



STATE OF MAINE CHAPTER
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS
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Annual Business Meeting
November 2, 2023
Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Dr, Augusta, ME

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Karen Scammon, President; Darryl McKenney, Vice President; Clinton Swett, Treasurer; Barbara Brewer, Secretary; Judy Mathiau, Past President; Natalie Andrews, Lauren Asselin, Nicholas Cloutier, Amber Poulin; and, Joseph St. Peter, Directors. Absent: Brent Martin, Director.

Karen Scammon called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. She led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and initiated introductions of all present.

REPORTS

Secretary: Natalie Andrews moved to approve the minutes of the annual meeting dated November 17, 2022. Joe St. Peter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Clint Swett, Treasurer, provided the Treasurer's Report. The audit of the finances was conducted last month, and the numbers look good. The Maine Chapter is a 501-C3 organization and files a 990-N as required by the IRS each year. The 2022 form has been filed. The current balance of the account is \$16,066.73. Joe St. Peter moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Natalie Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee

- **Education** Nick Cloutier, Committee Chair, reported that the Chapter held several educational events this year. In March, the Maine Chapter held their winter meeting, in July we combined efforts with MAAO and CMAAO to discuss the repeal of Property Tax Stabilization, and today is the annual meeting. The Maine Revenue Services held their annual Property Tax School in August and that event included presentations by Maine Chapter Board members. The goal of the Education Committee is to serve the needs of all assessors, from those who are new to those who are seasoned. To meet those needs it is important to have input from the Chapter members. Nick encouraged anyone who is interested in the education of other assessors to join the Education Committee. He will also be circulating a survey at the end of today's event in which attendees can submit any ideas for educational presentations in the future.
- **Legislation** Darryl McKenney, Committee Chair, thanked Bill Brunelle for his recent legislative update on the Farmland penalty and return of funds to original owner during the disposal of tax acquired property. He appreciates Bill's and Kerry Leichtman's efforts to keep assessors informed of pending and passed legislation and how to testify when needed.

- **Membership** Barbara Brewer, Committee Chair, introduced the new membership application for 2024.
- **Audit** Clint Swett reported that the Audit Committee approved the 2023 financial transactions during their audit last month. The Treasurer's books balanced.
- **Nominating** Judy Mathiau, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee put forth the nominations as listed under "New Business".
- **Communications** Joe St. Peter, Committee Chair, discussed how the newsletter is an important way in which the Chapter engages with its members. He appreciates Bill Brunelle and Kerry Leichtman's article contributions, Amber Poulin's "Ask the Assessor" segments, Judy Mathiau's puzzles, and other gifted contributors who work to ensure that the newsletter has meaning. He welcomes ideas and articles from all members.

Joe also reported that the Communications Committee relies on Kyle Avila, webmaster, to keep our website current. He would like to see a directory of members (who wish to be included) listed on the website to promote community among assessors. The new membership form has an option to select "yes" to have member's names included in that directory. Joe further mentioned that Nick Cloutier, the current Education Chair, has big shoes to fill. Nick is leaving the Board at the end of the year, and this may be an opportunity for those members who are passionate about education. The Communications Committee is dedicated to informing the chapter members and getting committee members to volunteer.

- **IAAO** Natalie Andrews, Committee Chair, wanted to remind members that if you are a member of IAAO, you can go online and take the IAAO workshop (171) on ethics to meet the CMA state requirement. Nick added that Maine's own Bill Healey is running for IAAO Vice President and voting for IAAO members is now available.

Sub-Committee Reports

- **History** Darryl McKenney, Committee Chair, pointed out the History Board set up at the back of the meeting which contains, among many interesting things, old commitment books. He mentioned that sometimes you can find historical items related to old assessing records at yard sales or antique shops (and if you do find something interesting, please pass it along to the History Committee).

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers Kyle Avila moved that the slate of nominees for Executive Officers and Directors be approved as presented. Kerry Leichtman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Nominated Executive Officers and Directors (for 2 year terms):**
 - Darryl McKenney-**President**
 - Joseph St. Peter-**Vice-President**
 - Clinton Swett-**Treasurer**
 - Barbara Brewer-**Secretary**

- Natalie Andrews-**Director**
- Theresa Duff-**Director**

Michael Austin Scholarship The Michael Austin Scholarship in the amount of \$500 was awarded to Avis Winchester of Belfast.

Darryl McKenney, Vice President, presented a plaque to Karen Scammon, who is ending her term as President, thanking her for her service to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Brewer, Secretary