

# **Mid-Michigan Association of Assessing Officers**

Minutes of January 19, 2006

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Lansing, Michigan

## **Call To Order:**

President, Marcia Bail called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. She gave the invocation and lunch was served. There were 48 people in attendance.

## **Executive Board Members Present:**

Board members present were. President, Marcia Bail. Vice-President, Andrew Falkenberg. Treasurer, Mary Ellen Loar. Secretary, Julie Pulling. Member, Art Grimes. Past President, Al Nykamp.

## **Introduction of Guests:**

There were no guests to introduce.

## **Secretary's Report:**

The minutes of the November 3, 2005 meeting were presented and approved.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's report was distributed and approved with one correction in verbiage.

## **Correspondence:**

President, Marcia Bail asked Secretary, Julie Pulling to send a card of sympathy to Frank Moss for the loss of his wife, Nancy. A note of appreciation was then received from Frank and his family. President, Marcia Bail drafted a letter to MAA recommending Andrew Falkenberg for the vacant district 2 position.

## **Old Business:**

President Bail introduced new Executive Board Member, Arthur Grimes of the City of Zeeland.

## **New Business:**

President, Bail asked for a motion to approve Timothy Vandermark as a new Executive Board Member per the board's recommendation at the Executive Board Meeting in December 2005. It was moved by Past President, Al Nykamp and supported by member Marty Marshall. Timothy Vandermark is the Equalization Director of Eaton County. Then the slate of Executive Board members were reviewed and recognized. A list of Executive Board Members with a map of the MMAAO area was circulated.

Membership dues were increased from \$10.00 per year to \$15.00, at the Executive Board meeting on December 6, 2005. The increase will allow the board to subsidize meals. Meals will continue to cost \$15.00. Vice-President, Falkenberg added that fees for a meeting location have gone up. He added a room fee is charged now when it hadn't been before.

Scholarship funds will continue to be available for those taking classes, including home study courses, to specifically increase their level of certification. The MMAAO Executive Board encourages MAA District 2 members to join MMAAO to take advantage of these monies.

Approval of the 2006 budget was moved and supported.

**Other Business:** The meeting schedule for 2006 was discussed.

January 19, 2006, Lansing  
May 4, 2006, Holland Area  
June 22, 2006 – Golf Outing & Euchre Tournament – Location to be determined.  
August 24, 2006, Battle Creek Area  
October 26, 2006 Jackson Area

President Bail commented that Secretary Pulling would re-type the bi-laws and forward electronically to Andrew Falkenberg.

Much appreciation was given to Past-President Al Nykamp. He was also thanked with a gift of a “Small Wonder” palm pilot.

A 2006 membership list was circulated to everyone in attendance. The members were asked to review and make notes on it of any errors or members that had left assessment administration or deceased. Secretary Pulling received it back and will correct list and forward it to Andrew Falkenberg for the website.

### **Organization Reports:**

- Michigan Assessors Association – Marty Marshall said that the next meeting was on January 23, 2006. He added that there was a vacancy from Phil Chalifoux position. In regards to finances, MAA is “solid, much better than three years ago”. He added that the auditor had commented now that the organization was a \$300,000 per year operation; they needed to make create location for the monies. Marshall continued that the MAA supported a bill yesterday that will expand the JBOR and DBOR to include personal property changes. Marshall said that the west side school location would be finalized soon. Gaylord School had many complaints in 2005. So much so that the location may have to be changed in 2007.
- International Association of Assessing Officers – Andrew Falkenberg commented on the recent ambitious membership drive. He suggested interested parties should contact him, Roger McCarty of Cascade Township, or Marty Marshall. He added that Soo School would be June 25 through June 30, 2006.
- State Tax Commission – Harold Anderson commented on the placement of DNR properties on a separate roll. He said these properties cannot be taken out of the agricultural class. When put on a separate roll they should be taken as loss and losses at the assessed and taxable values he reported to the assessors. He commented that there will be changes on classification appeals that are denied at March Board of Review including a new form distributed by the assessor. Anderson commented on local assessors not showing up for appeals at the STC. A member asked if possible confusion is taken into consideration when the appeal is “staff recommendation”. Finally, he announced David Lee was changing assignments and going to Calhoun County to be the Equalization Director there.
- Michigan Tax Tribunal – None.
- State Assessors Board – None.
- MAED – None.

**Guest Speaker:** Harold Anderson, Manager Assessment Review Unit, Assessment and Certification Division. Subject 14 Point Review.

### **50/50 Drawing:**

Reid Duford, City of Midland won \$54.00 out of the \$109.00 collected.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Pulling, Secretary