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**Maine Association of Assessing Officers
Board Meeting Minutes
MMA - Augusta
March 17, 2017**

Present: Ruth Birtz, Bill Healey, Jr., Darryl McKenney, Tammy Brown, Roger Hoy, John Wentworth, Debbie Turner, Dan Robinson, Martine Painchaud, Lewis Cousins, Alicia Gaudet.

Guests: William Brunelle and Jeff Kendall, Maine Revenue Services; Judy Mathiau and Kerry Leichtman, Maine Chapter of IAAO

Conference Call: Rick Mace

Excused Absence: Mike D'Arcangelo

Absent: Jacki Robbins

Call to Order: President Ruth Birtz called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Report from Maine Chapter of IAAO and Maine Revenue Services:

Kerry Leichtman reported that IAAO courses are difficult and expensive for people from Maine. He spoke with Pete Rhoda, who agreed that IAAO needs to modernize and reduce cost of IAAO trainings. Kerry expressed frustrations with IAAO, and contacted David Reed to that effect. Feedback from MCIAAO members is that they want IAAO courses. Courses are \$700 for 3-day course (plus travel, materials, etc.), in conjunction with Annual Conference. There are some scholarships available from IAAO. Participants will qualify to teach one course after attending IAAO course (as an in-state instructor). Kerry proposes sending 4 people at different times. Judy would like to come up with funds to send a second state employee, as well as sending Maine Chapter representatives, hopefully with the help of scholarships.

Ruth Birtz asked MAAO board members if they support these efforts. Everyone agreed that this will be a 3-way joint effort between MAAO, MCIAAO and MRS. John Wentworth would propose sending 4 (or more) people, as we need more instructors in Maine. Dave Sawyer is currently the only qualified instructor in Maine. Ruth proposes that the three groups come up with a plan and create a committee with representatives from each group. Bill Healey and Dan Robinson volunteered to participate from MAAO. MRS will coordinate a committee meeting. Ruth would like Bill and Dan to be able to report back to MAAO at next board meeting in May.

Secretary's Report: Tammy Brown presented the Minutes of the January 27, 2017 meeting. Motion made by Darryl McKenney to accept the minutes, seconded by Dan Robinson, all approved the January 27, 2017 minutes with corrections. Martine Painchaud abstained due to absence at last meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Martine Painchaud reported on the balance as of January 31, 2017: **\$16,829.74**

Martine reported on expenses paid out since January 31, 2017. Ruth thanked Tammy for sending flowers to Joan.

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Motion made by Darryl McKenney to approve the financial report, seconded by Debbie Turner, all approved the financial report.

Committee Reports:

Audit/Finance: Nothing to report

Calendar/Advertisers: Lewis Cousins reported that letters went out in January. Three returns so far: one for dayplanner, one for webpage, one for meets & bounds.

Newsletter: President Ruth Birtz reported the January issue has gone out. Ruth thinks that she is all set for the next issue.

Ethics: Jacki was not present to give a report.

Legislative: Mike was not present to give a report.

Membership: Roger Hoy reported there are 266 members, 25 unpaid as of March 16, 2017.

Awards & Scholarship: Tammy Brown reported there are no applications for scholarships. There also have been no nominations for Assessor of the Year. Tammy will re-send to listserv and can also select from a pool of previous applicants/nominees if no new applications/nominations are received this year. John Wentworth asked whether MAAO board members are entitled to scholarships. Tammy confirmed that board members can certainly apply.

Technology Report: Dan Robinson had nothing to report.

Executive Board: Rick Mace had nothing to report.

Education: Bill Healey reported that he has all session speakers identified for Fall Conference. Needs to work with Kerry Leichtman on MMA Convention. Dan Robinson contacted MBOIA President Paul Demers to discuss getting CEOs to the Fall Conference. Bill will follow-up with Paul regarding sessions.

Conference Committee: Debbie Turner reported that she will have more to report on in May.

Historian: Darryl McKenney brought a Time Out Chair for the Auction.

New Business:

Lewis reported that there are 14 registered to-date for Northern Maine Spring Workshop on April 14th at Northern Maine Development Commission in Caribou.

Tammy Brown reported that 23 have registered so far for BAR Workshop on May 11th at MMA. No registrants for Caribou yet.

Other Business:

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Alicia Gaudet will re-send master list of advertisers to Board.

Tammy Brown asked board how they would prefer to receive the updated Admin Guide materials. Consensus is to send via email.

Adjournment: Motion made by Dan Robinson, seconded by Debbie Turner, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m.