

District 5 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 @ 11:00AM

Howard, SD

Those present were Rick Becker of Lake County, Tammy Anderson & Maggie Purintun of Kingsbury County, DeAnna Berke & Kendra Eng of Moody County, Tami Severson & Darcy Liable of Miner County, Cori Kaufmann of McCook County, and Reid Squires & Jacob Brehmer of Brookings County.

The meeting was called to order @ 11:00 by Chairperson Jacob Brehmer. Discussion started with Local & County Board of Equalization appeals & hearings. Moody County had more appeals than most, with 22. All other counties were relatively quiet. It was noted that Minnehaha County staff was absent from this meeting due to scheduled board hearings. Most appeals were disputing the % increase from 2021 to 2022 values, rather than the market value of property.

The discussion shifted to USPAP requirements for recertification. Tammy Anderson (also on the Education Committee) stated that 15 Hour USPAP is required for anyone new to the certification program (course to be taken in an even year), and 7 Hour Update is required for everyone else (course to be taken in an even year) one time per renewal period. Some have been taking the 7 hour update course in every even year, regardless of recertification renewal period. DOR recommends this if there is a chance you may be representing your county at OHE.

Wage studies/current wages/job turnover was discussed. It was mentioned that county positions are going to have to raise wages to be able to compete with hiring in the private sector, and retain long term employees in their current position. Some are currently being offered retention bonuses in lieu of wage rate increases.

Upcoming educational offerings include SDAAO Topics Course, postponed from 9/2021. This course testing will look a little different in comparison to traditional schools. There will be 2 graded essays along with a final capstone project. Tammy mentioned that the fall school schedule and class offerings are currently being decided. This info may be forthcoming soon.

Short discussion was had on the Axiomatic trainings being offered. The consensus was that the interface looks very user friendly, and the in-program checks & balances should make the process very easy to use. Most are excited to see how this will work with the abstract submission next month.

Finally, it has been mentioned that the SDAAO website under 'Districts' has pictures of most offices & their staff. With the amount of turnover in the association, it would be ideal for this section of the website to be updated. Jacob will send a request out to the association in reference to this.

The next quarterly meeting will be scheduled at a date TBD in late July for Minnehaha County.

Motion to Adjourn by Tammy Anderson, 2nd by DeAnna Berke. Chairperson Jacob Brehmer declared the meeting adjourned @ 1:00 PM.