



MID-MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS
GENE DAVIS & SONS CATERING & BANQUET CENTER – JACKSON, MI
NOVEMBER 18, 2010 – 12:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES
PENDING APPROVAL



12:07PM

President Grimes welcomes members and guests.

12:45 Amanda Lacelle gave the invocation.

12:50PM

Meeting was called to order by President Grimes.

Secretary's Report:

Motion made and supported to approve the Aug 19, 2010 meeting minutes – Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Bonnie Payton reported that the Treasurer's report is on the MMAAO website. Copies have been made and are available at meeting. Funds of \$3,944.90 for final year end. Reminder to keep copy of paid membership of \$15.00. Membership fee may change for 2011.

Motion made and supported to approve the Treasurer's Report – Motion passed.

Old Business:

Mary Ellen introduced Nominating committee, Steve Rickers, Mary Ellen Loar, and Kelly Zeisemer, who nominated:

President, Tim Vandermark
Vice President, Amanda Lacelle
Secretary, Jason Yoakam
Treasurer, Bonnie Payton
Board Member, James Bush
Board Member, Laura Stob
Subscribing Member, Robert Vujea
Past President, Arthur Grimes

Grimes opened the floor for additional nominations-none offered.

Motion made and supported to approve Laura Stob to the MMAAO Board.

New Business:

Special thanks by President Grimes to Jason Yoakam for putting together such an informative and well-received program.

Organization Reports:

MAA- Scott Engerson stated that group met at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, STC wants MAA to sponsor Level III and Level IV transition courses, which is still in discussion mode.

The MAA short courses held in Traverse City showed an increase from 600 +/- in Gaylord to 742.

MAED – No report.

IAAO – Recently celebrated that the mortgage was paid off on IAAO headquarters in Kansas City. Highest & Best Use course will be offered soon taught by Michigan instructor? Legal Seminar will be held in Chicago. Scott sent letters to organizations requesting donations for Conference held in Grand

Rapids in 2013. Equalization Directors Association recently gave \$1,000. The 2012 IAAO Conference is in Phoenix, Arizona.

STC – Louie Rogers spoke about the additional 10,000 classification appeals being filed. Recertification next year will include ten hours on continuing education on classification matters, the tax calendar, and court appeals. 10-16 hours for continuing education will be required. Six or seven assessors had their licenses' revoked. Entry level assessor program doing well and committee met on Saturday's to design program. Level IV classes begin in December, there are approximately twenty students, Level III program will be revamped, as well, for next year. There are not enough good sales, too many foreclosures, and State still issuing the one year sales study. The classification appeals are a big concern now. Some classifications are blatantly incorrect and need to be corrected due to the amount of revenue at risk. MBT allows for industrial properties to be taxed at a reduced rate and also refunds .35 back to taxpayer for every \$1 spent so very important to have correct classification. STC would like MMAAO to sponsor course, discussions ongoing, Art would like to know interest from membership by show of hands, most of group interested. Tim discussed that the course's topic might be on "How to Critique an Appraisal."

5 Minute Break.

MTT – Judge Enyart spoke on the 10,000 additional classification appeals, which will first go to the Michigan Tax Tribunal, then the Court of Appeals. There will be a new chair assigned next year. Art Grimes presented a scenario, in which a tentative agreement was made between taxpayer and assessor, and when assessor showed up for hearing, taxpayer notified that they were moving forward with appeal. Judge Enyart stated that always have a stipulation signed if agreement made.

BS&A - Dan Bengel stated that the .net software recently updated personal property statements and there was a 4015 issue that was corrected.

Program:

Jason Yoakam presented Trooper White of the Michigan State Police; "Dangers In the Field: No Trespassing, Meth Labs, Gangs, Dogs & More

50/50 Drawing went to Phillip Chalifoux, \$82.00 prize.

Adjournment - 3:30PM.