



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

**Executive Board Meeting  
July 17, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.  
Auburn City Hall, 60 Court Street**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Vice President Joe St. Peter; Secretary Barbara Brewer (remote); Past President Karen Scammon; Executive Board Members Natalie Andrews, Lauren Asselin, Terri Duff (remote), Amber Poulin (remote), and Brent Martin (remote). Bonnie Baker was also in attendance.

**Members Absent:** Kerry Leichtman (Kerry was present but had to leave the meeting early), Darryl McKenney, and Clinton Swett

Vice President Joe St. Peter called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

**Secretary's Report:** Terri moved to accept the minutes of the June 26, 2025, meeting as written. Amber seconded the motion. Six members were in favor and the motion passed. Natalie and Barbara abstained from voting on the meeting minutes since both were absent from the June meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Clint sent his Treasurer's Report via email yesterday. We currently have a balance of \$9,233.88. Natalie moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Lauren seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Standing Committee Reports**

- **Education:** Karen stated that the Education Committee has not had a chance to meet to discuss the upcoming the 2025 Annual Meeting since the last Board meeting. She is still taking for suggestions for educational topics. The consensus from the last Chapter meeting surveys was to keep the day light and end the meeting earlier. She is hoping for some short and entertaining sessions. Natalie asked if Dan Stevenson might be a good speaker since he was scheduled, but did not appear, for our last Chapter meeting. Karen said that they could discuss the possibility at the next Education Committee meeting, hopefully in August.

Joe mentioned that the annual meeting also includes for the annual business meeting and that some activities could be incorporated around the business meeting as well. The annual meeting date has been planned for Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Terri remembered that one of the assessing groups (probably MAAO at Sunday River) held a Jeopardy tournament at one of their membership meetings and it was a lot of fun. She asked if anyone might know what happened to the equipment that was used for "buzzers", etc., but no one could remember who might have arranged for the equipment. As Terri is on the Board of the MAAO, she will try to find out.

Barbara asked if the Board could share the business meeting agenda and selection of Board nominations in a Power Point presentation at the annual meeting rather than handing out paper copies of the information. The Board agreed that this could be arranged.

- **Legislative:** Terri asked if the \$5,000 increase in the homestead exemption had been approved. If so, what will be the fiscal impact on towns and cities? Bonnie believes that the bill still needs to go through Appropriations.
- **Membership:** Barbara reported that there are currently 147 members for 2025. Joe added that Bonnie has provided the names of recent CMAs. None of the 7 new CMAs are current members of the Maine Chapter of the IAAO but are now eligible for free membership.
- **Audit:** None
- **Nominating:** The Nominating Committee has a list of expiring positions for their consideration. Donald Ferrara's name has been put forward as a candidate for Secretary.
- **Communications:** Joe is working on the latest edition of the newsletter which will hopefully be issued later this month. He gave out some article assignments, but if he doesn't receive the completed assignments, he still has enough for a robust newsletter. Bonnie mentioned that next year's dates for Property Tax School have been tentatively scheduled for June 1-5<sup>th</sup> at a location to be determined. Joe would like to include any other announcements, such as new job openings, new hires, and the like.

Also, Joe thanked Amber for helping him update the website by checking the links, etc. She has done a good job of finding dead links and other information that needs to be removed from our site. Amber has also made some good suggestions on freshening up titles. Joe would like the website to be user friendly and a site where assessors can easily find current information. Terri mentioned that she had to replace the RETT link on her Town's website since the State's new portal has changed the site available for public use. She cautioned that others may wish to check their own Town/City website to make sure they don't currently have a broken link. While the Maine Chapter doesn't currently link the public RETT site, it may be a good add on.

- **IAAO:** As Kerry was absent, Joe asked Barbara if she had any updates. Barbara only mentioned that she attended the Mass Appraisal Valuation Symposium in June that was co-hosted by the IAAO and the IPTI. Many of the symposium sessions revolved around artificial intelligence and machine learning as evolving assessment tools. Per Bonnie, this topic will also be addressed at the MMA Convention in October.

### **Ad Hoc Committee Report**

- **History:** Lauren discussed that there is nothing new to report from the History Committee. Joe reminded Board members that assessing artifacts are always appreciated, so be on the lookout.

### **Old Business**

- **Board Meeting Outing August 21st:** As Kerry had to excuse himself from the meeting early, and he is the host of the next Board Meeting, details will need to be provided via email to Board members. The meeting will most likely be in Camden and activities to be determined.

Karen suggested that the Board meeting in September should be in Augusta. Joe offered to reserve a room at the Lithgow Library. Bonnie mentioned that “Two Maine Guys” have an eatery close by and that would be a nice venue for lunch after the meeting.

**New Business**

- None

Natalie moved to adjourn the meeting, and Terri seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed and the Board adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 21st.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Brewer, Secretary