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**Maine Association of Assessing Officers
Board Meeting Minutes
MMA - Augusta
March 9, 2012**

Present: Darryl McKenney, Rick Mace, Martine Painchaud, Tammy Brown, Anne Gregory, Marc Perry, Lisa Morin, Bill Healey, Beth O'Bar, Susan Varney, Mike D'Arcangelo, Mark Caldwell, and Joan Kiszely.

Excused Absence: Roger Hoy, Ruth Birtz

Call to Order: President Darryl McKenney called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Tammy Brown presented the Minutes of the December 9, 2011 meeting. Motion made by Bill Healey, seconded by Mark Caldwell, all approved the December 9, 2011 minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report: Martine Painchaud presented the November 2011 financial report. She reported that the total assets were \$19,684.45.

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Motion made by Bill Healey, seconded by Tammy Brown, all approved the financial reports for November, December, and January.

Martine Painchaud reported on the outstanding bills and indicated that the total bills paid out to date are \$287.66.

Committee Reports:

Audit/Finance: Mark Caldwell – no report.

Calendar/Advertisers: Lisa Morin reported within the next few weeks she will be sending out a letter to potential advertisers for the calendar and newsletter.

Newsletter: Rick Mace asked the board if everything was okay with the last newsletter. There was a brief discussion on the newsletter/articles.

Ethics: Ruth Birtz was absent.

Legislative: Mike D'Arcangelo indicated he had notified Justin Poirer who stated that he was interested in being on the Legislative Committee. The two are working together on a list of LD's pertaining just to Assessors. He has talked to a few assessors asking them to volunteer to testify,

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or to talk with their municipal officials about LD's. He will notify people on what is coming up. Anne Gregory made a suggestion for Mike to notify Dave Ledew to get upcoming LD's in regards to Assessing LD bills.

Darryl McKenney reported that the following list left on the LPC Committee is MIL Rate, school choice, and general assistance. He noted the LPC wants to leave the Tree Growth alone, and study this.

Membership: Roger Hoy was absent.

- Darryl McKenney reported there are 222 members, and 6 new as of today, and a letter is going out to potential members next week.
- He indicated that MAAO will have a booth with coffee at the Annual Property Tax School located at the Hutchinson Center in Belfast on July 30th to August 3rd.

Awards & Scholarship: Beth O'Bar reported there have been no scholarships to date. Darryl McKenney noted that Helen Taylor just retired from Gray as an Assessor.

Technology Report: Marc Perry reported that IAAO does not have any updates on MAAO. Tammy Brown noted she would follow up on that. He asked the board if there was any interest in MAAO having a Facebook page. There was a consensus of the board that we should move forward with having a Facebook page. He indicated that he did an IAAO webinar on a survey. He wanted to know if MAAO was interested in doing a survey statewide to all assessors. Bill Healey thinks it is a good idea. Marc indicated he would get together with Bill to work on a survey.

Marc reported on the members only chat list. He noted that he and Steve are trying to work on how to get the list serve questions and answers listed on the MAAO web site. He noted that Steve has list serve questions and answers going back two years.

Executive Board:

- Darryl McKenney reported the Executive Board has not met yet.
- Annual Dues: Darryl McKenney reported on what the dues are currently.
- Coffee at meetings: Darryl McKenney indicated that the coffee charges are \$1.00 per person. It was the consensus of the board to have coffee at the board meetings.
- MMA Affiliate Group Meeting/Luncheon: Darryl McKenney noted that the MMA Affiliate Group Meeting is being held on March 30th at 10:00 a.m. at MMA – Augusta. He indicated that he will be attending this meeting. Rick Mace noted he would attend. Anne Gregory reported that she attended the Technology Conference and stated it was excellent. There was a brief discussion on co-sponsoring with the MMTCTA a session at the MMA Convention.
- Cell Phone Numbers: It was the consensus of the board that we get all board members cell phone numbers.
- Aging Report: They have two outstanding bills. Motion made by Bill Healey, seconded by Tammy Brown, all approved to dismiss the charges for the Town of Shapleigh in the amount of \$35.00.

Motion made by Bill Healey, seconded by Martine Painchaud, all approved to dismiss the charges for Tyler Tech in the amount of \$118.00.

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Historian: Anne Gregory reported she is still putting all the historical information into binders together. She is working on a pin to commemorate MAAO's upcoming anniversary. She distributed a picture of a couple of the pins and prices. The thought is that they would give these out to the attendees at the Fall Convention. She indicated that it would cost the Association about \$2,000 to get these pins. It was the consensus of the board that the pin is a good idea. After a brief discussion there was a motion made by Rick Mace, seconded by Tammy Brown, all approved to raise the fee to \$199 for the full price of the conference to cover the cost of the pin, and to go with \$7.75 fee for the pin. The pin will go on the name badge for the Fall Conference. Anne Gregory will order 300 pins.

Education:

- Bill Healey reported that the fall conference is coming together very well. He indicated that Mike Fedele will be speaking all day on Thursday, and on Friday he will have Dave Ledew and Geoff Herman.
- BAR Workshop: Bill Healey indicated that the BAR Workshop is scheduled for April 26th at 4:00 pm at MMA-Augusta. They have 23 registered to date. They would like MMA to send out another reminder advertising this workshop.
- Time Warner: He is trying to set up a meeting with them. Bill Healey gave a brief update on the issues at hand, and a brief discussion followed.
- Northern Maine Spring Training: Beth O'Bar indicated that she has confirmed Northern Maine Community College as the site for this training. She reported on the speakers and agenda that she has confirmed for the Northern Maine Spring Training. At this time she doesn't believe there will be a cost for the speakers attending. Bill Healey noted that she could fill in the last two hours with an IAAO Webinar.

Conference Committee: Susan Varney had nothing to report at this time. Motion made by Anne Gregory, seconded by Bill Healey, all approved to send Sebasco the remaining deposit fee for the upcoming Fall Conference.

Old Business:

New Business: Darryl McKenney reported that the Northeast Conference is April 29th to May 3rd at the Red Jacket Beach Resort in MA.

Other Business: None

Adjournment: Motion made by Bill Healey, seconded by Tammy Brown, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m.