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MAINE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTORS & TREASURERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION
APRIL 14, 2009
10:00 A.M.

MINUTES

Present: Gayle Doyon, Vera Parent, Pam Griffith, Teresa Shaw, Paul Labrecque, Kelly Thibodeau, Tracy Hodgdon-Hyson, Marilyn Curtis, Stu Marckoon, David Little, Gilberte Mayo, Joan Kiszely.

Excused Absent:

1. Call to Order: Gayle Doyon called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by David Little, seconded by Vera Parent, all approved the March 10, 2009 minutes with minor revisions.
3. Approval of Treasurer's Report: Pam Griffith presented the February 2009 Financial Reports. Motion made by Stu Marckon, seconded by Vera Parent, all approved the financial reports.
4. Old Business
 - Update on Draft Certification application and process: The Board reviewed the final Certification applications. Paul Labrecque noted that Heather Hunter met with him this morning to point out a few things on the MMTCTA Certification. He reported that everyone in Lewiston will become certified. Brief discussion in regards to Cash Handling, Cash Management workshops. They decided to add MGFOA courses to Optional on the Application for Tax Collector and Treasurer. Motion made by David Little, seconded by Gayle Doyon, all approved the Certification application and process with David Little proofing the final via email once changes have been updated from this meeting.
 - Other Old Business:
 - Survey:** It was decided to make the Program 8 1/2 x 11 and add the minutes, financials, and survey (loose leaf insert) and amended by-laws. Motion made by David Little, seconded by Vera Parent, all approved to add the survey to the program for the annual conference.

List Serve: Brief discussion about the MMTCTA list serve.

By-Laws: Motion made by David Little, seconded by Vera Parent, all approved the Amended By-laws with changes noted which will be

provided at the annual conference pending and email to David Little to review before we send out to the membership. The board wants MMA to send out another copy of the By-laws to members without email.

New Business

- LD 974 – This bill presented to the Legislature by petition would cut the motor vehicle excise tax rates imposed on vehicles in their first 4 years of ownership by 50%-70% and in the 5th year of ownership by 38%.

Year of Registration	Current	Initiative
1	24 mills	12 mills
2	17.5 mills	8 mills
3	13.5 mills	4 mills
4	10 mills	4 mills
5	6.5 mills	4 mills
6 (and subsequent)	4 mills	4 mills

The initiative would also exempt from excise taxes for the first three years all hybrid vehicles, fuel cell vehicles, hydrogen-fueled vehicles and vehicles getting 40 mpg or better. The statewide loss of municipal revenue associated with this initiative is \$84 million per year.

David Little distributed his report and reviewed the report. See on MMTCTA website. David Little distributed a brochure on “How a Reduction in Maine Vehicle Excise Tax Affects You.” Lengthy discussion to how to get these brochures out. It was decided that everyone should share the brochure with their Manager and come back to the next meeting with comments. Motion made by Stu Marckoon, seconded by Pam Griffith, all approved to table this to the next meeting.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2009-2010: Gayle Doyon distributed a draft Slate of Officers for 2009-2010. The committee will meet and give Joan Kiszely a name for the vacant position.

Certification: Pam Griffith reviewed two proposed certifications for approval. Both were approved.

Other New Business

- Retreat: Joan Kiszely reported on the three proposals (Lucerne Inn, Sunday River, Hollywood Slots Hotel & Raceway) she received for the Retreat in August. The board requested Joan Kiszely to negotiate on the prices for the three proposals and email the board a chart with prices so they can vote on a site.

5. Committee Reports
 - Professional Development Committee: Gilberte Mayo reported she has the evaluations for Tax Liens. Gilberte Mayo would like to move forward with the Payroll class in July 29th.
 - Communication Committee: Gayle Doyon reported that we will do another newsletter after the conference. She reported on the agenda for the Annual conference.
 - Membership Committee: Vera Parent – no report!
6. Adjournment: Motion made by Gilberte Mayo, seconded by Vera Parent, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m.