



## North Dakota Association of Assessing Officers, Inc.

### **Call to Order:**

The annual meeting of the North Dakota Association of Assessing Officers convened at 1:35 pm on Monday, August 8, 2022, at the Ramada, 1400 Interchange Avenue, Bismarck, ND.

### **Members Present:**

Allison Jensen	Amber Gudajtes	Amy Czapiewski	Andrew Hartman	Ashley Pedie
Bob Lehn	Brandy Zepp	Brenda Johnson	Carla Broadland	Casey Patzner
Cathy Ebert	Chris Oswald	Corey Genter	Damon Druse	Deb Kirschenheiter
Diana Krause	Don Flaherty	Dorene Stroh	Elizabeth Black	Elizabeth Patterson
Hannah Collins	Heather Kippen	Henry Gerving	James Albrecht	James Haley
Jamison Veil	Janell Walz	Jaret Thompson	Jeff Bitz	Joan Lorge
Jodi Freier	Joe Hirschfeld	Jonathan Fleischer	Katie Paulson	Katie Roseland
Kayla Knudson	Kim Savage	Kim Vietmeier	Kimberly Markley	Kristi Trottier
Kristie Reinke	Kristine Brummond	Kylian Holzer	Larry Syverson	Lisa Keney
Lonnie Rotenberger	Lori Hanson	Mandy Artz	Melissa Brown	Michelle Linstad
Mikka Willits	Nick Lee	Nicole Kempf	Nolan Meidinger	Noreen Barton
Patricia Davis	Paul Fracassi	Paul Houdek	Randy Thompson	Richard Score
Rod Romereim	Rownea Gerbracht	Ryan Ehli	Ryan Kamrowski	Shane Marcuson
Sheri Leas	Stacie Hansen-Leier	Stephanie Bata	Tami Lazur	Teresa Haecherl
Tina Current	Todd Schreiner	Tracy Deforest	Trisha Laine	Tyler Perleberg
Wendy Belgarde				

### **Introductions:**

President Gudajtes opened the business meeting by introducing the executive board:

President:	Paul Fracassi, Cass County
Vice President:	Deb Kirschenheiter, City of Dickinson
Past President:	Amber Gudajtes, Grand Forks County
Sec / Treasurer:	Carla Broadland, City of Wahpeton
Member-at-Large:	Tyler Perleberg, Stutsman County

Each member that was in their position two years or less was asked to come to the front of the room to introduce themselves and say how long they have been in their position. Remaining members introduced themselves along with their jurisdiction.

### **Minutes:**

Minutes of the 2021 annual meeting held on August 9, 2021, were provided to each member. The members reviewed the minutes. Ryan Kamrowski made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Nick Lee; motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report / Audit:**

Jim Albrecht reported for the Auditing Committee. Jim Albrecht along with Nick Lee completed the annual audit of the financial records. The financial records were complete. The Annual Financial Report is on file with the Treasurer.

Broadland reviewed income and expense from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, with an ending checking account balance of \$22,434.57 along with a Certificate of Deposit of \$13,593.78; Total Assets as of June 30, 2022: \$36,028.35. Income and expense are beginning to look like those numbers prior to covid as we get back to having education and meetings in person. The association continues to pay for the education provided at the annual meeting and winter workshop.

Motion by Henry Gerving to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Joe Hirschfeld; motion carried.

**NCRAAO Directors**

Director Deb Kirschenheiter reported that the 2022 NCRAAO meeting was held in Deadwood, SD, at the Lodge, the last week in June and 30 North Dakota members attended. 2023 Conference will be held in Iowa and Nebraska 2024. Great opportunity for additional education and networking if you can add it to your budget.

Don Flaherty reported the NCRAAO will be held in North Dakota again in 2026. Will be reaching out to people and if you want to be a committee chair type person, reach out to Don and we will begin to plan for the conference.

Shirts are still available to be ordered. If interested see Don following the meeting.

**NDACo Delegate & Directors**

NDACo Director Lori Hanson gave a brief explanation of what the delegates and director do for the association. Resolutions are reviewed by the delegate council and voted on. Delegates to NDACo are currently Don Flaherty and Paul Fracassi. NDACo Annual Conference will be held October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> and we welcome you to attend. ILG Credits along with other webinars are available, and we encourage your entire office to take those courses. There was discussion of having a Class One Assessor on staff for the NDACo. If you have any thoughts, please share them with Lori or the association.

Discussion was held in reference to our title in century code, "Director of Tax Equalization", offices receive calls for sales tax and income tax and wondered if we could do a legislative change to "Director of Property Assessments" would it be a better fit for what we do. Also need to remove "Serves at the direction of commissioners". Discussion followed.

**Report of Regular Committees:**

**Executive Committee:** President Fracassi reported that the Executive Committee met in May at the Stutsman County Court House to discuss education and plan for the annual conference.

**Membership Committee:** Lori Hanson, Membership Chairman, recognized members who have reached milestone years with our organization. Lori said that the association needs more mentors to assist the new tax directors and assessors coming into the profession. Please consider assisting the new members with questions and simply point them in the right direction. The membership committee presents certificates for members who have 5-10-15-20 or more in 5-year increments. She presented certificates to the following members:

Thirty-Five Years:	None
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Twenty-Five Years:	Amber Gudajtes.
Twenty Years:	Brenda Johnson, Linda Morris, Janell Walz, Natalie Wandler.
Fifteen Years:	James Albrecht, Ryan Ehli, Nick Lee, Mel Obbink, Casey Patzner.
Ten Years:	Darcy Anderson, Teresa Ash, Juliana Hammerstrom, Stacie Hansen-Leier, Vicki Hollen, Judy Holzhey, Diana Krause, Pamela Lafrenz, Trisha Laine, Tami Lazur, Sheila Maragos, Rita Olson, Tyler Perleberg, Robin Stark.
Five Years:	Heather Avers-Davis, Amy Czapiewski, Margi Dukart, Jacqueline Dwyer, Denise Ferderer, Corey Genter, Holly Hagen, David Lunde, Dorene Stroh, Mikka Willits.

**Legislative Committee:** Don said to get to know the individuals in your area that represent you so you can continue to work with them on important legislation. This will be a very interesting year with all the new faces on board. Don will be providing the weekly report on legislative issues.

**Education Committee:** No report.

**Web Maintenance/Technology Committee:** No report.

**Reports by Region:**

Region #2 met in Medora, had lunch, presentation of the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and went to the site it will be built on.

Region #3 met in July at A & B Pizza to discuss current projects and will meet again following the state board.

**Unfinished or Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

Proposed changes to the Annual Dues: Regular Member increase to \$50 from current \$30; Associate Member will remain \$30; Subscribing members increase to \$100 from current \$30; and Affiliate Member increase to \$100 from current \$30. This increase will help us continue to provide quality education to our members.

Discussion followed. Don asked what the additional \$20 increase of regular members would bring to the association. Broadland estimated \$3,360 with 168 members.

Motion by Jamison Veil to approve the proposed dues changes as presented, seconded by Lori Hanson; motion carried.

**Life Memberships:** Lori stated that she has received one nomination for lifetime membership, Dean Pearson, Bowman County. Vicki Hollen, Williams County, was nominated from the floor; the nominees will be submitted to the Executive Board for Confirmation.

**General Discussion:** Broadland said that she was asked by a legislator how we could control property taxes along with how difficult it would be to estimate the farm exemption at a value of \$180,000 and place the remaining balance on as taxable value, how much taxable would be added to the tax roll. Discussion followed.

Discussion followed on what can be done when the sale price is listed at \$10 on deed when it is an improved parcel. Many suggested sending questionnaires sent out to both the seller and the buyer to see what information will be returned.

Introductions of vendors: Bob Lehn, Thomas Y Pickett; Dustin Bakken, Kompleks Aerial, Ryan Ehli, Vanguard Appraisals, Inc.; Travis Franz, Sidwell; and Dean Larson, Eagleview.

There being no further business President Fracassi asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Diana Krause to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,  
Carla Broadland  
Secretary/Treasurer