:00 a.m.  
Lisa's Restaurant, Augusta**

## **MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Judy Mathiau, President; Karen Scammon, Vice President; Kerry Leichtman (via phone), Past-President; Darryl McKenney, Natalie Andrews, Caitlin Thompson and Brent Martin

**Members Absent:** Clint Swett, Treasurer; Julie Ethridge, Secretary; Phil Drew

**Also Present:** Incoming Directors Joe St. Peter and Nick Cloutier

Meeting called to order at 10:08 am

**Secretary's Report:** Brent moved to accept the minutes of October 8, 2021, as written. Darryl seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Brent moved to accept the treasurer's report. Darryl seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Education:** The Annual Meeting held in November will be discussed under New Business. Kerry announced that he would not seek reappointment as the Education Chair in January 2022.
- **Legislative:** Karen mentioned that beginning in October, all municipal officials will be required to complete FOAA Training. She said that MMA will be offering a ZOOM training on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Kerry said that Kate Dufour contacted him in regard to a new bill that would reduce the number of CMA tests in a given year, from 4 to 2.
- **Membership:** No Report.
- **Audit:** No Report
- **Nominating:** No Report
- **Communications:** No Report

## Sub-Committee Reports

- **History:** Darryl has received a few older maps from the 1800s titled The Great Divisions and hopes to acquire more for the collection.
- **IAAO Representatives:** No Report.

## Old Business

- **Boston Conference 2022:** Kerry and Judy were assigned to the Host Task Force, sponsored by the Massachusetts Chapter. There have been no meetings to date. The Conference will be held August 28 – 31<sup>st</sup> 2022.

## New Business

- **Annual Meeting Review** – positive survey results on all education sessions. The Board discussed ideas for a future meeting to include an in-depth session on DEED Types. Brent mentioned a Bangor Real Estate Attorney Jane Skelton to possibly present. Brent also suggested the topic of TIFS. Nick added that the practical application on either topic is important, especially for new Assessors.
- **Winter Meeting** – A proposal was made to hold the winter meeting in late February with the sole focus on Large Scale Solar Facilities. There is a statewide interest in learning more about the assessment and the approaches to value. Judy and Kerry were contacted by Travis Roy, incoming MAAO President, to co-sponsor this training.

**Natalie moved to host the winter meeting via ZOOM, and offer MAAO to co-host the event, with the intent to not charge any Maine Chapter or MAAO member. Caitlin seconded.**

**Discussion:** Judy will contact Travis Roy to invite MAAO to co-host the training with a date option of either February 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. Nick Cloutier is willing to head up the agenda with the following board members, Caitlin, Brent and Judy and to include Paul Binnette of O'Donnells, as well as appointed MAAO Directors. A startup meeting will be scheduled and held via ZOOM. Also discussed was the proposal to include MRS. Judy will contact Andrea for feedback.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Public Administration Program** – Caitlin reached out to Bry Martin, Coordinator for the UMA Public Administration program. On behalf of the Maine Chapter, Caitlin expressed to Bry, the need for Assessor recruitment and training availability through the university system. Bry was very interested in discussing this in more depth, because they are proposing a curriculum reform. This will be discussed under Old Business next month. Caitlin summed up their discussion as follows:

*Below is the email exchange I had with Bry Martin the Coordinator of the Public Administration program. Looking at my note page, we talked much more than I wrote J but here are some bullets*

- *Students are all over the state*
- *Most take online classes*
- *Career fairs would not be helpful, as many students don't regularly go to campus (Augusta/Bangor)*
- *University of Rockland is one of their regional centers*
- *Most students are low-income (might not be able to pay to attend a meeting)*
- *Notify Bry of upcoming meeting offerings*

Brent moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Caitlin seconded. All in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mathiau, President