## **South Dakota Association of Assessing Officers**



## **Executive Board Meeting**

June 12, 2014

## Call to Order

President Lori Mackey called the meeting to order on Thursday June 12, 2014 at The Lodge at Deadwood, in Deadwood, SD at 2:50 p.m.

President Lori Mackey opened meeting up for discussion as no formal agenda was presented.

Renee Buck discussed the need to fill a vacancy on the NCRAAO board as Harvey Kistler is retiring. Patty Caster was selected to fill that vacant position. Also that there was a vacancy on the reappraisal committee which Lori Mackey said she would take care of.

President Lori Mackey talked about the associations bylaws being out of date. She cited several examples including where Eli Whitney was still listed as our registered agent. She stated that our bylaws would be reviewed and updated accordingly. Rownea Gerbracht suggested having them printed and placed in folders for distribution and that the publication committee would take care of that.

President Lori Mackey mentioned that the new CSDA Vice President is now Melanie Sanner.

President Lori Mackey welcomed and congratulated Brandy Meier on her election as the new SDAAO Treasurer. Rownea Gerbracht mentioned that District 1 will need to re-elect a chair since Brandy is now elected as Treasurer.

Joe Doran suggested some grants for counties for attending conference/school since our cash balance is so high. He suggested that a committee could be formed to decide on the criteria to be used to award the grants. Patty Caster said that any excess dollars would be better applied to our education. Rownea Gerbracht agreed that our education should be addressed first. President Lori Mackey asked Karla Harkness if there would be a benefit to get local members certified as IAAO instructors and maybe to use that money in that fashion. Karla stated that it is a great idea, but difficult to find volunteers willing to become certified. Carrie Stephenson commented not to focus totally on IAAO as there are limited classes. She stated that we need other types of classes as well. Patty Caster supported Carrie adding that we need other classes as well citing a construction class as an example. Kyle Helseth commented that within in his office they have taken 118 IAAO classes and that some people have taken the same course at least 4 times. Kyle suggested that we need more basic core classes more than once a year. President Lori Mackey discussed the possibility, if a certain criteria is met that maybe courses wouldn't need to be tested. Kyle Helseth stated that he has re-certified 6 times. Mike Houdyshell said he is willing to look at the criteria for continuing education, but was unsure as to where to draw the line. Mike commented that we don't want to open ourselves up to the possibility of being challenged in court on our education. Mike suggested the education committee come up with a proposal that DOR would review and consider. Kyle Helseth mentioned the expense of continuing education his office incurs do to the number of appraisers he has. President Lori Mackey suggested the possibility of having some

online courses or workshops as an alternative. Carrie Stephenson commented that for new people they learn as much or more meeting with others in the association and discussing topics as they do in some of the classes, and that a balance of such needed to somehow be kept. Brandy Meier suggested some type of "Hours" of continuing education instead of courses and that it could be by choice of the appraiser whether online or in a formal school.

President Lori Mackey opened up the floor for suggestions for someone to attend the IAAO conference in Sacramento, CA as she will not be able to attend. Rownea Gerbracht stated that to attend an IAAO conference that the person must also be a member in good standing of IAAO. Shannon Rittberger suggested if a non-member wanted to attend, to get them a membership and send them. Carrie Stephenson mentioned that as president of SDAAO that there is a free scholarship to attend the conference. Kyle Helseth commented that timing is critical to get early bird prices. Shannon Rittberger stated that he and Allison Jensen would find someone to attend in Lori Mackey's place.

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Carrie Stephenson and seconded by Patty Caster. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

By Chris Lilla, Vice President on behalf of Joe Doran, Secretary