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Sandra Elliott - 04/05
Joseph Ravitz - 02/03
Michael Barker - 00/0 Sweeney
Frank Bucino - 98/99
Burnham Hobbs, Jr. - 96/97
Betsy Barr - 94/95
Joseph Gallagher - 92/93
Victor Hartsfield - 90/91
Robert W. Pastor - 88/89
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Stephen Kessler - 84/85
Gloria Cross - 82/83
James Anderson - 80/81
Joseph A. Crane* - 78/79
William T. Bailey* - 76/77
John J. Murray - 74/75
Walter Salmon* - 72/73
Samuel Befarah* - 70/71
David P. Kiely* - 68/69
Clarence Delgado* - 66/67
George Linger* - 64/65
Marriott Haines* - 62/63
Alfred J. Greene* - 60/61

General Membership Meeting November 14, 2018 Bally's Resort, Atlantic City, NJ

President Diane Hesley called the General Membership Meeting to order at 10:15A.M. The meeting was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at Bally's Resort, Atlantic City, NJ.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for our deceased member, Joan Kozienski and our sick member, Tom Glock, President Hesley welcomed the following guests: Patty Wright and her staff at the Division of Taxation, Rob Vance, New Jersey Association County Tax Board (NJACTB) representative, and Sam Weinstein of Princeton Public Affairs Group.

Secretary, Michele Hennessey, took the roll call. In addition to the President, there were eleven (11) officers, six (6) Past Presidents, seventeen (17) County Presidents or their representatives, (constituting a quorum), and approximately ninety-eight (98) members were in attendance.

The minutes of the June 7, 2018 General Membership meeting were e-mailed to the members and copies distributed at the meeting. The minutes were approved following a motion made by Frank Bucino, seconded by Joe Gallagher, a vote was taken and the motion carried.

Treasurer, Lee Ann Russ presented her Report, which were e-mailed to the members and copies distributed at the meeting, Lee Ann reported that the number of delinquent towns was down to fifty-three (53), the balance in the Legal Fund is \$25,260.54, the balance in the Ken Beck Scholarship Fund is \$13,538 and the balance in the Education fund is \$35,222.45.

Secretary, Michele Hennessey, reported that she did not receive any correspondence in the past month.

The Attorney's Report was presented by John Lloyd. He discussed the Bloomsbury Rest Area case and Penny Hostenstein's case which was affirmed in the Appellate Division. The township's motion for Frivolous Lawsuit is pending before Judge Bianco. A letter was sent to the Division of Taxation to see if they wanted to participate/weigh in on the subject. The AMANJ will become involved as amicus, if approved by the membership. John also discussed the current situation in Atlantic City. The League of Municipalities Resolution to review and revise N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.6 (Tax Exempt Property) will be voted on tomorrow and John recommended that the AMANJ support the motion.

The Legislative Report was presented by Sam Weinstein, lobbyist from PPAG. Sam thanked the AMANJ for the opportunity to work with our organization. Sam discussed the standoff between Governor Murphy, Senator President Sweeney and Assembly Speaker Coughlin regarding the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget; taxes on Lyft, Uber and AirBnB; Senator Sweeney's "Pathway to Progress" study which recommends County/Regional Tax Assessing. Sam stated that the hot button issues before year end include the legalization of marijuana, the sexual assault allegation in Governor Murphy's election campaign, and raising the minimum wage to \$15/hour.

Marie Procacci, Legislative Committee Chairperson, reported that Senator Sweeney has coordinated a campaign to promote his "Pathway to Progress", A538/S2257 (Permits county governing body, with approval of county board of taxation, to revise real property assessment

barbeque on Wednesday evening following the golf outing. The Smithville Inn has rooms for education and the luncheon on Wednesday following the tour of Smithville. Robyn would like to open registration for the conference in January as the organization has to commit to 75 people attending the conference daily. This year's conference slogan will be "Come for the Education, Stay for the Experience." Robyn announced that the room rate is \$159/night and the fee for the conference, including meals, is \$375.00. Judge Andresini, Presiding Judge of the Tax Court, will be the guest speaker at Thursday night's dinner.

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES - Lynne Schweighardt, League of Municipalities Representative, reported that the AMANJ would be moving to the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino for the 2019 NJLOM. As NRAAO Representative, Lynn announced that the 2019 NRAAO conference would be held in Newport, Rhode Island and the 2020 Conference, which will be co-hosted by the AMANJ, would be held in New Jersey from May 17 through May 20th. The venue for the 2020 Conference has not yet been selected.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE - Martin Lynch, Chairperson of the Nominations Committee, presented the following slate of candidates:

President Elect: Angela Mattiace

Tri-County Vice-Presidents: Jim Mancini for Atlantic/Cape May/Cumberland
Pat Wilkins for Bergen/Hudson/Passaic
Terri Paglione for Camden/Gloucester/Salem
Penny Holenstein for Hunterdon/Sussex/Warren

Since there were no additional nominations from the floor, a motion to close nominations and accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee was made by Frank Bucino; seconded by Joe Gallagher; a vote was taken and motion carried. Frank Bucino moved that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot, and Joe Gallagher seconded the motion. Secretary, Michele Hennessey cast the ballot and the entire slate of officers was approved. Diane congratulated the newly elected officers who will be sworn in at the luncheon.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE consists of Alex Worth and Bill Yirce. President Hesley asked the audience to visit the AMANJ website and view iTax Assessor which lists educational classes available to assessors. A copy of "The Guide to Understanding Tax Appeals" is available on the website.

Patty Wright, Assistant Director of the Division of Taxation, announced that Melissa Gorman and Shelly Reilly have been appointed as permanent chiefs; the updated Assessors Handbook has been loaded on the State's portal; disabled veteran requirements have changed substantially; many appeals have been filed regarding the Non-Residential Development Fee; the Forest Stewardship program becomes effective in 2019; the next class for the Farmland Assessment Program will be held in Manchester in March, 2019; and that there is a trend toward annual reassessments state-wide. There being no questions for Patty, President Hesley thanked Patty, her staff and the County Tax Boards for their cooperation.

Greg Hutchinson, President of the NJ-IAAO, announced that the IAAO has established a New Candidates Club and would like to see more assessors from New Jersey get involved. Their organization will be sponsoring the annual Tax Appeal Seminar in Monroe on March 14, 2019.

Under New Business, Marie Procacci made a motion to authorize John Lloyd to draft a letter to send to the Tax Court in support of Penny Holenstein; Frank Bucino seconded the motion, a vote was taken and the motion carried. A second motion was made by Marie Procacci and seconded by Joe Gallagher to review the exemption statute; a vote was taken and the motion carried.

There was no Unfinished Business.