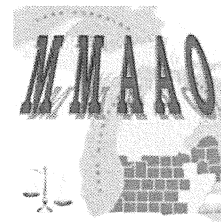


MID-MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS
CAUSEWAY BAY HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER
JANUARY 27, 2010 – 12:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES
PENDING APPROVAL



12:05pm

President Grimes welcomes members and guests.
Howard Feyen offered the invocation.

1:00

Meeting was called to order by President Arthur Grimes. Art reported that members having difficulty retrieving documents on web. Andrew explained that the issue is Internet Explorer 8 and he will have it resolved by tonight. Past President Mary Ellen announced to members that when making reservation, please make sure you get a confirmation.

Secretary's Report:

Motion to approve October 22nd meeting minutes.
Report supported and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve October 22nd treasurer's report.
Report supported and approved.

Old Business:

MTT letter will be addressed by Judge Enyart.

New Business:

President Grimes suggested for approval that MMAAO donate half of the 50/50 proceeds. Scott Ingersoll suggested he contact IAAO on protocol of donations. Judge Enyart reported that the IAAO encourages the local conference committee to get organizations such as MMAAO to sponsor specific functions of the conference, such as coffee breaks, opening receptions, etc.

Organizations Report:

MAA:

Scott Ingersoll reported that MAA had their first meeting and discussed the New STC, issues with advisory committees, and appointed the new Treasurer, Denise Chalevoix. There is an opening in District two. The summer conference was scheduled and there is a historical theme with costume requirement.

IAAO:

Mary Ellen read Marty Marshall's report. See attached report.

MTT:

Judge Enyart will be attending the meetings as the representative from the Michigan Tax Tribunal, since she has been a member since the 80's. The MTT received the letter from the MMAAO regarding the return of telephonic hearings. The Tribunal's decision was based on the following:

- More telephonic hearings were adjourned causing turnover for referees who were expecting a certain amount of cases per week.

- In-person hearings take precedent over telephonic, and many petitioner's requesting them.
- Referees hearing appeals in one location within the county, allowing several to be heard in a specific time frame.

There are new rules for hearings. 21 days for exchange of information from the time the hearing is scheduled, not 28 and there is a new scheduler. All the change rules on the MTT website so please review.

Judge Enyart reported there are approximately 10,000 classification appeals, 27,000 new cases, and 16,600 past cases. Also, she emphasized that industrial and commercial properties can appeal to the local Board of Review but are not mandated to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

MAED:

Met on January 5th in Clare. President Rowley approached organization for financial assistance with the defense of the Klooster case.

BSA:

Dan Bengel reported that back-up versions for 2005 and 2008 are not compatible but import/exports are okay.

Program: Kelli Sobel, Executive Director of the State Tax Commission:

- 6 hour requirement still in place, working on new certification
- On 12/28, SAB abolished
- Barry Simon appointed to STC
- Four committees have all met, some twice
 - Education
 - Certification
 - Assessor's Disciplinary
 - Level IV
- Completed new education requirements for level I, II
- Next year around this time will have classes and programs
- 6 disciplinary cases, 3 are going to the STC, and the remainder under review
- Level IV will meet at the end of February and make recommendations in April
- Attempting to sort through Classification appeals:
 - 119 cases in 2007
 - 397 cases in 200
 - 1601 cases in 2009
 - 17 Class Appeals cases from 2008 went to Circuit Court. About 13 or 14 went to COA. There were about 50 cases filed in the courts for 2009
 - State went by report from assessors and report will be required again
 - Many appeals taxpayers are unaware of.
- STC funded appeal to Supreme Court on Klooster case
 - Supreme Court will most likely take case
 - Important case since uncapping is at issue
- Questions:
 - Disabled Housing-frozen values on Ad Valorem roll, and stay at value unless challenged, place in BSA to toggle value
 - Were there any legislative changes to 211.7d
 - Changes were made and will be redone.

President Arthur Grimes presented Past President Mary Ellen Loar with gift for dedicated service on the MMAAO Board. Gift Certificate to Best Buy.

President also announced that Andrew has fixed the issue with the website.

50/50 winner was Bob Vujea who donated the proceeds back to the education fund.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 2:15.

Next meeting on April 15th in Kalamazoo.

IAAO Report

The IAAO Executive Board met in Kansas City MO at IAAO headquarters on January 22nd and 23rd. The new members were sworn in and both new and returning members went through an orientation and training session conducted by the Chair of Planning and Rules, Carol Kuehn.

The finance reports indicate that IAAO should finish the year in the black. The restricted reserve, the rainy day fund, did not make much money over the course of the year but also did not lose money. Reports were presented by all of the IAAO department directors reviewing the responsibilities of their departments and the plans for 2010. The PAV book should be ready for distribution at conference and the 300 series, the Mass Appraisal text and classes, is progressing.

After presentation by Nancy Tomberlin, the board approved revisions and updates to three standards, the Ratio Study Standard, the Public Relations Standard and the Tax Policy Standard. The board also adopted a Research Committee report on Assessment Caps and approved publishing the report on the web.

Development of e-learning capability continues and a University has indicated an interest in creating a partnership with the association on this issue. IAAO is also partnering with the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyor, RICS, to present a one day seminar in Washington DC in March. The seminar will be videotaped and IAAO may use the presentations for webinars later in the year. A special International Committee was appointed to work on creating greater membership outside of North America and one of the charges of the membership committee is to focus on international concerns. The board approved an affiliate membership application from the Korean Appraisal Board.

Under the direction of the Chair of Planning and Rules, the board worked on strategic planning and goal setting to identify issues of importance for 2010 and beyond.