

**MEETING MINUTES OF MID-MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS
DARYL'S DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT
JACKSON, MI
NOVEMBER 5, 2008 – 12:00 PM**

President Julie Pulling welcomed the members and guests to the meeting. It was noted by President Pulling that there was a large contingency of Jackson area assessing staff contributing to a total attendance of 50 persons.

Al Nykamp offered the lunch invocation.

There was a slight delay with lunch being served and President Pulling proceeded to call the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the August 13 general membership meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: As of November 4, 2008 the MMAAO bank balance was \$2388.82. Motion was made to support the treasurer's report which was unanimously approved. President Pulling advised the membership that three scholarship awards have been presented during 2008 (Jason Yoakam, Jo LaGow, Stephanie Hutchinson). It was further announced that scholarship applications may be submitted for 2009 educational opportunities.

There was no old business brought up.

The nominating committee was introduced and thanked for their work (the members were Dan Bengel, Bill Davis, Ken Fickle). The nominating committee placed the name of Jason Yoakum in nomination for the upcoming vacant Board position. President Pulling asked for additional nominations, member Marty Marshall made a motion that a slate consisting of the current officers along with the nomination from the nominating committee be approved and that a unanimous ballot be cast. Motion supported all voting aye except Amanda Lasalle.

Lunch was served.

President Pulling called for organizational reports:

MAA: no report, no one representing MAA present.

IAAO: Andrew Falkenberg, and Marty Marshall recommended that IAAO members support Mike Stone and Marty Marshall for the current IAAO position that they are seeking. Members were asked to complete the survey on the IAAO schools.

STC: Activities were reported by Louie Rogers stating that there's been an increase in the number of one year sales studies, with "mini" reviews from a number of units indicating that assessing practices with regard to developing land values and ECF's needs to be improved.

MTT: Victoria Enyaart was present and stated that she is now, once again a member of the Tribunal. She suggested that assessors should carefully examine the proposed opinions that are being issued by the Tribunal and if inconsistencies or errors are noted, the opinion should be challenged within 20 days of its receipt. At this time the Tribunal has approximately 15,000 appeals/applications in the system.

MAAD: Michigan Association of Equalization Directors: No Report

Program: Mickey Knight from Knight Consulting, Michigan Assessors Association Legislative Agent addressed a number of legislative issues relating to property tax and assessment stating that assessor's need to become acquainted with their legislators, emphasizing that generally assessors are not the most well liked citizens however, the legislature recognizes that the Assessor's Association is made up of persons having substantial, if not the most property tax knowledge in the State of Michigan and you may become your legislators go to person for property tax issues/new legislation etc. Assessors need to get to know their legislators.

50/50 drawing: \$61.00 Brian VanBlercum.

Adjournment 2:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

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