

**STATE OF MAINE CHAPTER
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS
Executive Committee Meeting
March 20, 2015 * 12:00 p.m.
Augusta, Maine**

MINUTES

Executive Committee Members in attendance: President Wade Rainey, Vice President Kerry Leichtman, Treasurer Matt Sturgis, Secretary Judy Mathiau, Directors Kyle Avila, Cathy Jamison, Martine Painchaud and Susan Russo; and Jeff Kendall of the Property Tax Division

Members absent: Past President Helen Taylor

The meeting opened at 12:10 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Martine moved to accept the 2/13/15 minutes as presented, seconded by Cathy, all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Matt reported the following balances:

Checking	\$3,504.14
Savings	\$8,869.24
Outstanding Invoice	\$ 568.34

Matt also reported that a debit card is forthcoming as planned and that the bank will waive all prior fees associated with the accounts we have with them.

Martine moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Kyle, all in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education – Matt said that he contacted Poland Springs Resort but has not confirmed the cost for our chapter meeting on June 5th. Wade confirmed the afternoon tour of Keiser Homes which is only a few miles from the resort. Morning topics were suggested as follows: the new E-9-1-1 program, the state's undeveloped land value rates (Mike Rogers), the GPS app called TURBO GPS, a legislative update and perhaps John O'Donnell would speak on something. Kyle will continue to work with Matt and Wade to finalize the event.

Legislation – there was nothing more to discuss due to the morning's special meeting presented by Geoff Herman.

Membership – Judy reported that we have 124 active members. She said that she continues to notify newly certified assessors of the chapter's offer for a free one year membership. Jeff mentioned that the next testing will be in April in Aroostook County and that he will notify Judy of new certifications.

Audit – Nothing to report.

Nominating – Nothing to report.

Newsletter – Kerry will have the next newsletter ready 3 weeks before the June 5th chapter meeting. He plans to contact Matt Cabrera of 3D Data Ltd for an article and photos.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Chapter Purpose - Kerry spoke about the concept of standards of assessing and how it relates to the chapter's purpose. He felt that the courts hold a different standard that conflicts with what we know as assessors. He suggests that our mission allows us the opportunity to educate attorneys and others involved in the legal system in order to protect our profession. He also expressed his appreciation with attorney Rob Crawford, who understands the assessor's practice. Kerry asks that the committee members think on this and that we discuss the concept at our meeting in April.

MRS Participation - The committee discussed its frustration with the lack of presentation from MRS at our chapter meetings, however, it is now better understood that MRS staff are not allowed to participate in a discussion as long as the topic is a pending issue. The committee agreed that this was reasonable.

NRAAO Conference – Matt said that he was contacted by NRAAO to advertise in their convention program. We agreed that it would be to our benefit.

Judy moved to allow Matt to advertise with the NRAAO for no more than \$500 from our savings account, seconded by Martine, all in favor.

Judy moved to adjourn at 1:20 p.m., seconded by Cathy, all in favor.

Next committee meeting will be April 10, 2015 at MRS at 9:30 am.

*Respectfully Submitted By
Judy Mathiau, Secretary*