



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

**Executive Board Meeting
May 11, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.
Capitol Park, 33 Union St, Augusta**

MINUTES

Members Present: President Karen Scammon; Vice President Darryl McKenney ; Secretary Barbara Brewer; Treasurer Clinton Swett; Executive Board Members Lauren Asselin, Brent Martin, Amber Poulin, and Joe St. Peter; and Bill Brunelle.

Members Absent: Past-President Judy Mathiau; Natalie Andrews, and Nick Cloutier.

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Brent moved to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2023, meeting as written. Clint seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Clint provided the Treasurer's report which states a current balance of \$16,416.73. Lauren moved to accept the report and Karen seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Education**
 - Amber recapped the CMAAO Spring Seminar that took place two weeks ago. About forty people were in attendance and the feedback was positive. Judy provided a legislative update at the CMAAO event and did a presentation on mapping. Nate Rice, a surveyor, gave a presentation on boundary line disputes and resolutions and Amanda Smith, Bangor's Director of Water Quality, discussed forever chemicals (PFAs).
 - Amber mentioned that the CMAAO will have a discussion on code enforcement/assessor issues on June 15th.
 - Joe spoke about MAAO Board of Assessment Review training that took place on May 10th. MAAO offered this training in person and via Zoom but because only four people signed up for the in-person component, the event was only held via Zoom. MAAO provides this training every year and it is very informative and useful.
 - Joe then spoke about the MRS Property Tax Institute. The event will be held by Zoom only and the dates are June 6-7th. Two topics, Unique and Challenging Homes and Appraising After a Disaster or in Traumatic Events, will be presented. MRS Property Tax School will be held in Belfast this summer (July 31-August 4) but there may be a limit on the number of attendees so early registration may be encouraged. Joe will present two educational sessions at Property Tax School, one on solar the other

on neighborhood analysis. Lastly, this fall, IAAO 600, Principles and Techniques of Cadastral Mapping, will be hosted by the Property Tax Division. This is one of the course options for designation as a CMA4.

- Karen remarked that the annual ME Chapter meeting is coming up and asked that the Board start thinking about educational topics and potential presenters. Brent suggested that trends in personal property might be a good topic and that Gail Gantick might be a good speaker on that topic.
- **Legislative**
 - Bill mentioned that not all bills have been printed yet. The Taxation Committee may try to carry over some pending bills into next year. There may be good news regarding the incorporation of LD290 into the Property Tax Fairness Credit since most legislators appear to agree that income should be a component of providing tax relief to older Mainers.
- **Membership**
 - Karen discussed annual membership fees and whether they should be increased. Clint will look at creating a budget to determine if an increase is needed to meet current recurring expenses. Barbara sent out her membership survey after the last Board meeting to determine why some assessors did not opt to be members in 2023. There was only one response to the survey, but five previous members renewed once they realized their membership had expired.
- **Audit**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Nominating**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Communications**
 - **ME Chapter Purpose Statement(s) Review Edits.** Joe discussed his hope that the purpose statement on the website could be revised to make it clearer and more meaningful. He reminded the Board that any change in the purpose statement in the bylaws would require a vote by members.
 - Joe also mentioned that he is working on the June newsletter. Bill contributed an article about the legislative process that will be included. There is also a 1939 photo of assessors on the Capitol Hill steps that Joe will include with a photo from today for historical comparison.
- **IAAO**
 - Lauren briefly mentioned the Value in Exchange mentorship program offered by the IAAO. She then reminded the Board that the annual conference is being held in Salt Lake City, Utah, August 27-30th.

Sub-Committee Reports

- **History Nominating**
 - Nothing to report.

Old Business

- **MMA Convention**
 - Karen hasn't heard back yet from the MMA Convention coordinator regarding a sign-up. Amber has a CMAAO meeting coming up and will ask about sharing a booth and a training session. The Convention will be at the Civic Center in Augusta in October.

- **Advanced Certification Scholarship**
 - Judy sent her drafted application for the new Ledew Scholarship to the Board members via email, but since she is not in attendance today, discussion on the draft is tabled until the Board's next meeting.

- **File Sharing**
 - Joe explained that file sharing through Google is not available yet as there are a few minor issues that need to be resolved first.

Amber moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Joe seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed and the Board adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 8th.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Brewer, Secretary