

SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS
Executive Board Meeting
January 9, 2008

President Darlene Piekkola called the Executive Board meeting to order January 9, 2008, at Jake's Restaurant in Pierre, SD, at 1:00 pm.

Members present were:

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| President | Darlene Piekkola |
| President Elect | Russ Ronke |
| Vice President | Tony DeWald |
| Secretary | Renee Buck |
| Treasurer | John Cole |
| Past President | Kim Markley |
| District 1 | Shannon Rittberger |
| District 4 | Mark Meyer |
| District 9 | Karen Wilcox |
| Legislative Committee | Kirk Chaffee |
| Legislative Committee | Joyce Dragseth |
| Legislative Committee | Debbie Kahl |
| Legislative Committee | Mary Worlie |
| Registered Agent | Eli Whitney |
| Todd Bailey | DRR |
| Michael Kenyon | DRR |

Michael Kenyon spoke to the group before old business. He had come to discuss the HB 1005 that was being prepared to be filed. This would be a cash rent companion bill that would remove the 150% rule and NA-Z and caps capital outlay levies if 1005 passes. He said the Department of Revenue & Regulation is not taking a stand yet. There is nothing to provide funding for implementation of the bill yet.

Todd Bailey spoke to the group about improvements to assessment freeze properties. Paul Kinsman and David Weist feel a bill is needed to clarify changing the base value on assessment freeze property. Some counties are trending back to come up with values for newer additions for assessment freeze property.

Old Business

Darlene Piekkola told us that she had spoken to Rep. C. Turberville about changing the dates for County Boards for 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2015.

Kim Markley moved and Shannon Rittberger seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2007, meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was given by John Cole.. Shannon Rittberger moved and Tony DeWald seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

New Business

There was a discussion on the upcoming legislation for 2008. It was certain there would be some kind of bill about market. Market value is the association's stand on arriving at assessment value and it was felt that is what the legislative committee should support. It was moved by Shannon Rittberger and seconded by Kim Markley to have the legislative committee testify for informational and support purposes only at the taxation hearings. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

HB 1007 was discussed. It is a legislative clean-up bill. It takes care of language in previous legislation but does not change the duties of the Director of Equalization.

Darlene asked if there were any problems with the Veteran's Tax Exempt program. There appeared to be none.

The Open Government Act was brought up. The discussion centered on how this bill would affect the association.

It was discussed that Linda Hirschert of Union County would be retiring, but will be attending the conference in Deadwood in May. It was moved by Shannon Rittberger and seconded by Tony to have Darlene buy a retirement gift for Linda Hirschert as provided by previous policy. Motion passed.

Moved by Eli Whitney and seconded by Shannon Rittberger to adjourn.

Renee D. Buck
SDAAO Secretary