



**STATE OF MAINE CHAPTER
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS
Executive Board Meeting
March 25, 2022 * 9:00 a.m.
Auburn City Hall**

MINUTES

Members Present: Karen Scammon, President; Darryl McKenney, Vice President; Judy Mathiau, Past-President and Members Natalie Andrews, Nick Cloutier, Brent Martin and Joe St. Peter

Members Absent: Clint Swett, Treasurer; Julie Ethridge, Secretary; Caitlin Thompson

Meeting called to order at 9:25 am

Secretary's Report: Darryl moved to accept the minutes of February 28, 2022, as written. Natalie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Committee Reports

- **Education:** Nick provided a handout with a summary of all upcoming training events.
- **Legislative:** Darryl provided a handout listing all LD's currently related to Assessing. Brent explained LD 856 regarding the creation of a new position to research dual use solar projects. LD 2030 relates to the taxation of energy storage facilities.
- **Membership:** No Report.

- **Audit:** No Report

- **Nominating:** No Report

- **Communications:** Karen said that Caitlin hopes to have the newsletter ready by the end of next week.

Sub-Committee Reports

- **History:** No Report.

- **IAAO Representatives:** Karen said she has signed up for the IAAO Town Hall Meeting scheduled for April 5th. She will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Old Business

- **Winter Meeting:** Attendance was over 120 and the survey results were positive. Special thanks to Joe St. Peter and Nick for their great presentations. Nick passed out a list of topics that Assessors would like to see, as reported on their survey. The winner of the Survey Prize was Bill Brunelle.
- **Boston Conference 2022:** Nobody has heard any more about the Maine Chapter's involvement for the 2022 Conference. Karen hopes to learn more at the Virtual Town Hall meeting. She did report that she estimates that the cost per attendee would run \$1,500 including registration, hotel, transportation and meals.
- **Public Administration** – Although Caitlin was not present, there was a discussion about possible alternatives to recruitment and the education of potential assessors. This will be tabled for the next meeting.
- **Chapter Website** – the Board agreed that they would like to update the website's format. Judy suggested a committee or possibly a college intern.

Judy moved to create a sub-committee titled WEBSITE RENEWAL, with the objective to review, research and propose a new layout to the current website, to assign Caitlin as liaison to the Board, and to reach out to our membership for volunteers, second by Nick. Motion passed unanimously.

- **PTI Update:** Nick spoke with Andrea to discuss the PTI and she felt bad that she did not include the Board with the plans from the beginning. She reassured Nick that we would have involvement next year, from the beginning stages. The Board then discussed whether we should hold an evening zoom meeting at PTI, but with so many other educational offerings we agreed to forego this year and concentrate on Tax School.
- **Future Collaborations with MAAO** – Karen introduced the concept of a possible merger with MAAO, at the request of Travis Roy, MAAO President. Judy and Darryl explained a part of the history and MMA's involvement with the MAAO. The consensus was to continue to maintain the Chapter and provide its mission. Future training however, may be addressed as co-sponsor event. Karen suggested that we table this for the next meeting to include those members absent at today's meeting.

New Business

- **Ex-Officio Member** – Judy made a motion to authorize President Karen, to appoint Kerry Leichtman, a current IAAO Representative, as an ex-officio member of the Board, pursuant to the Maine Chapter By-Laws, second by Brent, Motion passed unanimously.

Karen then appointed Kerry as an "Ex-Officio" member during the 2022 calendar year.

- **Spring meeting** – Nick suggested a half day training in early June, as our second Chapter Meeting of the year. The topic would be "Certifying at Less than 100%". The Board agreed to pursue this.

Brent moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Nick seconded. All in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Mathiau, Past President