

**STATE OF MAINE CHAPTER  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS  
Executive Committee Meeting  
July 10, 2015 \* 10:30 a.m.  
Vassalboro, Maine**

**MINUTES**

**Executive Committee Members in attendance:** President Wade Rainey, Vice President Kerry Leichtman, Secretary Judy Mathiau, Treasurer Matt Sturgis and Directors Martine Painchaud and Kyle Avila

**Members absent:** Past President Helen Taylor and Directors Cathy Jamison and Susan Russo

The meeting opened at 10:30 a.m.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

**Matt moved to accept the 6/5/15 minutes as presented, seconded by Martine, all in favor.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Matt reported the following balances:

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| Savings  | \$8,929.84 |
| Checking | \$2,776.34 |

**Martine moved to accept the financial report as reported, seconded by Kyle, all in favor.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Education** – Kyle began a discussion on the November annual meeting. He wondered if we should provide an intense daylong session or offer smaller sessions as in the past. The committee felt that one session all day would discourage attendees. Discussion continued on possible topics including the idea of assessing standards and a disconnect to those standards assessors are seeing in court decisions. Judy suggested starting the session with the history of assessing which Dave Ledew and Mike Rogers could do very well, then Bill Dale could follow up on specific court decisions after lunch.

**Legislation** – Kerry mentioned the governor's vetoes and the homestead increase to be introduced over the next few years.

**Membership** – Judy reported one new member since the last meeting.

**Audit** – Nothing to report.

**Nominating** – Martine said that she, Cathy and Susan met on June 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the nominations for officers. After conversations with committee members and prospective nominees, they presented the following:

Past President – Wade Rainey  
President – Kerry Leichtman  
Vice President – Judy Mathiau  
Secretary – Julie Ethridge

Treasurer – Matt Sturgis

Directors – Kyle, Martine, Susan and Clinton Swett

**Newsletter** – Nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Chapter Purpose** – Previously, Kerry wanted the committee to discuss the “assessing standards” that were taught to assessors and the importance of knowing them, understanding them and applying them. It seems that in the past few years, court opinions have ignored past interpretations and precedence. He wanted feedback from the committee as to what they thought we should do as a chapter.

A healthy discussion ensued and it was agreed that the committee would begin gathering what they feel are assessing standards that they work by – these will be compiled and we will continue from there. As Kerry indicated, there are several resources available such as basic course books, MMA Manual, bulletins, etc.

**MMA Booth** – Judy said that the chapter and MAAO are all set. Exhibitors for the booth will include Judy, Kerry, Rick Mace and Darryl McKenney. She also felt that it would be a good idea to meet with the other exhibitors to plan a strategy or theme so that we do not have mounds of paper handouts which is a turn off.

**MMA Convention Co-Sponsor** – Judy said that Bill Healey corresponded with her and asked if our Chapter would be interested in co-sponsoring an afternoon session at the convention. It would take place Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 – 4 pm with Joe Salley discussing BETE. The committee agreed to co-sponsor.

**Kyle moved to adjourn at 12:10 p.m., seconded by Martine, all in favor.**

The next committee meeting will be September 11, 2015.

*Respectfully Submitted By  
Judy Mathiau, Secretary*