

South Dakota Association of Assessing Officers
Executive Board Meeting
May 20, 2009



President Russ Ronke called the Executive Board meeting of the SDAAO to order at 8:00AM, May 20, 2009 at the Ramkota Motel, Watertown, SD.

Members present were:

President	Russ Ronke
President Elect	Tony Dewald
Vice President	Renee Buck
Secretary	John Cole
Treasurer	Rownea K. Gerbracht
District 9 Chairperson	Carrie Stephenson
Registered Agent	Eli Whitney
Legislative Committee	Mary E. Worlie
Legislative Committee	Joyce Dragseth
District 1 Chairperson	Janelle Goddard
District 8 Chairperson	David Paulson
Department of Revenue	Karla Harkness
District 6 Chairperson	Dot Kistner
Legislative Chairperson	Debbie Kahl
District 7 Chairperson	Cindi Forgey
District 4 Chairperson	Mark Meyer

Secretary, John Cole was called upon to give the minutes from the January 29, 2009 Executive Board meeting in Pierre. Rownea Gerbracht moved to accept the minutes as posted on the SDAAO web site. Renee Buck seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Rownea Gerbracht read the treasurer's report. She reported a balance on hand of \$31,667.13 on January 1, 2009 and that the current balance on hand is \$55,843.62. Total income for the period is \$28,577.60 and total expenditures to date are \$4,401.11. None of the 2009 conference expenses have been paid at this time. Discussion followed concerning the possibility that the Association may not receive funding for the annual assessors school from the Department of Revenue due to budget constraints and because of concern for the general state of the economy. Rownea Gerbracht had heard that the funds for the 2009 school may not be forthcoming this year. However Karla Harkness assured everyone that the Association would receive funding from the Department of Revenue for this year's school. (As an oversight, the treasurer report has yet to be approved at this time June-7-2009)

Old Business:

New procedure manuals were provided to the board members. Thanks went to John Cole, Rownea Gerbracht, and Harvey Kistler for their efforts in updating and providing the books.

New Business:

Debbie Kahl, chair of the Legislative Committee, asked for clarification as to the Associations' stand on the market vs productivity system of agricultural land assessment. The membership had voted to support full and true valuation by using the market system of assessment. However since the productivity bill has passed by the legislature, there was some question as to the Associations' current stand on the issue. Mary Worlie believes that the assessors need to follow the law, which is now the productivity system for agricultural land assessment. She has spoken with Michael Kenyon and has voiced her concern to him about receiving adequate training for the assessors to implement the new system. It was agreed upon by the Executive Board that the associations' support of the market based system had been voted upon by the membership and was set by resolution, and that until rescinded, the resolution remains the Associations' stance on the issue.

Concern was also mentioned about the appeal process, and how to address taxpayers' appeals on individual parcels within each county.

Karla Harkness said that regional workshops for productivity assessment implementation education are forthcoming and will probably be held in the mornings for assessors and in the afternoons for taxpayers, auditors, and commissioners.

Rownea Gerbracht requested permission to purchase some software for the web site and publishing committee. Janelle Goddard reported that the cost of the software is \$323.99. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Russ Ronke and seconded by Renee Buck. Motioned carried by a unanimous voice vote.

There being no further business.

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Eli Whitney- moved to adjourn
Cindi Forgey – second the motion
Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted.

John R. Cole
SDAAO Secretary