

District 5 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 29th, 2025

Salem, SD

11:00 AM

Those present were Tammy Anderson & Maggie Purintun of Kingsbury County, Cori Kaufmann of Lake County, Tami Severson & Barb Esser of Miner County, Jacob Brehmer, DeAnna Berke & Reid Squires of Brookings County, Chris Lilla of Minnehaha County, Whitney Sams of Moody County, Anna Flogstad of McCook County.

The meeting was called to order @ 11:00 by Chairperson Jacob Brehmer.

New employees, vacant & advertised openings were discussed. Whitney Sams introduced herself as the new Director in Moody County. Moody County anticipates hiring a Deputy DOE in early 2026. Lake County is in the process of promoting an Admin Assistant by enrolling them in the CAA Certification program to fill a field appraiser position recently vacated. This created an opening for an Admin Assistant in the office.

The group discussed the recently held SDAAO school in Sioux Falls. Most were pleased with the variety of courses offered. There was positive feedback from those who attended the course taught by Shannon & Karla on writing a narrative appraisal. Very beneficial for those who have yet to experience OHE or Circuit Court. Many also said the Income Valuation taught by Thad Rogers, as well as the Reeves Building presentation were informative, and in both cases, showed an interest in bringing these presentations back in more detail. The Education Committee has been made aware as to future education opportunities.

Tammy reported the Education Committee has good education lined up in 2026. Dates, locations, and course offerings will be updated on the SDAAO website very soon. Maggie has been in touch with a rep from M&S regarding the potential for a continuing education credit that will be offered as a 3-hour webinar on the Estimator program. This will likely be offered to the Association as this format can accommodate 60+ attendees. More information will be available on this in early 2026.

We also discussed the Cup of Joe monthly presentations. Positive feedback all around. It is nice to learn from other association members. Thank you to those who have offered their time & knowledge in presenting. It was mentioned that future discussion topics & those willing to present should contact Brandy, or any other member of the committee.

It was mentioned that Jacob would like to keep the SDAAO website bulletin board as current as possible, with advertised job openings, and removing when positions are filled. District 5 members were encouraged to submit new staff photos as members change.

The next meeting will be held tentatively in late January with Miner County as the host.

Motion to adjourn by Tammy Anderson, 2nd by Cori Kaufmann. Chairperson Jacob Brehmer declared the meeting adjourned @ 12:20 PM.