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Telecommunication Poles & Conduits

Hello Everyone,

As you know, the Legislature failed to pass an extension of the tax exemption for telecommunication poles and conduits. A group of assessors along with the DRA and George (Skip) Sansoucy have been meeting to discuss the valuation of these poles and conduits in order to help communities throughout New Hampshire with valuing them.

The first step we recommend is for all communities to concentrate on identifying those telecommunication companies who have poles and conduits within their community. Do whatever you can to inventory them by contacting the taxpayer or counting them yourselves. A copy of an information request developed by George Sansoucy for FairPoint is available on the New Hampshire Assessors website at www.nhaao.org.

Discussions have also included how communities would handle the value once it is in place. Since we are unsure if FairPoint or other companies are going to appeal the valuation, it was suggested to **not** include the valuation of the poles and conduits on the MS-1 but create a supplemental warrant. Discussions with the DRA and this option have been ongoing and it is recommended you discuss your community's options with them.

We do not expect to have a formula available for communities by September and it could be as late as the first of next year. For those who are considering valuing the poles and conduits for this year and are waiting for this information, you have until March 31st to file a supplemental warrant (see RSA 76:14).

Sincerely,
Rosann Maurice-Lentz, CMA, CNHA
President, New Hampshire Association of Assessing Officials

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NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICIALS IAAO AFFILIATE DRAFT MINUTES

April 12, 2011 • NH Local Government Center, Concord, NH

I. **Call to Order/Board Roll Call** – President Rosann Maurice-Lentz.

II. **A Quorum of Members being present 21 the meeting began at 11:00am.**

President Maurice-Lentz asked for introductions of New Members and or Guests; Rick Vincent introduced her Granddaughter Madison – a hearty welcome went out to her for attending.

III. **Communications:** President Maurice-Lentz introduced a letter she received from LGC. They have conducting a review of their Affiliate list and their constitutions to be sure that none of them have language in their By-Laws/ Constitutions regarding conflicts in membership and financial issues. They have requested information and President Lentz will be compiling the information and sending it forward to LGC, and most likely meeting with them.

Membership clauses are part of what they are questioning.

LGC's goal is to protect their tax exempt status with the State and US Government. A copy of their letter is attached and made part of the Minutes.

IV. **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Gomez reported that the February 8th and March 8th, 2011 Minutes were sent to the members via list serve email, several copies were available today. Secretary Gomez asked for a motion to accept the minutes. **President Maurice-Lentz asked for a motion, Rex Norman moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mike Hathaway. There being no further discussion President Maurice-Lentz asked for the vote: 20-0-0 unanimous in favor.**

V. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Hathaway handed out a copy of the Treasurer's Report dated April 12, 2011 and the Income and Expense Statement for January 1, 2010 to April 11, 2011. All items balanced; there were no large or unusual expenditures, for the month. **President Maurice-Lentz called for a motion; Bob Gagne moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jim Commerford seconded, President Maurice-Lentz called for the vote: 20-0-0 unanimous**

in favor.

VI. Committee Reports:

By Laws: No Report Co-Chairs Tim Ballantine & Norm Bernaiche.

Certification: Co Chairs Norm Pelletier & Karen Marchant – Norm reported that the Committee has received a nomination to appoint Dominic D'Antoni and Robert Camp as Life Membership.

Bob Gagne moved to nominate Dominic D'Antoni to Life Membership of the NHA AO, seconded by Dave Gomez. President Maurice-Lentz asked for the vote – 20-0-0.

Bob Gagne moved to nominate Robert Camp to Life Membership of the NHA AO, seconded by Mike Hathaway. President Maurice-Lentz asked for the vote – 20-0-0.

Congratulations and good luck to Dominic (Past President), and Robert.

Conference: Chair Bob Gagne reported that the deposit for the Banquet Room at Fratello's has been sent – the room has been reserved for 2011.

Education: Chair Rick Brideau reported that the listing for courses is on the Association web site – feel free to contact him or a committee member for more information.

There is a need for speakers through this year's Board meetings.

The Committee is also working on education offerings in conjunction with the DRA – mini course type series.

Courses are posted on the web site www.nhaao.org

Election: No Report Chair Karen Marchant.

Ethics: No Report Chair Dave McMullen (Chair is to schedule a meeting to review and update the Standing Rules in the By-Laws).

Finance: No Report Chair Rick Vincent.

Legislative: Chair Rick Vincent reported on the ongoing sessions keep your eyes and ears open for Rick's spreadsheets and notices of changes. That being said, things move fast and furious, and this Legislature seems prefer closed door dealings late at night – BE VERY Attentive.

Newsletter & Technology: No Report - Chair Jon Duhamel.

As usual Articles are needed – DON'T BE SHY.

Get those articles in!

Nominating: Chair Rex Norman, reported that the Committee sought out several potential candidates to fill the Merrimack County Alternate to the Board, and is recommending Wil Corcoran to be appointed by the Board today. **President Maurice-Lentz asked for a motion; Karen Marchant moved to accept the Nominating Committees recommendation,**

seconded by Rick Brideau. President Maurice-Lentz asked for any comments – there were several comments regarding concerns of attendance. President Maurice-Lentz called for the vote – 0-19-1 (Dave Gomez abstained).

The Committee will go back to the 'drawing board' and report back next month.

Chair Norman also announced that the Committee has called for the following:

Nominations/candidates for 4 – ASB positions due this year, and 2 – ESB positions due this year.

All interested candidates much submit a form and a letter of intent to be considered to Chair Rex Norman.

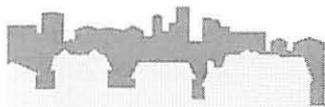
Publicity: No Report - Chair Karen Marchant

Scholarship Ad-Hoc: Chair Donna Langley reported that applications are due and there are three in the running at this time.

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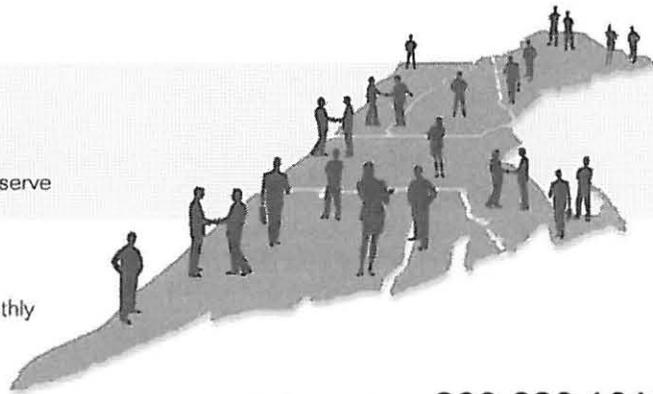
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VII. Other Reports from; Boards and Departments:

DRA: There was no comment made by/for DRA (Mary Pinkham-Langer was present).

BTLA: Cynthia Brown indicated that due to the budget process for the State this year, the Board position being occupied currently by Mr. Ricard will remain vacant upon his retirement at the end of December this year. The Legislature placed a 'stay' on filling the position for at least 5 months after the position becomes vacant.

Cynthia reports also that the Board asked her to report that 'Mediation Orders' have a 120 day 'response' time, with a onetime 30 day extension request period at the end of the 120 days. The Board will be strict in the enforcement of this Rule.

www.nh.gov/btla

NRAAO: William Ingalls NRAAO Representative, annual conference in May.

NHAAO hosting the 2015 NRAAO conference we

need volunteers – see Bill!

Web address www.nraao.org

IAAO: No Report - NHAAO Representative Dave McMullen

Go to the website for activities, etc. www.iaao.org

ASB: No Report - NHAAO Representative Scott Bartlett.

Also the ASB has concerns regarding DRA's 'NEW' checklist – apparently it has changed and the ASB will be discussing this at the upcoming meetings.

Look to the website for meetings and cancellation of meetings, etc.

Board will be discussing and or have discussed their annual agenda (list) and review of Rules to submit to JLCR (Joint Legislative Committee on Rules) – stay tuned.

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ESB: No Report - NHA AO Representative Bob Gagne.

Website as above, see ASB report section.

CUB: No Report - NHA AO Representatives Norm Pelletier and Norm Bernaiche.

Website is, as with above ESB, ASB, the same.

Old Business: Mary Pinkham-Langer, DRA, announced that the DRA has been working on new 'Mini Courses' the newest is the 'Overview of NH Assessing'. DRA is looking for sponsors/locations, and it is geared toward new staff and Selectmen/Assessors.

New Business: Bill Ingalls – commented on the term and definition of Active Duty for the veteran credit – DRA Rule 401.01 vs. RSA 72:28 do not seem to agree. He sees the best way is to fix this is to revise the Statute 72:28.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Association Board of Directors Meeting, President Maurice-Lentz asked for a motion to adjourn the

meeting; no objection, 20-0-0, unanimous in favor, the meeting adjourned at NOON.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 10th, 2011 at the Offices of LGC, Concord, NH

AS A COURTESY: PLEASE, CELL PHONES OFF AND TAKE SIDE CONVERSATIONS OUT OF THE MEETING ROOM.

Thank You So Much,

Your Most Humble Servant –

Respectfully Submitted:

David N. Gomez, CMA, CNHA
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NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICIALS IAAO AFFILIATE DRAFT MINUTES

May 10, 2011 • NH Local Government Center, Concord, NH

I. Call to Order/Board Roll Call – President Rosann Maurice-Lentz.

II. A Quorum of Members being present 18 the meeting began at 11:00am.

President Maurice-Lentz asked for introductions of New Members and or Guests; there were no new members or guests.

III. **Communications:** President announced there was no communications to report.

IV. **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Gomez reported there were no minutes available to day so there is no report. He will owe the Board two sets in June those for April and May. He makes most humble apologies for the delay.

V. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Hathaway handed out a copy of the Treasurer's Report dated May 10th, 2011, and the Income and Expense Statement for January 1, 2011 to May 9th, 2011. All items balanced; there were no large or unusual expenditures, for the month. **President Maurice-Lentz called for a motion; Karen Marchant moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Rick Brideau. There being no discussion, President Maurice-Lentz called for the vote 18-0-0 unanimous in favor.**

VI. Committee Reports:

By Laws: No Report Co-Chairs Tim Ballantine & Norm Bernaiche

Certification: No Report Co Chairs Norm Pelletier & Karen Marchant

Conference: No Report Chair Bob Gagne

Education: Chair Rick Brideau reported the Committee is looking for topics for the LGC Conference in November.

Courses are posted on the web site www.nhaao.org

Election: Chair Karen Marchant reminded the Board and the Nominating Committee, and those in attendance that timely nominations must be made and need to be in the summer edition of the Newsletter.

Ethics: No Report Chair Dave McMullen

Finance: No Report (Chair Rick Vincent)

Legislation: No Report Chair Rick Vincent

Newsletter & Technology: No Report (Chair Jon Duhamel).

As usual Articles are needed – DON'T BE SHY, or in the esteemed words of our leader – DON'T BE BASHFULL!

Get those articles in!

Nominating: Chair Rex Norman requested Dave Gomez, Committee member to report that the committee is recommending Sue Golden to fill the vacant Alternate position for Merrimack County until the end of the current term.

Norm Bernaiche moved to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation, seconded by Karen Marchant, there being no discussion, President Maurice-Lentz called for the vote – 18-0-0.

Thank you for coming back Sue – a loyal veteran!

Publicity: No Report Chair Karen Marchant

Scholarship Ad-Hoc: Chair Donna Langley – reported that the Steve Tellier Scholarship has been awarded to the following for 2011, Morgan Carey Mathews from Boscawen NH, attending Merrimack Valley High School; Brooke Nicole Ramsdell from Whitefield NH, attending White Mountains Regional High School; and Blake Heyn, from Nottingham, NH, attending Coe-Brown Northwood Academy.

VII. Other Reports; Boards and Departments:

DRA: Mr. Hamilton, Director, DRA Property Appraisal Division noted that DRA is working on the Low Income Tax Credit Housing rate, should be complete by end of month.

Equalization reports have been complete for all communities and unorganized units Statewide.

BTLA: Cynthia Brown reported that the Board does like the Friday sessions at the 'Conference' but there is not a problem to schedule another day, they need advance notice.

The Board is finishing work on the data base for Decisions, should be complete and running by June.

A bit of sad news, Chairman Franklin will be retiring as of July 1.

(A shocker for the Board of Directors of the NHA AO)

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NRAAO: No Report William Ingalls NRAAO Representative.

NHA AO host committee will be holding a meeting within the next month or so.

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Website as above, see ASB report section.



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CUB: No Report - NHAAO Representatives Norm Pelletier and Norm Bernaiche.

Website is, as with above ESB, ASB, the same.

Old Business: President Maurice-Lentz is still working on gathering information for LGC – more on that later as things develop.

New Business: No New Business

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Association Board of Directors Meeting, President Norman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; no objection, 21-0-0, unanimous in favor, the meeting adjourned at 11:50pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 14, 2011 at the Offices of LGC, Concord, NH

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President	1 st Vice President
<input type="checkbox"/> Richard A. Vincent	<input type="checkbox"/> Robert J. Gagne
<input type="checkbox"/> (Write in Candidate)	<input type="checkbox"/> (Write in Candidate)

2 nd Vice President	Treasurer
<input type="checkbox"/> Donna Langley	<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Hathaway
<input type="checkbox"/> (Write in Candidate)	<input type="checkbox"/> (Write in Candidate)

Secretary	Past President
<input type="checkbox"/> David M. Hynes	<input type="checkbox"/> Rosann Maurice-Lentz
<input type="checkbox"/> (Write in Candidate)	

At-Large Directors

Please Vote only for 5 (Five) Candidates

At-Large Directors
<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Bartlett
<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Commerford
<input type="checkbox"/> John DeVittori
<input type="checkbox"/> Karen Marchant
<input type="checkbox"/> Kathy Temchack
<input type="checkbox"/> Norman Pelletier
<input type="checkbox"/> Norman Bernaiche
<input type="checkbox"/> Martha Noel
<input type="checkbox"/> David Gomez
<input type="checkbox"/> Rex Norman
<input type="checkbox"/> Rick Brideau
<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Ballantine
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Rockingham - Director	Rockingham - Alternate
<input type="checkbox"/> Edward C. Tinker	<input type="checkbox"/> Angela Silva
Strafford - Director	Strafford - Alternate
<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas A. Mullen	<input type="checkbox"/> Robert A. Estey
Sullivan - Director	Sullivan - Alternate
<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel J. Langille	<input type="checkbox"/> George Hildum

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2011 Tentative Meeting Schedule

Place: New Hampshire Local Government Center
25 Triangle Park Drive
Concord, NH 03302

Time: Committee Meetings: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Education Meeting: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Business Meeting: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Dates: Tuesday, Jan 12 Tuesday, Jun 8
Tuesday, Feb 9 Tuesday, Jul 13*
Tuesday, Mar 9 Tuesday, Aug 10*
Tuesday, Apr 13 Tuesday, Sep 14
Tuesday, May 11 Tuesday, Oct 12
November 17-19 Annual Conference
Tuesday, Dec 14 (Work Session for Committee
Chairs and Board)

** Meeting will take place only if needed*

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January 15th (Feb. Issue) July 15th (Aug. Issue)
April 15th (May Issue) October 15th (Nov. Issue)

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