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Maine Municipal Tax Collectors' & Treasurers' Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 5, 2007
10:00 AM
Maine Municipal Association, Augusta, ME

Present: Gayle Doyon, Vera Parent, Pamela Griffith, Linda Cyr-Conference Call, Tracey Hodgdon-Hyson, Marilyn Curtis,

Absent: Carlo Puiia, Stu Marckoon

1. Call to Order: President Gayle Doyon called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Gilberte Mayo, seconded by Vera Parent, all approved the March 13, 2007 minutes.
3. Approval of Treasurer's Report: Pam Griffith presented the March 31, 2007 & April 30th financial reports. A motion made by Vera Parent, seconded by Gilberte Mayo, all approved the financial reports as presented.
4. Correspondence:
5. Old Business:
 - a. Pins-Vera Parent reported she spoke with Logan Stamp and he has no problem with printing them all for \$8.95 a piece. He said whatever we want to do he will do. It was asked if the company could mail the pins out. Brief discussion on the price of the name pins and purpose. This idea was dropped and further discussion on a new pin for members and certified members.

It was discussed that possible do one color pin - silver for a member, and one do up a bigger one that says Certified MMTCTA. Motion made by Pam Griffith, seconded by Audrey Goucher, all approved that the final decision for the pin would be circular, one inch, silver around the circle of the pin, inside would have MMTCTA on top side – inner edge, center would be State of Maine – color Hunter green, background would be a light green, and the dollar sign would be silver for members. For Certification the circle would be gold – center of the State of Maine would be the dollar sign gold. Motion made by Vera Parent, seconded by Paul Labrecque to change the MMTCTA logo to the new design of the pin, all approved. Vera Parent will work with Jaime Clark to design the new logo and colors for the pin. Then Jaime Clark can send to the Vendor who is making up the pins for the board.

Vera Parent asked if the Board would like a Name pin done up. Motion made by Paul Labrecque, seconded by Linda Cyr to have the Board have a Name pin with the new logo, all approved. The preference is to have the name badge silver, have the multicolor logo, outline rim green, dark green letters.
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Certification Committee – Pam Griffith reported Joan Kiszely gave her one more to approve.
 - b. Legislation – Paul Labrecque reported that this was a very interesting session. He monitored a lot on Excise Tax. The good news was they were able to kill every single

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bill. Although there is one that would of dictated what you would have had on your tax bill. The original bill was LD 1144. The bill would have required how much the bill was reduced from state aid. They didn't back off from the indebtedness to include the school or district. The timing has not been established. The sponsor was from Auburn. Paul notified him to see why he wanted this bill. He wanted the State Assessor to dictate what the bill would look like. Paul noted we don't need the state to dictate how the bill looks. It wanted that left alone for the standard bill. April 2008 LD 1144 will be implemented. The only thing that will be changed would be the indebtedness. This bill was totally watered down from the original. MMA sent out a survey to see how much cost it would be associated with this. Paul noted it would be a minor change at no cost and minor change on the bill. This is an unfunded mandate of the cost. They will hold over the Tax Study. There will be a study group convening at some point and possible come up with a bill to look at Excise-LD 459. Bill to make tax collector separate from treasurer was killed. Brief discussion on this. LD 1710-did not pass-attempt to make proceeds back to owner who didn't pay their taxes. LD 199-taxes paid by decedent.

- c. Membership: Linda Cyr reported – no report.
- d. Newsletter: Vera Parent noted she made a CD on the conference. She noted she would get together with Marilyn Curtis and Joan Kiszely to draft a newsletter.
- e. Professional Development: Gayle Doyon reported:
 - i. Review of Evaluations of the 2007 Annual Conference-Saco & Orono: Gayle Doyon noted everything looked good except for the administrative part – not enough handouts etc. Gayle Doyon noted she did an email to Joan Kiszely about what she felt went wrong on the Orono location. Brief discussion on the evaluations. Joan Kiszely noted she was aware of all the issues that went wrong at the Orono conference and is addressing this issue with the staff person that prepared her for this conference.
 - ii. Discussion about 2008 Annual Conference: Gayle Doyon reported that Joan Kiszely marketed Spruce Point for a possible two-day conference for the north & south to come together. Gilberte Mayo reported on possible having MGFOA being invited to this conference. It was also noted that possible offering some Basic Tax, Tax Liens, and some mandatory classes – like VDT & Sexual Harassment courses. Lengthy discussion on the format and possible doing a survey to whether or not they would attend a two day event or a one day. The discussion on bringing the North & South together for the Annual Conference. Linda Cyr reported that members in the north cannot get out of the office for a two-day conference, and she still wants the conference off the interstate and not at a remote location. Discussion Tabled until Retreat.
Discussion on Hats & shirts at Conference to members: Tabled until Retreat
 - iii. Review of Evaluations of Tax Liens, Basic Excise: Gilberte Mayo reported she could not answer questions in regards to Motor Vehicle questions that she could not answer because she wasn't the expert. Gilberte Mayo asked the Board to help defray the cost to go to the Motor Vehicle classes she would like to attend. Motion made by Linda Cyr, seconded by Paul Labreque, all approved to authorize Gilberte Mayo to attend the Motor Vehicle Workshops at the closest training and reimburse her for mileage and meals.
It was noted that Tax Liens was positive. A few wanted more basic. Gilberte Mayo noted she goes over a lot of the basics at her workshop.

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- iv. Number of members attending Governmental Accounting I & II Workshops: Joan Kiszely reported there are 68 attending Government I, and 50 for Government Accounting II.
 - v. Gayle Doyon reported they had scheduled a New Collectors and Treasures workshop. Gayle Doyon noted that we are going to postpone this workshop for this year. She felt and the Board concurred that the curriculum of this Class needs to be reviewed by the Board before anyone teaches this workshop. They will plan on holding this workshop in 2008 once the Board has had time to get information from the Instructor and review the material.
- f. Website: Stu Marckoon: Absent
- g. Nomination Committee: Gayle Doyon & Linda Cyr reported they are all set to date with this because we just had an Annual Conference.

7. New Business:

- a. Invoice to the Association for Training-Central Maine Association of Assessing Officers-Gilberte Mayo: Gilberte Mayo reported she invoiced the MMTCTA for doing a class in Newport for the Central Maine Association of Assessing Officers. She noted she did the same class in 2004 and got permission, but didn't ask permission this time around. Pam Griffith felt the Central Maine Association of Assessing Officers should of paid the bill. Gilberte Mayo noted they didn't have the money to pay her expenses. She assumed she would be reimbursed and apologized to the board for not getting permission ahead of time. Motion made by Paul Labrecque, seconded by Marilyn Curtis to have Gilberte Mayo's invoice for about \$230 paid for this time for instructor fee and mileage, but in the future for them to pay for whoever request the service. Opposed 5, For 3. Motion failed. Motion made by Audrey Goucher, seconded by Vera Parent for Gilberte Mayo's mileage be paid for only for this course. 5 in favor, 3 opposed, Motion carried.
- b. July 24th Retreat at Audrey's Camp-Agenda Items for Retreat: The retreat will be at 10:00 a.m.
- c. Other items of interest-Retirement of Board Member: Gayle Doyon noted we should do something for Audrey Goucher on her retirement. It was suggested we rent a room and do an Open House and invite her family, MMTCTA Board, MMTCTA members (invite via the list serve) and do it in October. After Joan gave the report of the MMA Convention the timeframe for Wednesday & Thursday wouldn't work. It was talked about that we do something on Tuesday at a Restaurant. Joan Kiszely will talk to Gayle Doyon about the details and will email the Board.
- d. Brief discussion on the upcoming MMA Convention. Joan Kiszely reported on the Draft 2007 October Agenda.
- e. We had David Little sign up for the Legislative Committee, and Scott Gesualdi from Rangeley wanted to be on the committee. It was suggested that maybe have both mentor the instructors, because they would both be good instructors.

7. Adjournment: Motion made by Vera Parent, seconded by Gilberte Mayo to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

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