

# MAINE BEARINGS

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Dear MAPA member:

Our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year is coming to a close. We had a good show in Skowhegan in June, and the Skowhegan Fair was a success, albeit with the usual issues of antique equipment not wanting to run! Thanks to all who participated.

One of the more notable events of the season was the construction and completion of the new MAPA building at the Cumberland Fairgrounds. We are sharing this building with Hall Implement who occupies an area for a small gift shop during the Fair. Lyle Merrifield and crew did an awesome job on the construction. Our small utility building is being used for storage, directly behind the new building. During the Cumberland Fair and Fall show, we had many positive comments. Thanks also to Russ, Doug and Gary who helped during the construction phase also. Our Fall show was somewhat smaller than in previous years, but we all had a good time! Thank you to Lyle and Jo-Ann Merrifield for preparing the delicious chile lunch.

Thanks to everyone for stepping up to sell raffle tickets this year and for being prompt in returning the stubs and money so that Pat could get everything recorded. We will have the drawing on November 10 at our meeting in Topsham.

Dave Huling has been named "Curator" of the collections in the Skowhegan building. Dave has been involved in the maintenance and acquisition process for many years. Our Thanks to Dave for his service and best of luck going forward.

It is time to turn our attention to the Election of Officers and Directors during our upcoming meeting, which as stated above, will be held on November 10, at the Fairgrounds Cafe in the Topsham Fair Mall. Buffet lunch at noon with the meeting to follow.

Nominations for Officers and Directors will be held, with elections to follow.

For the last 18 years Pat Kelley has served as Treasurer of MAPA. She was elected in 2001. She served as Secretary for 2 years prior. Pat has been meticulous in her accounting and record keeping with all the record keeping being entered by hand on a ledger. She has decided to turn the job over to someone else after these many years of service to MAPA.

For the last 24 years Joe Kelley has served as President of MAPA, being elected in 1994. In 2005 he served as Vice President. This is the longest period, one individual has ever served in this capacity, since MAPA was founded in 1973. It is time to turn over the reigns. I have a couple of comments I would like to make, regarding the future of MAPA, concerning the elections. Both my wife and I have put in countless hours doing these jobs. We have had many derogatory comments voiced by members and Officers over the years, and many good comments too! We want you to know, that we have always put MAPA first, in any decisions that we have made regarding the club's business. The best interests of MAPA have always been #1, whether it be in getting the best price on a purchase, or making sure that any proceeds from returnable bottles get deposited into the checking account. Our hope is that the new leadership of MAPA continues to dot the "i's" and cross the "t's", as we have tried to do all these years.

Nominations for Officers will be introduced by the Nominating Committee and we will also accept nominations from the floor. Nominations for 3 Director positions and Director Emeritus will be held also. Elections will be held after Nominations cease. Terms will begin on January 1, 2019.

I hope you will be able to attend the November meeting, Thank you all!

**Treasurer's Report:**

10/23/18 Balances  
Savings Account: \$10,033.01  
Checking Account: \$ 4,317.37  
Total \$14,350.38

Pat will have a full report at the meeting and will have a 2018 year end report at the January meeting.

Joe Kelley  
Chief Engineer

**Membership Information: (Please note the changes!)**

MAPA memberships run from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. 2019. Dues are payable at any meeting, event or by mail. Individual Membership dues are **\$15.00** per year. Family membership is **\$20.00** per year and includes you, your spouse and children up to age 18.

**Your current membership card must be shown before exhibiting at any MAPA event. MAPA's liability insurance only covers you, if your membership dues are paid!**

**If dues are not paid by June 30<sup>th</sup>, you are no longer in good standing and will not be allowed to exhibit.**

**This is for your protection as well as the general public! Your full co-operation is appreciated!**

Your card can also be presented at an event for an Exhibitor's Button.

Please advise us of any address change, phone number or email address. Thank you!