



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

**Executive Board Meeting
October 16 - 10:00 a.m.
Lithgow Public Library, Augusta, Maine**

MINUTES

Members Present: President Darryl McKenney; Vice-President Joe St. Peter; Secretary Barbara Brewer (remote); Treasurer Clint Swett (remote); and Directors Lauren Asselin and Amber Poulin (remote). Bonnie Baker and Bill Brunelle were also in attendance.

Members Absent: Natalie Andrews, Terri Duff, Kerry Leichtman, Brent Martin, and Karen Scammon

President Darryl McKenney called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. As there was no quorum present at this meeting, no Board business could occur, and the meeting consisted of discussions only.

Secretary's Report

Not presented.

Treasurer's Report

Not presented.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Education:** Lauren, on behalf of the Education Committee, stated that the arrangements for the Annual Chapter Meeting on November 20th have all been made. The Board inquired how many registration forms have been received to date and Barbara answered that there are currently 24 people registered. The due date for registration is November 10th, so we have time to send out reminders.
- **Legislative:** Joe stated that he and Kerry have been asked to lend their perspectives to the Legislative Committee on personal property and farmland, respectively. Bill recently emailed the Board the link to the list of proposed bill titles for the next session. There are 25 carryover bills with the largest one regarding a \$5,000 increase in the homestead property tax exemption in each of the next five years for a total increase of \$25,000 (which passed but was not funded in the budget).
- **Membership:** Joe reached out to 7 new CMAs to offer them one free year of Maine Chapter membership.
- **Audit:** Clint is pleased to announce that the audit is completed. The audit report will be presented at the Annual Chapter Meeting.
- **Nominating:** Kerry, committee chair, was not in attendance at this meeting and therefore no report was presented regarding their recommendations for officers and directors for 2026-2027 terms. Historically

the Board votes to approve the slate of nominees prior to the Chapter vote at the Annual Meeting. Barbara asked if someone could please reach out to Kerry.

- **Communications:** Joe plans to issue a short newsletter by November 7th so that he can promote the Annual Chapter Meeting. Joe is also testing out a new Google Group “Just Ask the Assessor” to determine if the Maine Chapter can produce an email thread much like the soon-to-be-replaced MAAO list-serv. The MAAO announced a few days ago that their current list-serv will be replaced with CommUnity which is a communication platform that functions much like social media. Darryl, who is also on the MAAO, mentioned that there will be a “big” meeting at the end of November and this will be one of the topics for discussion. Joe would like to know MAAO’s thoughts on the ME Chapter creating its own platform, or a platform in conjunction with the MAAO. He does not want to overstep and would like the MAAO’s input.
- **IAAO:** No discussion.

Ad Hoc Committee Report

- **History:** Joe would like to produce a list of ME Chapter officers who have held office since 1978. Barbara mentioned that there is some information in the old newsletters that date back to 1998. The secretarial “suitcase” contains those newsletters, and she will make those available to Joe.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Ledew Scholarship Applications

Barbara received two applications for the Ledew Scholarship. The Board could not decide on a recipient as there was no quorum. Barbara did ask the Board to consider giving the Michael Austin Memorial Scholarship to the applicant who was not chosen for the Ledew Scholarship. Over time the Board has moved away from requiring an application for the Austin Scholarship due to lack of applications. It has become customary to choose a winner at random during the Annual Chapter Meeting. Barbara pointed out that sometimes several “winners” need to be chosen before a member agrees to accept the scholarship (some members have healthy training budgets and other reasons for declining the Award). The Board will discuss this at their next meeting.

The next meeting will need to be scheduled prior to the Annual Chapter Meeting to vote on the nominations and to decide on a scholarship recipient. This meeting can be held remotely, but a quorum is required to conduct Board business.

The meeting ended at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Brewer, Secretary