



STATE OF MAINE CHAPTER INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING

Executive Board Meeting
February 18, 2022 9:30 a.m.
Fairground Café, Topsham

MINUTES

Members Present: Karen Scammon, President; Darryl McKenney, Vice President; Clint Swett, Treasurer; Julie Ethridge, Secretary; Nick Cloutier, Caitlin Thompson, Joe St. Peter, Natalie Andrews

Members Absent: Judy Mathiau, Past President, Brent Martin

Meeting called to order at 9:40 am

Secretary's Report: Darryl moved to accept the minutes of January 21, 2022. Natalie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Kerry moved to accept the treasurer's report. Joe seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

- **Education:** Nick
 - All members of the education committee wish to continue to serve.
 - Planning for Tax School in August has not yet begun.
 - MAAO is planning to have Lisa Hobart speak at their conference in the fall.
- **Legislative:**
 - Kerry: LD1128 has moved on to the legislature.
 - Darryl: CMAAO met regarding the new Senior Tax Deferral:
 - January – April: Assessors accept Applications
 - Verify Age and forward to State
 - Keep a log, not a copy of the application.
 - The deferral is for the house plus 10 acres.
- **Membership:** Julie reported there are currently 113 members.
- **Audit** No Report
- **Nominating:** No Report
- **Communications:** No Report

Sub-Committee Reports

- **History:** No report
- **IAAO Representatives:** Kerry reported that our IAAO liaison has left IAAO and there is currently no replacement.

Old Business

- **Boston Conference 2022:** No report
- **Winter Meeting:** Nick reported all is set for the Winter Meeting March 3rd. He will reach out once more to the presenters. The survey is ready to go to the attendees after the meeting. Julie reported there are currently 76 people signed up.
- **Public Administration Program:** Caitlin
 - Forwarded the agenda and registration form to Bry Martin at UMA to distribute to his students.
 - E-mailed the Muskie School to inquire as to the reason the Real Estate Center was discontinued, and if they have any interest in restarting.

New Business

- **Chapter Website:** Karen suggested the website could use a revamp. The Board agreed. Karen will contact Kyle to see if this is something he can, and is willing, to do. Some items needed on the site are:
 - New Executive Board Photo
 - Registrations and agendas for meetings
 - Membership list
 - Kyle's name added as webmaster
- **Newsletter:** Caitlin shared some samples from a new platform (Canva) she is trying out for the newsletter. Clint moved to encourage Caitlin to change the newsletter as she sees fit. Joe seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Future Collaborations with MAAO:** Nick asked the board their feelings about future collaborations with MAAO for educational sessions. This sparked conversation about merging with MAAO and forming one group. Karen will draft a letter to MAAO's president asking their thoughts on putting together committee to explore the possibility.
- **PTI Status Update:** Nick spoke with Andrea at MRS about plans for PTI. She is hoping to have course 158 Highest and Best Use, with Robert Reardon instructing. She expects to know for sure in a week or so. The board discussed the lack of communication/collaboration between MRS and our Board regarding the planning of PTI. In the past, we have been involved in the planning. Nick will reach out to Andrea to discuss this.
- **Spring Meeting:** The board discussed topics for the spring meeting to be held in May. The consensus for topics is 1) Market Analysis & Ratio Studies and 2) What is involved in committing at less than 100%.

Clint moved to adjourn. Caitlin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Romano Ethridge, Secretary