

**MID-MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS
PIERCE CEDAR CREEK INSTITUTE - HASTINGS, MI
NOVEMBER 7, 2007 – 12:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MMAAO**

12:15pm

President Falkenberg welcomed everyone to the meeting, guests were introduced and the Director of the Pierce Cedar Creek Institute gave a welcome, a brief history and description of the facility.

Invocation: President Falkenberg - lunch served.

Meeting was called to order by President Falkenberg.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary's report (meeting minutes of August 29, 2007 and Board Meeting of September 17, 2007) were reviewed and motion made by Al Nykamp supported by Ruth Blake to be accepted and approved as submitted.

Unanimous - Motion Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Loar reviewed the treasurer's report that had been distributed indicating a balance of \$3,280.25. It was noted that the date on the report should be corrected to November 7, 2007. Motion by Bonnie Payton to approve the treasurer's report with the corrected date. Supported by Marcia Bail.

Unanimous- Motion Approved.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee report was submitted recommending the following slate of officers for the upcoming year: President- Julie Pulling, Vice President-Mary Ellen Loar, Treasurer-Timothy Vandermark, Secretary-Arthur Grimes, Board Members-Amanda Lacelle, & Bonnie Payton, Past President-Andrew Falkenberg. *(The new board member being recommended by the committee is Bonnie Payton)*. Motion by Vicki Mesik to approve the nominating committee's report. Supported by Dave VanderHeide.

Unanimous – Motion Approved.

Correspondence:

President Falkenberg presented a letter from the IAAO recognizing the 50th Anniversary of MMAAO. He also displayed a plaque from IAAO honoring the 50th Anniversary. Those in attendance at the meeting all received a commemorative letter opener from the MMAAO and a magnification ruler from the IAAO recognizing the anniversary.

Old Business:

- 1) President Falkenberg stated that the web site was up and running, is in excellent condition and includes links to the MAA and IAAO web sites.
- 2) MMAAO logo – The contest for the logo did not have many contestants and it was decided that the contest should continue until December 31, 2007. The winner of the contest will have their 2008 MMAAO meeting fees and dues waived.

New Business:

Election- Motion by Howard Feyen and supported by Judy Mudge to appoint the slate of officers as recommended by the nominating committee.

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Unanimous – Motion Approved.

Organization Reports:

MAA: Jan Markowski reported that 781 students had attended the short courses and next year the ECF class would be presented at each location. There was some discussion in regard to the State Assessors Board letter regarding re-certification education to be changed from an annual 6 hour to a mandatory 12 hour annual requirement. Following some discussion it was determined that the MMAAO should send a letter to the State Assessors Board Executive Secretary indicating approval for the additional training and education, but also commented that the training and education presentation should be improved. Members in the past had experienced some of the instructors relying too much on the printed material and reading from it excessively rather than “teaching” the material.

IAAO: Marty Marshall reported that the IAAO Conference will be held September 7-10, 2008 in Reno, Nevada. He also reported that the IAAO may be coming to Grand Rapids in 2013 and will be seeking commitments from the various organizations in Michigan to serve on the host committee. It was also suggested that the MMAAO acquire a copy of the IAAO movie “Assessment Time”

STC: District 5 representatives Louie Rodgers and Jane McLeod stated that they have been very busy with 14 point reviews and currently have years of follow up to complete. The State Tax Commission has years of work to do as well. They also indicated that three (3) assessors were found to be assessing property that exceeds their certification level.

SAB: No report

MTT: No report

MAED: Blaine McLeod reported that the MAED has also endorsed the additional State Assessors Board recommended training hours that are proposed as a requirement for re-certification.

Other Business:

Past presidents of MAAO that were in attendance were recognized with special recognition to past president Keith JonCock, president in 1971. Presidents preceding that date were not in attendance.

Past President JonCock received an IAAO shirt in recognition for his attendance at the meeting and his previous service. It was noted that the following other previous presidents were in attendance: Lou White-City of Kalamazoo, Jan Markowski – City of Jackson, Ruth Blake-Kalamazoo Charter Township, Marty Marshall-Lenawee County Equalization, Howard Feyen-Holland Charter Township, Judy Mudge-City of Battle Creek, Jane Meddaugh-City of East Lansing, Vicki Mesik-City of East Grand Rapids, Al Nykamp-Park Township, Marcia Bail-Athens Township, Current President Andrew Falkenberg-City of Kalamazoo.

Program:

Mr. Scott Ambs, GIS Coordinator in Jackson County gave an overview of the pictometry work that he has been involved with for Jackson County. He demonstrated the many ways that the system can be used to assist not only assessors but other departments of governmental units in maintaining their data.

50/50 Drawing was won by Dave Vander Hyde (\$44). Al Nykamp and Mary Ellen Loar each won IAAO shirts.

At 3:00 pm a decorated cake commemorating the MMAAO 50th Anniversary was served and the meeting was adjourned.

Arthur D. Grimes

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Secretary