



South Dakota Association of Assessing Officers

Executive Board Meeting

February 2, 2010

President Tony Dewald called the Executive Board meeting to order February 2, 2010 at the Pizza Ranch, Ft Pierre South Dakota at 12:00 p.m.

Members present were:

President	Tony Dewald
President Elect	Renee Buck
Vice President	John Cole
Secretary	Rownea Gerbracht
Treasurer	Carrie Stephenson
District 1 Chairman	Janelle Goddard
District 2 Chairman	Patty Caster
District 4 Chairman	Mark Meyer
District 5 Chairman	Tracy Hofer
District 7 Chairman	Cynthia Forgey
District 8 Chairman	David Paulson
District 9 Chairman	Terry Augspurger
Registered Agent	Eli Whitney
Department of Revenue and Regulation	Michael Kenyon
Department of Revenue and Regulation	Colleen Skinner
Legislative Committee	Kyle Helseth

Meeting Minutes: Motion made to approve meeting minutes from September 14th, 2009 which are posted on the SDAAO website and copies handed out to board, motion 2nd and approved by members.

Treasurer's report: Report handed out by Carrie Stephenson for a balance of \$44,495.94. Motion made, motion 2nd to approve Treasurer's report and approved by members.

Legislative Discussion:

- ✚ SB 128: Allow certain taxing districts to exceed the maximum property tax levy as the median level of assessment is adjusted. Was deferred to the 41st legislative day.
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- ✚ SB 129: Revise the taxable percentage of property for nonagricultural and owner-occupied property classifications. Was deferred to the 41st legislative day.
- ✚ HB 1066: Provide for the issuance of landowner-sponsored big game hunting licenses. Was deferred to the 41st legislative day.
- ✚ HB 1202: Provide for the assessment of certain agricultural land as non-cropland. This is being led by Senator [Peterson](#). Michael Kenyon stated that he is working against this bill, but is not going well for him so far. His question for us was whether or not we are willing to compromise by using a "Sunset Clause" of 5 years. Some argue that we should be willing to compromise, most said – NO, it is too difficult to give the taxpayers something just to take it away again 5 years down the road. The general consensus was that we should let productivity do it's thing and try and work itself out. Michael thought that he may need some help from us as it goes into the Senate.
- ✚ SB 171: Create an additional classification of real property and provide for its assessment and to revise certain provisions concerning the taxation of such property. This bill is for transitional real property – similar to NA-Z. Has a period of 5 years, then has to re-qualify for Agricultural on all 3 criteria. This is being brought mainly for conversation.

Department of Revenue and Regulation:

- ✚ **Productivity** – Colleen cautioned everyone that they could have a 20% notice on your assessment notices because of this being full and true value not taxable.

- ✚ Colleen Skinner also mentioned that she is re-working some counties top dollar values for productivity to be sure that the numbers are real-life numbers, not just numbers from a perfect system.
- ✚ Colleen Skinner talked some about the repeal of the 150% sales. With the 5% adjustment, we are just to use those sales to see what we can do to bring those values up so that we are no longer losing sales to the 150% rule.

Tony Dewald: There was some discussion about our main Effective Efforts member, Dick Raetz retiring. He will be finished in 4-6 weeks. Trevor Cramer is willing to continue on for Dick.

School: Michael Kenyon discussed with the board what to expect this year with budget cuts. He mentioned that there may be no Department of Revenue and Regulation subsidy this year. There was discussion as to what could be cut from our budget, as we will either need to cut \$12,000 (approximately \$100 per person) or come up with those monies elsewhere. Some thoughts were that we should cut one of the two IAAO Courses, because that is a big expense. Others included cutting back, or eliminating the breaks. There was also the idea of utilizing online workshops to help cut county expenses also.

2010 Conference: Tony Dewald handed out a preliminary agenda and budget for the 2010 conference to be held in Mitchell. This will be published on the website.

Inventory: Colleen Skinner handed out a list of SDAAO inventory held by the Department of Revenue and Regulation. Rownea Gerbracht and Carrie Stephenson will go to Colleen Skinner's office and pick up the items listed and store them. Rownea Gerbracht will send a letter out to the entire membership declaring the surplus items. We will hold these items until conference when we will disperse them.

By-Laws: The question was raised by a new Chairperson as to where to get a copy of the SDAAO By-Laws. They are posted on the SDAAO web-site at http://www.sdaao.org/website/articles_of_incorporation.htm. The publication committee will send out a reminder to the entire membership as to where the By-Laws can be found. There was also some discussion as to how we can make finding our conference and school information easier on the web-site. Rownea Gerbracht and Janelle Goddard will make some changes to make it simpler to find, and then send the information out to the membership.

Blue Book: Rownea Gerbracht passed out the updated page for the Blue Book regarding the President Elect's job duties. This revision was requested at the last board meeting. It was also discussed that we need to get the Blue Book out to our new Board Members. Rownea Gerbracht will take care of that.

Eli Whitney moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Rownea K. Gerbracht, secretary