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**Maine Association of Assessing Officers
Board Meeting Minutes
MMA - Augusta
May 5, 2017**

Present: Ruth Birtz, Bill Healey, Jr., Darryl McKenney, Tammy Brown, Roger Hoy, John Wentworth, Debbie Turner, Dan Robinson, Martine Painchaud, Lewis Cousins, Rick Mace, and Joan Kiszely.

Conference Call:

Excused Absence: Mike D'Arcangelo

Absent: Jacki Robbins

Call to Order: President Ruth Birtz called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Tammy Brown presented the Minutes of the March 17, 2017 meeting. Motion made by Rick Mace to accept the minutes, seconded by Dan Robinson, all approved the March 17, 2017 minutes with corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

Martine Painchaud reported on the balance as of February 28, 2017: **\$17,257.03**

Martine reported on the following:

The balance as of February 28, 2017 **\$17,257.03**

Paid out since February 28, 2017

MMA January	\$110.61
IAAO – Bill Healey registration	\$750.00
IAAO – Dan Robinson registration	\$750.00
MMA	\$ 10.39
Town of Saint George refund for BAR	\$ 40.00
TOTAL	\$1,661.00

Motion made by Darryl McKenney to approve the financial report, seconded by Rick Mace, all approved the financial report.

Ruth Birtz explained to the Board about sending two board members to IAAO. She wanted the board to know why she moved on this because of time restraints. Bill Healey & Dan Robinson will be attending.

Committee Reports:

Audit/Finance: Ruth Birtz had no report.

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Calendar/Advertisers: Lewis Cousins reported they still have 4 advertisers for this year. There is nothing new since February. He indicated a personal letter needs to be drafted to go with the advertisement flyer to who MAAO is and a little bit of history. He suggested we do a second mailing the first of August. There was a brief discussion on the timing of the mailings. It was the consensus of the board that Lewis Cousins does another mailing with a cover letter.

Newsletter: President Ruth Birtz reported that Mike D'Arcangelo is retiring from Gorham. John Wentworth will take over doing the membership profiles. The next newsletter will be going out in July.

Ethics: Jacki Robbins absent.

Legislative: Mike D'Arcangelo was absent. Dan Robinson reported on the following:

- LD 1479: Dan Robinson monitored this bill. He distributed a handout on LD 1479. He listed who was For/Against. Dan Robinson reviewed the handout on LD 1479. He will email the full testimony to the board. He feels it will be ought not to pass. He feels it is the big companies pushing this.

Membership: Roger Hoy reported there are 272 members & 24 unpaid as of May 2, 2017.

Awards & Scholarship: Tammy Brown reported there are no applications for scholarships. They did do 2 scholarships for Dan Robinson & Bill Healey. She indicated that there is one 2017 Assessor of the Year Nomination to date.

Technology Report: Dan Robinson had no report.

Executive Board: Rick Mace had no report.

Education: Bill Healey reported on the following:

- Paul Demers will teach on Thursday on Code at the Fall Convention
- MMA Convention: Darryl McKenney will take the lead on this. Bill Healey thinks doing a one day session on Wednesday would be sufficient because it is so close to the Fall Convention. Darryl McKenney thought doing a topic on Ethics, Forestry or Solar might be good.

Conference Committee: Debbie Turner reported the following:

- Tammy Brown & Debbie Turner worked on the menu for the Fall Conference
- Gift for Conference: The following items were discussed as give a ways for conference attendees, koozies, hats and Ruth Birtz will look at her catalogs. They asked Joan Kiszely to contact Higgins to see if they would be a vendor at the Annual Fall Conference and possibly to do name badges.

Historian: Darryl McKenney reported that Mike Rogers stated the MAAO hats are the best and he wants to purchase the remaining gray hats.

New Business:

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Northern Maine Spring Workshop: Lewis Cousins reported it went very well. There was a complaint on the food, and no breakfast. He bought \$25 gift certificates for 7 speakers.

BAR Workshop: This workshop is scheduled for May 11th at 4:00 p.m. at MMA in Augusta. To date they have 39 registered for the workshop and 3 speakers. Joan Kiszely asked if an attorney from Legal Department could come as a comp attendee. It was the consensus of the board that the attorney from MMA legal pay for this workshop.

IAAO Instructor Course Agreement:

Ruth Birtz & the board members reviewed the course agreement that Bill Healey & Dan Robinson drafted. There was a lengthy discussion on the course agreement.

Ruth Birtz would like to have them verify if they offer an IAAO course/class in state do they have to charge the full fee?

Motion made Rick Mace, seconded by Darryl McKenney, all approved that MAAO agrees to pay reasonable and customary expenses such as registration, airfare, hotel, meals, and incidentals for Bill Healey & Dan Robinson to attend the 2017 IAAO Instructor Evaluation Workshop.

VOTE: 9-0-2 Bill and Dan obtained from this vote

Other Business:

Adjournment: Motion made by Rick Mace, seconded by Dan Robinson, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m.