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**Maine Association of Assessing Officers  
Annual Business Meeting Minutes  
September 29, 2022  
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.  
Sebasco Harbor Resort**

**Present:** Rebecca Adams, Lauren Asselin, Shirley Bartlett, Ronald Beal, Ruth Birtz, Angela Bradstreet, Tammy Brown, John Brushwein, April Buchanan, Taylor Burns, Darren Carey, Laurie Carlson, Paul Castonguay, Nicholas Cloutier, Lewis Cousins, Deanne Cray, Brenda Cummings, Nicholas Desjardins, Warren Dow, Philip Drew, Theresa Duff, Kate Dufour, Julio Figueroa, Karen Fortier, Larry Gardner, Robert Gingras, George Greene, Donna Hays, William Healey, David Hession, Lisa Hobart, Kathleen Kern, Robert Konczal, Curt Lebel, David Ledew, Heather Lee, Kerry Leichtman, Quang Minh Le, Laurisa Loon, Kathleen Malloy, Elisa Marr, Jason Marshall, Ann McGowan, Darryl McKenney, Paul McKenney, James Merrill, Joe Montefusco, Valerie Moon, Joel Moser, Patrick Mulligan, James Murphy, Joseph Murphy, Beth Newcombe, Martine Painchaud, Wade Patterson, Marc Perry, Justin Poirier, Robert Rogers, Travis Roy, Susan Russo, Kristy Sheehan, Geoff Smith, Paul Smith, Nichole Stenberg, Ben Thompson, Caitlin Thompson, Luke Vigue, Tasha Vincent, Steven Weed, Melissa White, Amy Wiers, Fuyu Xu

**MMA Staff Member Present:** Melissa White, Affiliate Services Manager

**Call to Order:** President Travis Roy called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**Opening Remarks:**

President Travis Roy asked MAAO board members to stand to be recognized for all their hard work. He also welcomed IAAO President Wade Patterson and his wife Cheryl.

**Presentation of the Assessor of the Year Award:** President Travis Roy read the nomination information sent from the City of Bangor and was very pleased to announce and congratulate the Assessor of the Year, Phil Drew, Assessor from the City of Bangor.

**Secretary's Report:** September 21, 2021 Meeting minutes. Motion made by Jim Murphy Jr., seconded by Angie Bradstreet, all approved the September 21, 2021 Annual Business Meeting minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Martine Painchaud reported financials on the months ending June 2022.

Martine Painchaud reported the total current assets as of June 30, 2022 are \$20,409.36.

Motion made by Jim Murphy Jr., seconded by Angie Bradstreet, all approved the financial report.

**Committee Reports:**

Audit/Finance: Ruth Birtz/Darryl McKenney Report

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Ruth reported that the entire years financials were reviewed and everything is in order

Awards & Scholarship: Elisa Marr/Tammy Brown Report

Elisa reported that Phil Drew was awarded the Assessor of the year. Valerie Moon from Brewer was awarded a scholarship for the conference.

Calendar/Advertisers: Lewis Cousins/Theresa Duff Report

Lewis reported the calendars have arrived and are at the conference. There are three advertisers in the calendar that are at the conference, he thanked them for their support.

Conference: Tammy Brown/Travis Roy Report

Tammy thanked all guests for being at the conference, encouraged all to complete the evaluation.

Distance Learning: Travis Roy/Lewis Cousins Report

Travis reported they are actively continuing to work on bringing training to rural areas. Lewis asked if anyone was interested in attending the conference via zoom, no one was interested.

Education: Bill Healey, Jr. Report

Bill thanked all for attending the conference and encouraged all to provide any ideas for future trainings.

Ethics: Travis Roy Report

Travis was happy to report that he had nothing to report.

Executive Board: Ruth Birtz Report

Ruth reported that the board was pleased to choose the assessor of the year.

Historian: Darryl McKenney Report

Darryl brought an old map of the Town of Liberty from the 1800's and provided some background information. The map was number 10.

Legislative: Darryl McKenney Report

He provided a brief overview of some of the current issues that Kate Dufour will cover Friday.

Tax Assistance:

LD 290 Homesteads of senior residents

LD 1917 Current use programs

Unorganized territory:

LD 1794 Conveyance of state interest in certain real estate in the unorganized territory

LD 1987 Municipal cost component

Exemptions:

LD1917 Benevolent and charitable donations

LD 647 Veteran exemption

State Valuation

Miscellaneous: LD 1757 certified Maine Assessor exam, true and perfect lists & LD 1129 Just value

Membership: Theresa Duff Report

There are 270 paid members and 35 unpaid members.

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### Newsletter: Lewis Cousins/Tammy Brown Report

Lewis reported they are working on the August issue, hoping to get it out within the next week. They are beginning to work with advertisers again.

### Technology Report: Elisa Marr/Taylor Burns Report

The new MAAO website is up and running. Elisa thanked Dan Robinson, previous MAAO website chair, Ben Thomas at website designer at MMA and Melissa White, Affiliate Services Manager with MMA for their assistance with the new website.

### New Business:

#### 1. Slate of Officers

Board Members: Valerie Moon

Nicholas Cloutier

Taylor Burns

Cindy Namer

Motion made by Jim Murphy Jr., seconded by Kerry Leichtman, all approved the new board members and slate of officers as presented.

#### 2. Board Member Acknowledgement

Travis thanked the board members for all their dedication and all they do for the assessing profession.

The board presented Martine Painchaud with a bench in appreciation of her dedication to the board. Martine retired earlier in the year but continued on the board for the remainder of the year. She has served on the board for a total of 29 years.

#### 3. Other New Business

There is a thanks for giving project, Kerry Leichtman provided an overview of the project. There is a poster onsite with a QR code, he encouraged all to check it out and encouraged all to participate.

Tammy thanked Melissa White from MMA for all her assistance with the conference.

Darryl noted the auction the end at 3:00 and encouraged all to bid on the trip to Africa.

Anyone who bids the price plus \$200.00 will be able to go, the trip is not limited to one.

#### 4. Adjourn

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Jim Murphy Jr., seconded by Angie Bradstreet, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 1:31 p.m.