

**STATE OF MAINE CHAPTER
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS
Executive Committee Meeting
January 8, 2016 * 9:30 a.m.
MRS, Augusta, Maine**

MINUTES

Executive Committee Members in attendance: President Kerry Leichtman, Vice President Judy Mathiau, Secretary Julie Ethridge, Treasurer Matt Sturgis, Past President Wade Rainey, and Directors Kyle Avila and Clint Swett. Also present was Jeff Kendall of MRS

Members absent: Directors Martine Painchaud and Susan Russo

The meeting opened at 9:40 a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Matt moved to accept the 12/11/15 minutes as written, seconded by Wade, all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Matt reported the balance in checking is \$3440 and in savings is \$8,608.70. He has a deposit to make and he issued a check to Clint Swett in the amount of \$38.00 for meeting refreshments.

DECEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education –

Winter Chapter Meeting Venues - Clint e-mailed several venues including Haraseeket Inn in Freeport, Muddy Rudder in Brunswick, Bowdoin College, and others. He heard back from Haraseeket only. The board decided to have this year's winter meeting at LeClub Calumet on February 26th. Matt will contact them to check on availability.

Winter Chapter Meeting Topics - The board discussed ideas for education at the winter meeting and decided on the following:

Morning:

Legislative Update by Geoff Herman – Kyle will contact him

BETE/BETR common errors and recap with Joe Salley, Sandy Randall, and Dave Ledew

Mandated changes to recertification rules for assessors and vision for future of MRS with Dave

Ledew

Afternoon:

Abatement Process with Matt

There will be a drawing for a scholarship to the PTI conference in April during the afternoon session; must be present to win. Scholarship will be for the \$199 registration fee only.

Legislation – Nothing new to report.

Membership – There are 30 new paid members since last meeting; current total paid members is around 60. Julie will send a reminder letter to the unpaid members.

Audit – Matt reported that a check from a member for the annual meeting had been returned unpaid due to the account being closed. Judy has sent an e-mail and had no response. Matt will follow up with a letter requiring cash payment including the return check fee.

Nominating – Nothing new to report.

Newsletter – Kerry transferred all documents to Judy who will be the new editor. Kerry will continue to take photos for the newsletter.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: The following committee appointments were made by the board:

Education: Kyle Avila, Chair, Judy Mathiau and Matt Sturgis

Legislative: Kerry Leichtman, Chair, Judy Mathiau

Membership: Julie Ethridge, Chair, Clint Swett

Audit: Martine Painchaud, Cathy Jamison

Nominating: Wade Rainey, Chair, Susan Russo, Clint Swett

Newsletter: Judy Mathiau, Chair, Kerry Leichtman

SET MEETING DATES: The following meeting dates and places were set by the board:

Winter Meeting: February 26, 2016 at LeClub Calumet, Augusta

Spring Meeting: April 27, 28, 29, 2016 at Jordan Hotel, Sunday River (Co-sponsoring Property Tax Institute)

Summer Meeting: Monday night at Tax School from 4:30-5:30, after classes and before lobster dinner

Annual Meeting: November 18, 2016 at Wishcamper Center, Portland

OLD BUSINESS:

Chapter Purpose – Tabled to a future date to be determined.

Property Tax Institute - Judy met with the folks at Maine Revenue Service earlier in the day to discuss the *Property Tax Institute*. She reported that the date had been set for April 27, 28, 29th at the Jordan Hotel at Sunday River. Beginning with lunch on Wednesday and ending with lunch on Friday, all meals and breaks will be covered in the registration fee of \$199. Maine Chapter IAAO members will receive a \$50 discount. Lodging reservations will be separate at \$99 per night.

She reported that they were trying for Gary McCabe of Wellesley, MA, an IAAO Instructor for an advanced presentation on one of the following topics: Seasonal properties, condominiums and timeshares, personal property of large commercial properties and utility pricing of solar panels and cell towers.

It was the consensus of the board that this institute would stand in as one of the four required Chapter meetings.

MLS Update – Kerry sent a letter to John Eustach of Maine Listings requesting them to offer subscriptions to the MLS to assessors and detailing the reasons this would be beneficial to everyone. Letter attached. He was told that our request is on the agenda for their next board meeting, Wednesday, January 13. If approved, it would not take place until October because it will require a change to their by-laws. Kerry will keep us updated.

Chapter Archive – The board appointed a Chapter Archive committee with Wade as Chair and Julie as a member. Wade will also ask Donna Hays if she would be interested in serving on the committee. Ideas for the archive were discussed by the board and it was agreed that we would like to try to have it ready for the Property Tax Institute program in April.

NEW BUSINESS:

MMA Convention – Request from MAAO - Judy received an email from Bill Healy asking if we'd like to cosponsor and help with expenses of bringing Mike Johnson of Johnson Mapping and Software of Jackson, Wyoming up to do a deed plotter session at the MMA convention. The board discussed this and decided the MMA convention wasn't a good forum for such a presentation and perhaps Property Tax School would be better. Kerry will write Bill a letter informing him of our decision.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15

The next committee meeting will be February 12, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted By

Julie Ethridge, Secretary