



**MID-MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS
CAUSEWAY BAY HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER - LANSING, MI
JANUARY 21, 2009 – 12:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES**



12:15pm

President Loar welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Invocation: Howard Feyen- lunch served.

12:35

Meeting was called to order by President Loar. Introductions of the 2009 Board were presented, Board Member Jason Yoakam, Board Member Bonnie Payton, Secretary Amanda Lacelle, Treasurer Tim Vandermark, Past President Julie Pulling, Vice President Arthur Grimes, Web Developer Andrew Falkenberg

Secretary's Report:

Motion to approve by Art Grimes, supported by Julie Pulling. Unanimous-Motion Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve the treasurer's report. Supported.
Unanimous- Motion Approved.

Nominating Committee

None

Correspondence:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Organization Reports:

MAA: Marty Marshall reported that the first meeting was held on January 20, 2009. Revenue is down with educational courses due to budget constraints with municipalities. Educational Committee is reviewing whether Grand Rapids site should be continued for education courses. Membership is sustaining. Board approved FGCD-deferred action. Board sent letter to the State regarding concerns with the PRE audit program. There's a vacancy in Region III.

IAAO: Marty Marshall stated his appreciation for all those who supported him with the election to the IAAO. He was elected. An executive meeting will be held in Kansas City for new board members. The 75th Conference will be held in Louisville, Kentucky. Posters for purchase will be available at the conference and MMAAO might want to consider this. IAAO is experiencing revenue issues as other organizations. In December, MAA met regarding the 2013 IAAO Conference scheduled in Grand Rapids and board wants to consider putting money aside for the conference. They also want to consider having a presence at the 2012 IAAO Conference in Arizona. In addition, they're beginning to set up committees by assigning chairs and time tables.



STC: David Lee and Kelli Sobel presenting program regarding State issues.

SAB: No report

MTT: Victoria Enyart introduced Judge Patricia Helm of the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Enyart reported that they have approximately 15,000 cases and very back logged. The Tribunal is concerned with assessors' not responding to cases. Judge Helm stated that they have stacks of cases due to insufficient staffing, high volume of cases, and contractual referees no longer available. Tribunal may return to contractual referees. They will not be scheduling hearings in March.

MAED: No report.

BSA: Dan Bengel reports that some changes made to software, make sure you do update

Other Business:

President Loar reminded members that MMAAO grants two scholarships for education every year.

Program:

Kelli Sobel, Executive Secretary of the State Tax Commission presents:

- 14 point review difficult due to budget
 - State going to 3 prong system: reviewing certification statements, mini 14-pt reviews, and contracting out
 - State looking at Equalization role
 - Commission successful with mini reviews, provides the same results
- Classification appeals
 - 371 for commercial/industrial in 2008, 100 typical
 - Many filed to Circuit Court
 - State questions how many appeals should be allowed
 - Different process used, worked well for agricultural but not com/ind
- Utility appeals
 - State granting \$500,000 to jurisdictions with these appeals
 - Requirements for \$ limited to Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties
 - Assessments over 60 million but unclear on value
- STC projects many appeals to Board of Review this year with CPI at 4.4%
- State wants to be better educated this years, wants all jurisdictions using 2 year sales study to submit to State
- CPI anticipated for next year is beginning to look like less than 1% or less but no provisions in law for negative CPI
- Meijer appeal should be reviewed by assessors

David Lee, Executive Secretary of the State Assessors' Board presents:

- Board's main function
 - Administer certification, education/training, revocation
 - Trying to improve licenses with high quality education
 - Required classes successful
 - Taking stronger approach to revocation process
 - Range of options, probation, letter of reprimand, more education, suspend license, revoke license
- New requirements 08/09, 6 hours of mandatory and 6 hours of electives
 - Board flexible on elective courses for education
 - On-line courses available still
 - State wants testing online, much more efficient

- 2 Level IV's were certified
- Reviewing assessor's with multiple units, 18 mos to get level if needed
- Various questions presented to Kelli Sobel



50/50 Drawing was won by Bob Lucas who generously returned and then won by someone else.

Amanda Lacelle

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Secretary

Minutes approved at April 23, 2009 meeting