



South Dakota Association of Assessing Officers

Executive Board Meeting

January 29, 2009

President Russ Ronke called the Executive Board meeting of the SDAAO to order January 29, 2009 at the Pizza Ranch in Fort Pierre, SD, at 11:30 AM.

Members present were:

President	Russ Ronke
President Elect	Tony Dewald
Vice President	Renee Buck
Secretary	John Cole
Treasurer	Rownea K. Gerbracht
District 9 Chairman	Carrie Stephenson
Registered Agent	Eli Whitney
Legislative Committee	Mary E. Worlie
Legislative Committee	Joyce Dragseth
Legislative Committee	Kim Markley
Legislative Committee	Kirk Chaffee
SDAAO Member	Tracy Hofer
District 8	Dari Schlotte
Deputy DOE (Minnehaha)	Kyle Helseth

The minutes of September 16, 2008 were handed out and John Cole gave the Secretary's report. Eli Whitney moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as presented. Kyle Helseth second the motion. Motion carried.

Rownea Gerbracht read the treasurer's report. She reported a balance on hand of \$38,529.63, and that most of the members have paid their 2009 dues. Carrie Stephenson moved to accept the treasurer's report. Joyce Dragseth second the motion. Motion carried

Old Business:

President Ronke asked if the "blue book" procedures manual had been updated with the changes that were asked for at the September 16, 2008 meeting. John Cole assured him that it will be done soon and he will send copies to Harvey Kistler and Rownea Gerbracht.

New Business:

President Russ Ronke asked for discussion as to whether the board thought that testing of school classes was a necessity or not. It was generally felt that testing is a necessary requirement to maintain the professionalism and creditability that is expected of us. Kyle Helseth noted that to change the testing requirements would require an overhaul of the administrative rules by the Department of Revenue.

Scheduling the spring workshop was discussed. Joyce Dragseth is of the opinion that the Department of Revenue will have several workshops to address the implementation of the agricultural productivity assessment procedure. She would also like to see a workshop at school because more of the staff is able to attend at that time than at the spring conference. Russ will talk to Bonnie and Colleen to see if a workshop can be scheduled at conference. Doing so would save the counties staff time and money if it can be set up at that time rather than at a separate date.

TN Tax Service from Aberdeen has informed Mary Worlie that they will no longer be able to do the SDAAO non-profit tax filing for us. They have declined the work because of the large number of tax law changes and the cost incurred. President Ronke will look into finding another service for the association.

Possible nominees for the 2009 – 2010 treasurer position were discussed. Joyce suggested that Carrie Stephenson's name should be mentioned to the nominating committee.

Mary Worlie asked for direction from the executive board as to how to testify on the bills currently in the session on the productivity assessment of ag land. After a lively discussion it was decided by general consensus that the legislative committee should continue to support the use of all three approaches to value under a market based system in light of the SDAAO resolution, which was passed by the general membership in 2007. Kirk Chaffee and Tony Dewald spoke in support of the productivity system. Kirk stressed that individual adjustments can be made to individual parcels, and that rents are a good indication of varying productivity as well as varying market value. Joyce Dragseth expressed a desire for adequate education for the assessors to implement the productivity law.

There being no further business.

Eli Whitney- moved to adjourn
Renee Buck – second the motion
Motion carried

John R. Cole
SDAAO Secretary