

**STATE OF MAINE CHAPTER
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS
Executive Committee Meeting
September 11, 2015 * 9:30 a.m.
MRS, Augusta, Maine**

MINUTES

Executive Committee Members in attendance: President Wade Rainey, Vice President Kerry Leichtman, Secretary Judy Mathiau, and Directors Martine Painchaud, Cathy Jamison, Susan Russo and Kyle Avila. Also present was Nichole Philbrick of MRS

Members absent: Past President Helen Taylor and Treasurer Matt Sturgis

The meeting opened at 9:37 a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Martine moved to accept the 7/10/15 minutes as written, seconded by Kerry, all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education – Kyle confirmed the date of November 20th for the annual meeting and will touch base with Matt regarding the Wishcamper Center. It was agreed to use the theme “Assessing Standards” and sessions could include Bill Dale presenting on court case precedence; Dave Ledew or Nichole Philbrick on actual statute, lack of experienced assessors and Dave’s message to the city managers; a panel discussion with basic course instructors addressing the changes over the years (moderated by Kerry); and the state of the economy.

Legislation – Kerry reported at the last committee meeting regarding the homestead change to take effect next year, however, he has now reported that both MRS and MMA would like to change the reimbursement formula to simplify the process.

Membership – Judy will check with Jeff Kendall on new CMAs to promote membership. The committee asked Judy to provide membership statistics over the years via e-mail.

Audit – Nothing to report.

Nominating – Martine, Cathy and Susan had previously confirmed the list of nominated officers for the annual meeting vote.

Newsletter – Kerry will produce his last newsletter before the annual meeting. Judy will take over as editor thereafter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chapter Purpose – Kerry has started to collect information from resources and will format a list in the future for further discussion. He emphasized the importance of such a list, especially for new assessors and even attorneys and judges. Judy suggested that the chapter endorse and own the final publication.

MMA Booth – Judy reported that she had spoken with Rick Mace, Darryl McKenney and Kerry as co-exhibitors. We agreed to keep the table light and simply be there to answer questions and be a presence. MAAO will provide the give-away basket and Judy will purchase candy. It was agreed by this committee that swag was not necessary but just the IAAO Chapter brochure would be enough.

MMA By-Laws – the IAAO Affiliate Committee rejected our proposed by-laws based on recent updates to their Procedural Rules. Judy will contact them before our annual meeting to insure that our updates be acceptable, then present it to the chapter at the annual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Retirement Membership – a chapter member requested a discussion by the committee regarding the possibility of granting a different membership fee for retired assessors. The committee discussed the pros and cons and agreed that this would not be an immediate action or discussion but may be addressed again in the future.

Martine moved to adjourn at 11:10 a.m., seconded by Cathy, all in favor.

The next committee meeting will be October 16, 2015.

*Respectfully Submitted By
Judy Mathiau, Secretary*