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**Maine Association of Assessing Officers  
Annual Business Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2019  
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.  
Sebasco Harbor Resort**

**Present:** Marian Anderson, Lauren Asselin, Shirley Bartlett, Ronald Beal, Ruth Birtz, Angie Bradstreet, Tammy Brown, John Brushwein, Taylor Burns, Mark Caldwell, Avery Caldwell, Darren Carey, Laurie Carlson, Clyde Cavender, Lewis Cousins, Brenda Cummings, Jerry Daigle, Bill DiDonato, Katelyn Doustout, Theresa Duff, Amy Dunn, Karen Fortier, Larry Gardner, Jeff Geaumont, Brenda Gove, George Greene, J Douglas Guy, William Healey, David Hession, Roger Hoy, Chris Huff, Kathleen Kern, Barbara Kinsman, Alexander Konczal, Roxy LaFrance, Keeley Lambert, Quang Le, Catherine Leatherman, Curt Lebel, Ana Lord, Rick Mace, Jason Marshall, Brentley Martin, Judy Mathiau, Darryl McKenney, Jim Merrill, Tony Michaud, Valerie Moon, Lisa Morin, Jim Murphy, Matt Murphy, Martine Painchaud, Marc Perry, Justin Poirier, Ken Priest, Susan Ricker, Daniel Robinson, Travis Roy, Susan Russo, Dennis Santolucito, Karen Scammon, Geoff Smith, Clint Swett, Kara Taylor, Louise Thibeault, Penny Thompson, Caitlin Thompson, Brenda Tubbs, Deborah Turner, Marie Varian, Lindsay Waller, Steven Weed

**MMA Staff Member Present:** Melissa White

**Call to Order:** President William Healey called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

**Opening Remarks:**

**Presentation of the Assessor of the Year Award:** President Bill Healey presented with the Assessor of the Year Award to Lewis Cousins from the City of Caribou.

**Lunch Break**

**Secretary's Report:** William Healey asked those in attendance if they had reviewed the 2018 Annual Meeting minutes. Motion made by Dan Robinson, seconded by, Dan Robinson all approved the September 6, 2018 Annual Business Meeting minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Martine Painchaud reported financials on the months ending April 30, 2019, May 31, 2019 & June 30, 2019. Martine Painchaud reported the total current assets as of April 30, 2019 are \$16,053.08, as of May 31, 2019 are \$18,160.03 and as of June 30, 2019 are \$19,884.34. Motion made by Rick Mace, seconded by Dan Robinson, all approved the April, May & June Financial reports.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Audit/Finance  
Ruth Birtz reported everything was in order.
2. Calendar/Advertisers

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Lewis Cousins reported that the 2020 Day Planners are here. He indicated they will be available here at this Conference, as well as at the MMA Convention. He thanked the vendors that advertised this year.

### 3. Newsletter

Tammy Brown thanked all of those that submitted articles for the newsletter this year. Tammy reported that the newsletter is published quarterly.

### 4. Ethics

Travis Roy advised there were no ethic changes or complaints this year and thanked everyone for doing a great job.

### 5. Legislative

Darryl McKenney reported on the new laws came into effect today and gave a brief update:

- Revenue sharing increase from 2 to 3
- Homestead increasing \$20,000 to \$25,000 next year
- Property tax fairness credit
- Solar will be exempt next year
- Seaweed is not determined to be the property of the property owner

### 6. Membership

Roger Hoy reported that there are 281 members and 252 total paid members to date and 29 unpaid members to date.

### 7. Awards & Scholarship

Rick Mace reported MAAO gave out one scholarship this year. He encouraged members to take the time to send in a scholarship application. He reminded everyone to complete their evaluations for a drawing for a Scholarship for next year's conference.

Rick noted how great it was to award Lewis Cousins with the Assessor of the year award.

### 8. Technology Report

Dan Robinson reported on the following:

Discussion of the pending upgrades to the MAAO website. Dan asked membership to email him with any ideas or content information that they would like to have added.

### 9. Executive Board

Ruth Birtz had nothing new to report

### 10. Education

Bill Healey thanked everyone for attending the Conference and reported he is already working on next year's conference. He encouraged members to get back to him on ideas or speakers for future conferences. He encouraged people to attend the MMA Convention where MAAO will hold a session.

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### 11. Conference

Tammy Brown thanked Bill for the educational tracks that were put for this year and thanked the MMA staff for all their assistance. Tammy reported there are two members who will be going off the board this year and she thanked them both for their service to the board.

### 12. Historian

Darryl McKenney reported on the following historical items he found:

- Old photo from 1931 with Assessors in front of the State House in Augusta
- Old photo of the Route 1 gas station that he assessed in 1982 that is now a CN Brown.

### 13. Distance Learning

Travis Roy reported that this is a new committee and they are focused on bringing the workshops to assessors. The goal is for assessors to be able to train from the comfort of their home or office via online/computer training.

## **New Business:**

**Election of Officers and Board:** The Nominating Committee presented the 2020-2021 Slate of Officers: President, Tammy Brown; Vice President, Travis Roy; Board Members, Rick Mace, Theresa Duff, Elisa Trepanier, Lewis Cousins and Darryl McKenney. Motion made by Jim Murphy, seconded by Marc Perry, all approved the proposed Slate of Officers for 2020-2021.

## **Other New Business:**

Tammy Brown presented outgoing President Bill Healey with a President plaque for his years of service as President.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Jim Murphy, seconded by Angie Bradstreet, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 12:41 p.m.