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**Maine Association of Assessing Officers
Board Meeting Minutes
MMA - Augusta
January 11, 2013**

Present: Darryl McKenney, Rick Mace, Tammy Brown, Roger Hoy, Mark Caldwell, Mike D’Arcangelo, Sue Varney, Ruth Birtz, Beth O’Bar, Melissa Carver.

Conference Call: Bill Healey

Guest Speaker: Geoff Herman

Excused Absence: Marc Perry, Martine Painchaud

Call to Order: President Darryl McKenney called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Secretary’s Report: Tammy Brown presented the Minutes of the December 7th, 2012 meeting. Rick Mace had one correction to be made – making the word “members” plural under New Business: Honorary Life Membership. Motion made by Sue Varney, seconded by Rick Mace, all approved the December 7, 2012 minutes as revised.

Treasurer’s Report: Martine Painchaud was absent but had sent a report to Tammy Brown.

Darryl McKenney reported on the outstanding bills:

Sebasco Harbor, deposit (\$500.00)

Anne Gregory Stipend (\$100.00)

MMA (\$54.02)

He indicated that the total bills paid out to date are \$654.02, making the total assets balance as of January 10, 2013 \$15,270.46.

Motion made by Mike D’Arcangelo, seconded by Mark Caldwell, all approved the financial report for November 2012.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Audit/Finance: Mark Caldwell had no report.

Calendar/Advertisers: Mark Caldwell had no report. Tammy Brown reviewed the Advertising Form and made a few updates. Mark Caldwell will work with Melissa Carver when it’s time to send out the forms.

Newsletter: Vice President Rick Mace reported that the newsletter is in process and asked to have any articles submitted to him by January 17th. Anne Gregory will continue to write the Member Profile Article.

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Ethics: Ruth Birtz - nothing to report.

Legislative: Mike D’Arcangelo reported he had been in touch with Geoff Herman at MMA and invited him to this Board meeting to speak on the current legislative issues/proposals. Geoff Herman spoke and advised that the State & Federal Relations Department will start forwarding to Mike D’Arcangelo LD’s that Assessors should be aware of. The e-mail from SFR will contain a link listing e-mail addresses where comments on proposed legislation can be sent. E-mails should be sent 48 hours prior to the public hearing. Geoff Herman provided a handout and spoke on Legislative and Administrative Matters for Assessors.

There was brief discussion that any information sharing should be sent prior to the public hearing. There would also be a reminder 48 hours prior to the public hearing.

It is the intention of the MAAO Board to be a voice for our membership on issues relating to Municipal Assessing in the Legislature.

Membership: Roger Hoy reported there are 243 members to date. There are still 70 members unpaid at this time.

Awards & Scholarship: Beth O’Bar - No request or recommendation have been received at this time.

Technology Report: Marc Perry absent – no report.

Executive Board: Darryl McKenney reported on the following:

- Darryl McKenney received an E-mail from Bar Harbor area facility soliciting business.

Education: Bill Healey reported – He has sent an e-mail to Sally Daggett and Bill Dale of Jensen Baird to confirm the BAR workshop. They are willing to do the workshop, but have not yet suggested a date. He believes it will be sometime in April and will follow up with them for the exact date.

Bill Healey has confirmed additional speakers for the fall conference -

Tom Frye of NY

IAAO President Mr. Turner – The topic will be “Doing More with Less”.

Rob Crawford

Conference Committee: Susan Varney had no report.

Historian: Martine Painchaud absent – no report.

New Business:

Budget for 2013: Tammy Brown had e-mailed the budget to the board for review. Bill Healey made a motion, seconded by Rick Mace to approve the 2013 budget. All approved.

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Northern Maine Spring Workshop: Beth O'Bar has confirmed the facility and date for this workshop. It will be at the Northern Maine Community College on April 26th.

Membership Pins: Tammy Brown reported that she has given out a few pins to those who were members at the December Midcoast Assessors Meeting. Tammy discussed the difficulty in tracking the pins if she had all board members try to help get them out to members. Tammy recommends that someone attend Tax School in August with Roger Hoy to hand out to any members who have not yet received a membership pin. Tammy is open to other suggestions on how to disperse and track the pins (without having to mail them out).

Other: Darryl McKenney asked if the board meeting schedule of Fridays still works for everyone. Bill Healey advised that he cannot make it on Fridays, but he does not mind calling in if the meetings continue to be on Friday. Consensus of the group is to keep the meetings on Friday.

Darryl McKenney inquired about having an MAAO banner made. He and Ruth Birtz will look into pricing and details and will get back to the group on this.

Adjournment: Motion made by Rick Mace, seconded by Roger Hoy, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.