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**Maine Association of Assessing Officers  
Annual Business Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2016  
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.  
Sebasco Harbor Resort**

**Present:** Ruth Birtz, Caitlin Anderson, Marian Anderson, Samuel O'Clair, Doreen French, Michael Rogers, David Hession, James Murphy, Justin Van Dougen, Ronald Beal, Angela Bradstreet, Tammy Brown, John Brushwein, Paul Castonguay, Clyde Cavender, Shana Cook Mueller, Lewis Cousins, Brenda Cummings, Kevin Decker, Paul Demers, Bill DiDonato, Warren Dow, Philip Drew, Larry Gardner, Jeff Geaumont, Robert Gingras, George Greene, Doug Guy, William Healey, Justin Hennessey, Tammi Hollins, Roger Hoy, Curt Lebel, Kerry Leichtman, Richard Mace, Judith Mathiau, Thomas Maynard, William Mayo, Darryl McKenney, James Merrill, William O'Donnell, Martine Painchaud, Wendy Paradis, Debra Parks Larrivee, Marc Perry, Matthew Pineo, Kendall Priest, Susan Ricker, Dan Robinson, William Rodda, Travis Roy, David Sawyer, Steven Salley, Elizabeth Sawyer, Kara Taylor, Louise Thibeault, Jim Thomas, Elisa Trepanier, Robert Tripp, Deborah Turner, Marie Varian, Stan Waltz, Steven Weed, Frank Yattaw and Joan Kiszely.

**Call to Order:** Ruth Birtz called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**Opening Remarks**

**Presentation of the Assessor of the Year Award:** Awards and Scholarship Chair Tammy Brown presented Judith Mathiau with the Assessor of the Year Award, and Michael Heavener accepted the Town of Winslow plaque.

**Lunch Break**

**Secretary's Report:** Tammy Brown asked those in attendance if they had reviewed the 2015 Annual Meeting minutes. Motion made by Bill Healey, Jr., seconded by Darryl McKenney, all approved the September 3, 2015 Annual Business Meeting minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Martine Painchaud reported on the month ending June 30, 2016. Martine reported the total current assets as of June 30, 2016 are \$14,509.35. Motion made by Jim Murphy, Jr., seconded by Marion Anderson, all approved the June Financial Report.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Audit/Finance  
Chair Darryl McKenney reported that the Audit Committee met on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to review the books and everything was found to be in order. The balance as of today for MAAO is \$23,329.83.
  
2. Calendar/Advertisers

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Chair Lewis Cousins reported that the 2017 Day Planners are here. He indicated they ~~are~~ will be available here at this conference and at the MMA Convention October 5 & 6, 2016.

3. Newsletter

Editor Ruth Birtz reported that the newsletter is published quarterly. Any submissions please send to Ruth Birtz.

4. Ethics

Jacqueline Robbins absent. Ruth Birtz reported there were no ethic issues this year.

5. Legislative

Mike D'Arcangelo was absent,

6. Membership

Roger Hoy reported that there are 270 total paid members to date.

7. Awards & Scholarship

Tammy Brown reported MAAO received 3 scholarships and awarded two (2) scholarships in order for attendees to attend MAAO's Annual Fall Conference and one request for the Property Tax school. She encouraged members to take the time to send in a scholarship application.

Assessor of the Year: Tammy encouraged members to take the time to nominate a ~~good~~ an Assessor who they feels goes above and beyond in their duties and in their communities.

8. Technology Report – Dan Robinson had no report,

9. Executive Board

Rick Mace encouraged people to view the auction. He indicated the auction will close at 3:00 p.m.

10. Education

Chair Bill Healey thanked everyone for attending the Conference. Bill Healey thanked the vendors. He wants people to let him know of any sessions they would like next to see for next years conference.

11. Conference

Debbie Turner suggested that everyone take the time to complete the evaluation and turn it in. The evaluations help MAAO to prepare for next year's conference.

12. Historian

Darryl McKenney reported on the following historical items he found:

- Association of Assessors picture from October 1931
- 1937 – MMA was established and there was a group meeting between MTCMA & Assessors

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- 1948 – Guide for use of Assessors
- 1971 – Assessment Techniques
- MAAO – 1952 was established
- 1957 MMA Manual – Ed Muskie writing to the Assessors – 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition
- 1962- The bureau came up with Assessment Techniques

### **New Business:**

**Election of Officers and Board:** The Nominating Committee presented the 2017-2018 Slate of Officers: President, Ruth Birtz; Vice President, William Healey, Jr.; Board Members: Dan Robinson, Martine Painchaud, Roger Hoy, & John Wentworth, Motion made by Jim Murphy, Jr., seconded by Marion Anderson, all approved the proposed Slate of Officers for 2017. ~~Unanimous!~~

### **Certificates of Appreciation:**

Ruth Birtz presented Certificates of Appreciation to all the Board members in appreciation for all their hard work throughout the year.

### **Other New Business:**

David Sawyer indicated that Don Cadwell who was an Assessor in Augusta for 35 years & Winthrop passed away in July of 2016.

It was also discussed that Ray Gannon passed away this year as well.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Marian Anderson, seconded by Jim Murphy, Jr., all approved to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m.