



STATE OF MAINE CHAPTER INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS

Executive Board Meeting
August 21, 2025 - 12:30 p.m.
Harbor Park, Camden

MINUTES

Members Present: Pres. Darryl McKenney, Vice Pres. Joe St. Peter, Past Pres. Karen Scammon, Treasurer Clint Swett. Executive Board Members: Natalie Andrews, Amber Poulin, Kerry Leichtman. Non-members: Bonnie Baker, Bill Brunnell, Rebecca Ewen, and Donald Ferrara

Members Absent: Terri Duff, Brent Martin, Lauren Asselin, and Barbara Brewer

Meeting called to order: 1:07pm

Secretary's Report

- Minutes of July 17, 2025, Board Meeting:
 - On a motion made by Ms. Scammon and seconded by Mr. Swett to approve minutes from July 17, 2025. Motion passed 6-0, 1 abstention (Mr. McKenney-unattendance).

Treasurer's Report

- Delivered by Mr. Swett: The balance is the same as at the last meeting (\$9,233.88). There are 2 checks waiting to be processed.
 - On a motion made by Mr. Leichtman and seconded by Mr. St. Peter to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed 7-0.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Education**
 - 2025 Annual Meeting & Planning
 - Ms. Scammon has been trying to find a venue and has been working with the Hilton Garden in Auburn. It appears reasonable and it would be a different location. It requires a contract signed by the 26th with a \$400 deposit. The contract stipulates that \$3000 is the minimum cost to meet. Ms. Scammon states that that will be met with the estimate of 70 paying attendees. Ms. Scammon will check into the possibility to change from round tables to banquet.
 - Mr. McKenney questioned parking. Answer, A lot
 - Ms. Poulin stated it was a good option.
 - Ms. Scammon stated that the Green Ladle would not guarantee the date.
 - Ms. Andrews questioned the number of attendees estimated given previous years.
 - Mr. St. Peter likes the idea.
 - Ms. Scammon asked about speakers and mentioned Dan Stevenson.
 - Mr. Leichtman questioned what his position was. Answer, Mr. Stevenson is the Executive Director of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority in Brunswick Maine.
 - Ms. Scammon suggested workplace culture and questioned who would present.
 - Mr. St. Peter stated that we could address this amongst ourselves.
 - Ms. Scammon would like to see how all of the interacting departments work together.

- Mr. St. Peter suggested AI and having Valerie (Brewer) speak on how they integrated AI in the office.
 - Mr. Leichtman mentioned that Chris Bell presented and would like to see specific examples. i.e. the number of towns that would have moved towards this, but needed more data.
 - Discussion followed on how this process would work, the possibility of Maine Revenue contributing funding, and if this would eliminate revaluations.
 - Mr. St. Peter suggested assessor questions on the topic.
 - Ms. Scammon asked who would present. Answer, Valerie and Chris.
 - Consensus reached that assessors would want more understanding on the topic
 - Discussion followed on the consequences of COVID, does this improve us out of a job.
 - Ms. Scammon will reach out to Valerie and Chris.
 - Mr. St. Peter will come up with activities.
 - Ms. Andrews questioned on a vote for the contract.
 - Mr. St. Peter stated no vote was necessary.
- **Legislative**
 - Mr. Brunelle stated that an update would be available soon.
 - Mr. Leichtman spoke on the committee investigating taxation. Nick Cloutier, 3 LPC members and the Bangor Maine City Manager were named.
 - Mr. Leichtman stated that the legislature will not listen to suggestions until the report is complete. The 1st draft is in December and the final draft is a year from February.
 - Mr. Leichtman stated that possible suggested solutions include: State pays for mandates, jail and school are removed from taxes, second tax tier is implemented for second homes.
 - Ms. Andrews questioned if there would be a threshold to meet to prevent Maine residents with camps or hunting cabins being taxed at a higher amount.
 - Mr. Leichtman stated perhaps, and this opens discussion on personal property, current use reform and exemptions.
- **Membership**
 - Membership report prepared by Ms. Brewer (absent).
 - Membership report delivered by Mr. Swett. See attachment.
- **Audit**
 - Mr. Swett stated the audit will be in October.
- **Nominating**
 - Three member's terms continue. Mr. Swett and Mr. St. Peter would like to remain on the executive board.
 - Discussion followed on Mr. St. Peter as president elect, the need for a vice president, Mr. Swett to continue as treasurer, the consensus that Ms. Poulin would make a good vice president.
 - Question on the by-laws for number of members. Unanswered.
 - No action taken.
- **Communications**
 - Mr. St Peter reports that the JATA has been re-done, the links have been re-done and the scholarship page is still being worked on. Appreciation to Kyle Avia. A new newsletter would be ready Monday. A small newsletter would be published before the annual meeting to promote the meeting.

- **IAAO**
 - **Subcommittee-IAAO Representative**

The convention is next month and the following year it is in Calgary. Mr. St. Peter and Mr. Leichtman are attending.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- **History**
 - Mr. McKenney reports that an old 1700's house has a lot of "stuff". More to follow.

Old Business

- *None at this time*

New Business

- Mr. Leichtman requested consideration of re-imbusement for the members who did not attend. The difference is \$182.00. No objections were made. Mr. Swett will send a check.
- Ms. Baker reported that Property Tax School will be from June 1-5 next year at Thomas College. And PTI is the first week of February.
- A discussion was had on combining IAAO and MAAO and Central Maine and Midcoast Assessors. No action taken.
- Future topic of high value home assessments was suggested.
- Consensus on having meetings in Camden annually.

Adjourn- On a motion made by Ms. Scammon and seconded by Mr. St Peter to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Andrews