



STATE OF MAINE CHAPTER INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS

Special Executive Board Meeting
October 28 - 10:00 a.m.
Remote

MINUTES

Members Present: President Darryl McKenney; Vice-President Joe St. Peter; Secretary Barbara Brewer; Treasurer Clint Swett; Past-President Karen Scammon; and Directors Natalie Andrews (was present but arrived late), Lauren Asselin, Kerry Leichtman, and Brent Martin.

Members Absent: Terri Duff and Amber Poulin

President Darryl McKenney called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Secretary's Report

- Joe moved to accept the minutes of the September 25, 2025 meeting as written. Barbara seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- Joe moved to accept the minutes of the October 16, 2025 meeting as written. Lauren seconded the motion. Six members were in favor of the motion and the motion passed. Karen and Brent abstained from voting on the meeting minutes since both were absent from the October 16th meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Clint sent his Treasurer's Report via email in preparation for the October 16th meeting. There were no changes to the Chapter account balance since September's Treasurer's Report. Joe moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Barbara seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Nominating:** Kerry reported the following recommendations for expiring Board positions:
 - **Executive Officers and Directors (for 2-year terms):**
 - Joseph St. Peter-**President**
 - Lauren Asselin-**Vice-President**
 - Clinton Swett-**Treasurer**
 - Donald Ferrara-**Secretary**
 - Natalie Andrews-**Director**
 - Theresa Duff-**Director**
 - **Director (for 1-year term, to complete Lauren's 2-year term):**
 - Barbara Brewer-**Director**

Joe moved to accept the slate of nominations recommended by the Nominating Committee. Clint seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. These recommendations will be

presented at November's Annual Chapter meeting to be voted on by the members.

Old Business

- **Ledew Scholarship Applications**

There were two applications for the Ledew Scholarship. Darryl pointed out that at the last meeting Barbara asked the Board to consider giving the Michael Austin Memorial Scholarship to the applicant who was not chosen for the Ledew Scholarship. Because it has become tradition for a winner of the Austin Scholarship to be picked at random during the annual meeting, Karen and Joe expressed concerns that members should be notified prior to making a change in the process in which a winner of the scholarship is selected. Karen also thinks that the scholarship award is a draw for those who attend the meeting. Kerry had concerns that the Austin Scholarship would be diminished.

Karen also pointed out that if we had solicited applications for the Austin Scholarship we may have received some interest. However, Barbara has researched the history of the Austin Scholarship award. When it was first created, applicants needed to submit a "letter of intent" to be considered. Because of a continual lack of applicants, the Board decided to choose a winner at random in 2014. Since the creation of the Ledew Scholarship, this Board is having the same difficulty. Three years ago, we only received two applications for the Ledew Scholarship, last year only one, and the year before only two. Because we request an application to be completed by applicants for the Ledew Scholarship, and two people took the time to apply, and because the Austin Scholarship can sometimes bounce around the annual meeting before a winner chooses to accept it, Barbara thought it might be a nice gesture to award the Austin Scholarship to the applicant not chosen for the Ledew Scholarship. Clint agreed that this is a good idea for this year and further suggested that, going forward, we solicit applications for the Austin Scholarship and choose a winner at random during the annual meeting if we don't receive any.

Joe recommended that the Board decide which applicant should be awarded the Ledew Scholarship before we decide on how to handle the Austin Scholarship. The applicants were similar in need as to the courses they would like to take to further their education. Kerry pointed out that the Town of Rockport's budget will be strained next year and there will be cutbacks. Darryl recommended that Rebecca Ewen be the recipient of the Ledew Scholarship. Joe concurred and seconded his recommendation. There were eight in favor, and one opposed (Brent) to the selection of Rebecca Ewen as the recipient of the award.

Natalie then moved that Michelle McDonald be the recipient of the Austin Scholarship. Brent seconded the motion. Joe did want to emphasize that the Austin scholarship is a lure for some to attend the annual meeting. Barbara pointed out that the Board could, in its discretion, grant \$250 each to 2 winners (this precedent was set in 2012 when the Board did just that). Clint was not in favor of creating 2 separate awards and was in favor of awarding the \$500 scholarship to Michelle McDonald. Darryl called for a vote. Seven Board members were in favor of the motion, and two were opposed (Joe and Karen). The motion passed and it was decided to award the Austin Scholarship to Michelle McDonald.

Barbara moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m. Lauren seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Brewer, Secretary