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**Maine Association of Assessing Officers
Board Meeting Minutes
MMA - Augusta
March 4, 2016**

Present: Ruth Birtz, Rick Mace, Darryl McKenney, Tammy Brown, Mike D'Arcangelo, Martine Painchaud, Roger Hoy, John Wentworth, Debbie Turner, Joan Kiszely.

Conference Call: Bill Healey, Lewis Cousins

Excused Absence: Jacki Robbins, and Dan Robinson.

Call to Order: President Ruth Birtz called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Tammy Brown presented the Minutes of the January 8, 2016 meeting. Motion made by Rick Mace, seconded by Martine Painchaud, all approved the January 8, 2016 minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Martine Painchaud presented the December financials and outstanding bills.

The balance as of December 31, 2015 was \$12,711.95. Motion made by Darryl McKenney, seconded by Rick Mace. All approved the December financials. Motion carried.

Old Business: None.

Committee Reports:

Audit/Finance: Darryl had no report.

Calendar/Advertisers: Lewis Cousins reported letters will be in the mail by March 23rd to advertisers. He indicated that Tyler Technologies will be advertising on the website.

Newsletter: Ruth Birtz reported the next newsletter will be going out in April. She noted that articles should be in to her by the end of March.

Ethics: Jacki Robbins was absent.

Legislative: Mike D'Arcangelo indicated he did not have much to report. He reported the following:

- Ongoing discussions regarding medical marijuana facilities in Maine.
- Homestead Exemption- there was some discussion regarding the percent of reimbursement from Maine revenues and how that will be figured.

Membership: Roger Hoy reported that there are currently 261 members and 41 are currently unpaid.

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Awards & Scholarship: Tammy Brown reported she did not have any award nominations or scholarship applications to report at this time. She will include the application and criteria of the scholarship in the next newsletter as well as the Assessor of the Year application and criteria. It was indicated that the language for the offering of a scholarship needs to be added in all brochures.

Technology Report: Dan Robinson was absent.

Executive Board: Rick Mace had no report.

Education: Bill Healey, Jr. reported the following:

- Two sessions to still confirm for the Fall Conference. Some of the sessions are confirmed are:
 - Co-Op Housing.
 - Presentations from David and Elizabeth Sawyer – Thursday afternoon.
 - Jim Nadeau – Land Surveyor.
 - Suggested topics: Ground leases and medical marijuana facilities.

- MMA Convention – Need to confirm a program.

Conference Committee: Debbie Turner had nothing to report.

Historian: Darryl McKenney reported on Farm Land pricing and the fact they haven't been increased in many, many years..

New Business:

- **2017 and 2018 Fall Conference Contracts at Sebasco:**
Joan Kiszely reported she would like to work with Sebasco on the contracts to see what incentives there are to sign a two-year contract. She will get the updated contracts to Debbie Turner and Tammy Brown.

- **Honorary Lifetime Membership:** Roger Hoy had a request from Elizabeth that he nominate Elizabeth and David Sawyer for Honorary Lifetime membership. Motion made by John Wentworth, seconded by Martine Painchaud, all approved to make Elizabeth and David Sawyer Honorary Lifetime members. Tammy Brown will do a letter letting them know they were voted to become Honorary Lifetime members.

- **Other:** None.

Adjournment: Motion made by Rick Mace, seconded by John Wentworth, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m.