

**STATE OF MAINE CHAPTER  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS  
Executive Committee Meeting  
March 11, 2016 \* 9:30 a.m.  
MRS, Augusta, Maine**

**MINUTES**

**Executive Committee Members in attendance:** President Kerry Leichtman, Vice President Judy Mathiau, Past President Wade Rainey, Treasurer Matt Sturgis and Director Susan Russo. Kyle Avila present via telephone conference

Also present was Jeff Kendall of MRS

**Members absent:** Secretary Julie Ethridge, Directors Clint Swett and Martine Painchaud

The meeting opened at 9:40 a.m.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

**Matt moved to accept the 2/12/16 minutes as written, seconded by Wade, all in favor.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Matt contacted the IAAO Headquarters as to whether our chapter would fall under IAAO for sales tax exemption. The response was no, only the federal level. Matt then reported as follows:

Checking	\$2,785.97
Savings	\$8,608.98

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Education** – Kyle reported that we were confirmed for next Friday's chapter meeting, however, he was not aware of how many registrants there were to date. Matt was unable to report on this as well. They will check in with Julie on confirmed numbers.

Judy will contact Julie about a certificate for the PTI drawing.

Kyle said that he would bring printouts for the new display board.

Matt will purchase one LL Bean card for guest speaker Martin Cates, and he will bring the tickets for the drawing.

Kerry said that he would be bringing Martin Cates' handouts and expects to be reimbursed for printing costs.

It was suggested by Judy to have Donna Hayes do a presentation on Mike Austin at the annual meeting and present the scholarship drawing. She also suggested that Brent Martin, the Belfast assessor as a future speaker on appraising the appraisal.

**Legislation** – Nothing new to report.

**Membership** – Nothing to report.

**Audit** – Nothing to report.

**Nominating** – Nothing to report.

**Newsletter** – Judy said that she hopes to get the next newsletter out in early May and wants to include write ups and photos of PTI and the March chapter meeting. She has a few announcements and stories from IAAO also to include.

**History** – Judy said that Julie is compiling all of the newsletters and reminded Matt to contact IAAO for any documents Mike Austin may have forwarded to their headquarters. Wade said he hopes to pick up the display board the next week and should have it for the chapter meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Property Tax Institute** –Jeff Kendall said that approximately two dozen have signed up for PTI but expects more as we get closer. He also said that he has had a couple of calls from chapter members asking to attend only one day. He is willing to allow this and will work with them.

**MAAO Joint Meeting** – Kerry said that he, Judy and Matt met with Ruth Birtz, MAAO president and Secretary Tammy Brown at the MMA building on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Also in attendance were Jeff Kendall, Justin Poirier, Bill Brunelle and David Ledew. The meeting was amenable and the discussion was mainly on future education topics. They would like to coordinate training as much as possible.

David Ledew spoke at the meeting regarding a proposal to increase the level of training for CMAs. His hopes are to provide or accredit certain advanced courses (IAAO, Appraisal Institute, etc) in order to provide a level of professionalism in the assessing field. Kerry provided handouts.

Kerry, Judy and Matt have agreed to meet again with the same group on April 8<sup>th</sup> in Augusta, the same day as the MMA Affiliate Meeting, which Judy will also attend with Kerry. Kerry provided handouts on this as well.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**By-Laws Update** – nothing to report

**Chapter Leadership** – Kerry said that he received a letter from Ron Worth, executive director of IAAO. They are hosting their first ever leadership program available to chapters and affiliate groups. He wondered if we should send someone. There was not much interest as the cost of travel, room and board may be too pricey. Matt did suggest that Kerry think about attending the IAAO Convention.

**Matt moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m., seconded by Wade, all in favor.**

*Respectfully Submitted By  
Judy Mathiau, Vice President*