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MAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 at 10:00 am
MCCA Offices 4 Gabriel Drive, Augusta

1. Call to Order
2. Consent Agenda:
 - 2.1. Approval of the Agenda
 - 2.2. Approval of the Minutes
 - 2.3. Financial Reports: Lauren Haven
3. Officer Reports:
 - 3.1. Secretary/Treasurer, George Jabar
 - 3.2. Vice President, Norm Fournier
 - 3.3. President Report, Richard Dutremble
4. Standing Committee Reports:
 - 4.1. NACo Update: Peter Baldacci & Sharyn Pohlman
 - 4.2. Convention Planning Committee: Lauren Haven
 - 4.3. Legislative Policy Committee: Steve Gorden, Chair
 - 4.3.1. James Cohen, Verrill Dana
 - Legislative Update
 - Next Steps
5. Association Reports - MACCAM, MARP, MRODA, MSA, others.
6. Discussion: Martials and Courthouse Facilities
7. Presentation: Walter Andersen, Geo-library Data Management Board of Directors
8. Adjournment

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 10th, 2024 at 10:00 am via Zoom

1. Call to Order

MCCA President Richard Dutremble called the meeting to order at approximately 10:02 am.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Aroostook – Comm. Norman Fournier
Cumberland – County Manager Jim Gailey proxy for Comm. Steve Gorden
Franklin – Comm. Bob Carlton
Hancock – Admin. Mike Crooker proxy for Comm. John Wombacher
Kennebec – Comm. George Jabar
Knox – Comm. Sharyn Pohlman
Lincoln – Admin. Carrie Kipfer proxy for Comm. William Blodgett
Piscataquis – Comm. Paul Davis
Sagadahoc – Admin. Amber Jones proxy for Comm. Charles Crosby
Somerset – Comm. Robert Sezak
Waldo – Comm. Betty Johnson
York – Comm. Richard Dutremble

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Androscoggin – Comm. Garrett Mason
Cumberland – Comm. Steve Gorden
Hancock – Comm. John Wombacher
Lincoln – Comm. William Blodgett
Oxford – Comm. Steven Merrill
Penobscot – Comm. Peter Baldacci
Sagadahoc – Comm. Charles Crosby
Washington – Comm. Chris Gardner

OTHERS PRESENT:

MCCA Risk Pool - Manager Malcolm Ulmer
MCCA - Admin. Lauren Haven
Piscataquis – Manager Mike Williams
Verrill Dana – Lobbyists Jim Cohen and Brody Haverly-Johndro

2. Consent Agenda:

- 2.1. Approval of the Agenda
- 2.2. Approval of the Minutes
- 2.3. Financial Reports: Lauren Haven

Comm. Fournier **moved** to approve the consent agenda, **seconded** by Comm. Sezak and the motion **passed** with no opposition.

3. Officer Reports:

- 3.1. Secretary/Treasurer, George Jabar
- 3.2. Vice President, Norm Fournier

Comm. Fournier reported on the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. MCCA member counties have been given the opportunity to pay their membership dues in two installments. However, all members have paid their full membership dues amount in one installment for 2024. This being the case, President Dutremble had previously requested estimates on CD rates at local banks. The best rate of the seven financial institutions surveyed was from Camden National Bank. It would be a seven-month term at 5.08%. VP Fournier recommended to the Board that we invest \$50,000 in a CD for seven months. Comm. Sezak **moved** to approve the investment upon review of the interest rate following the maturity of the CD. Comm. Fournier said the Board would review the rate after the term and decide at that time whether or not to roll the funds into another CD. Lauren said she would find out. The motion was **seconded** by Admin Mike Williams and the motion **passed**.

3.3. President Report, Richard Dutremble

President Dutremble announced that the next Board of Directors meeting would occur in person at the MCCA offices in Augusta.

4. Standing Committee Reports:

4.1. NACo Update: Peter Baldacci & Sharyn Pohlman

Comm. Pohlman reported that April 30th was a key deadline for US Treasury ARPA reporting. The Quarterly and Annual Project & Expenditure (P&E) Reports will be due in which the expenditure estimates basically lock counties into their plan for the rest of the program.

4.2. Convention Planning Committee (CPC): Lauren Haven

Admin. Lauren Haven reported that the CPC met on April 2nd at the venue for a walk through of the Sugarloaf facility. It is truly a beautiful space for the convention that will easily accommodate all aspects of the meeting from the hotel on site to the training areas, as well as food and fun activities. Comm. Bob Carlton said the Franklin Board of Commissioners will be happy to welcome MCCA to Franklin County for the conference.

4.3. Legislative Policy Committee: Steve Gorden, Chair

4.3.1. James Cohen, Verrill Dana

- Legislative Update
- Next Steps

Lobbyist Jim Cohen reported that four million dollars for Medically Assisted Treatment was kept in the supplemental budget that was passed. In his opinion, even if it was not enough, four million was better than two million, and much better than nothing.

The pay increase for Maine State Police (MSP) passed which will help with hiring and retention. The budget included 32 new positions combined closing the gap on other open positions and providing more rural patrol coverage. It will not provide full coverage as identified in existing call sharing arrangements, but it will reduce overtime for troopers, which has been an issue. The week prior, the Appropriations Committee cut the requested 32 positions in half. It is unclear what exactly this will mean. It was thought that coverage will move around and Washington County, which is underserved, will not be given an additional position. If the Governor agrees this number is insufficient, the request for more positions can be made again.

Mr. Cohen said there were a number of significant divergences. Many decisions were being made in the middle of the night on Saturday. Comm. Fournier asked if adjournment was scheduled for next Wednesday. Jim noted that many bills have not even come out of committee yet and a lot of ground needs to be covered before adjournment. Norm asked if a vote was needed to extend the session or could the Governor simply call them back into session. Mr. Cohen said once the legislature is in session, it can stay in session for as long as it takes. There would definitely be a veto day scheduled at some point. Per diem cost comes into play in that case.

Lobbyist Brody Haverly-Johndro reported that the Legislature passed the bill to provide funding for more public defender offices and employees in an effort to improve the state's

insufficient indigent legal system. As a result, the pre-trial backlog will be reduced. The bill regarding courthouse facilities failed to pass. However, this would probably be a state expense rather than a county expense.

Jim said the next steps will be to set up legislative priorities for the future session. There would be opportunities for the jail standards committee, so we need to work on ideas now. Comm. Sezak suggested developing a questionnaire to send to all the candidates. The Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) needs to get together to come up with questions that should be included. The timeline should be July and August to develop this. If we can get their ear, we will understand who will be responding to us going forward.

5. Association Reports - MACCAM, MARP, MRODA, MSA, others.

MSA: Admin. Carrie Kipfer reported that she attended the MSA conference last month and they had a great speaker.

There were no other association reports given.

6. Adjournment 10:30

President Dutremble *invited a **motion** to adjourn at approximately 10:30 a.m. Comm. Sezak made the **motion, seconded** by Comm. Fournier, and the motion to adjourn was **approved**.*

Respectfully submitted,



MCCA Administrator, Lauren Haven

Attested:

MCCA Secretary-Treasurer, George Jabar

MAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

April 2024 Financial Report

Attached please find the financial reports for the month of April 2024. The Balance Sheet shows the total assets and liabilities at \$252,596.75. This amount includes \$12,470.28 from the money market account MCCA established for MainePERS employer contributions. It also shows the NACo dues collected for the state of Maine were withdrawn from our account.

Debits to the bank account in April totaled \$45,763.12, and \$905.60 was credited to the checking account. The credits were from one of the directory ads and accrued interest on the checking account. There were also a few transactions for the National Administrators Association that were a wash. The funds were deposited and withdrawn within the same month. The debits in April were from normal operating expenses during the month and you may note the increased amount is reflected in the reports for the updated office space lease agreement. At this time, we have spent 27 percent of the annual budget and received 70% of the budgeted income for the year.

Additional details of financial transactions appear in the *Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual, Transaction Detail, Expenses by Vendor*, and *Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison* reports. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions and let me know if you would like to see anything presented differently in the financial reports.

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren Haven
Administrator

Maine County Commissioners Association
Balance Sheet (accrual)
As of April 30, 2024

	April 2024
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000-00 · Bank and Cash Accounts	
1010-00 · MCCA Checking-Savings Bank	239,070.72
1020-00 · Money Market Account	12,470.28
1030-00 · Petty Cash Account	200.00
1000-00 · Bank and Cash Accounts - Other	855.75
Total 1000-00 · Bank and Cash Accounts	<u>252,596.75</u>
Total Checking/Savings	252,596.75
Accounts Receivable	
1300-00 · Receivables	2,700.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>2,700.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>255,296.75</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>255,296.75</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000-00 · Accounts Payable	-45.94
Total Accounts Payable	<u>-45.94</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
2100-00 · Other Current Liabilities	
2120-00 · MainePERS Employee Contribution	326.01
2130-00 · Employee Health Insurance Contr	10.16
Total 2100-00 · Other Current Liabilities	<u>336.17</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>336.17</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>290.23</u>
Total Liabilities	290.23
Equity	
3000-00 · Equity Accounts	
3020-00 · Fund Balance to Current Yr Inc	-86,023.06
Total 3000-00 · Equity Accounts	<u>-86,023.06</u>
3100-00 · Earnings	231,203.26
Net Income	109,826.32
Total Equity	<u>255,006.52</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>255,296.75</u></u>

**Maine County Commissioners Association
Reconciliation Summary**

1020-00 · Money Market Account, Period Ending 04/17/24

	<u>Apr 17, 24</u>
Beginning Balance	12,469.75
Cleared Transactions	
Deposits and Credits - 1 item	0.53
Total Cleared Transactions	<u>0.53</u>
Cleared Balance	<u>12,470.28</u>
Register Balance as of 04/17/24	12,470.28
Ending Balance	12,470.28

**Maine County Commissioners Association
Reconciliation Summary**

1010-00 · MCCA Checking-Savings Bank, Period Ending 04/30/24

	April 2024
Beginning Balance	292,135.65
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 21 items	-45,763.12
Deposits and Credits - 5 items	905.60
Total Cleared Transactions	<u>-44,857.52</u>
Cleared Balance	<u>247,278.13</u>
Uncleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 6 items	-9,223.51
Deposits and Credits - 4 items	1,016.10
Total Uncleared Transactions	<u>-8,207.41</u>
Register Balance as of 04/30/24	<u>239,070.72</u>
Ending Balance	239,070.72

Maine County Commissioners Association Reconciliation Detail

1010-00 · MCCA Checking-Savings Bank, Period Ending 04/30/24

	Type	Date	Name	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance					292,135.65
Cleared Transactions					
Checks and Payments - 21 items					
Bill Pmt -Check		3/28	Verrill	-6,250.00	-6,250.00
Bill Pmt -Check		3/28	Maine Farm Bureau	-1,557.05	-7,807.05
Bill Pmt -Check		3/28	Knox County Treasurer	-1,333.74	-9,140.79
Bill Pmt -Check		3/28	Penobscot County Treasurer	-836.11	-9,976.90
Bill Pmt -Check		3/28	Camden National Bank	-376.24	-10,353.14
Bill Pmt -Check		3/28	Eastern Alliance	-104.00	-10,457.14
Bill Pmt -Check		3/28	Haven, Lauren	-75.00	-10,532.14
Bill Pmt -Check		4/5	Bangor Payroll	-1,155.80	-11,687.94
Bill Pmt -Check		4/11	NACo	-26,666.00	-38,353.94
Bill Pmt -Check		4/11	MainePERS	-917.56	-39,271.50
Bill Pmt -Check		4/11	Macomber Farr & Whitten	-492.00	-39,763.50
Bill Pmt -Check		4/11	Spectrum Business/TWC	-129.97	-39,893.47
Bill Pmt -Check		4/11	Technology Solutions	-100.00	-39,993.47
Bill Pmt -Check		4/11	Liberty Mutual Insurance	-63.83	-40,057.30
Bill Pmt -Check		4/11	Google LLC	-12.99	-40,070.29
Bill Pmt -Check		4/12	Bangor Payroll	-1,155.80	-41,226.09
Bill Pmt -Check		4/19	Bangor Payroll	-1,155.80	-42,381.89
Bill Pmt -Check		4/26	Bangor Payroll	-2,485.96	-44,867.85
Bill Pmt -Check		4/30	US Bank	-424.25	-45,292.10
Bill Pmt -Check		4/30	Camden National Bank	-265.02	-45,557.12
Check		4/30	Square	-206.00	-45,763.12
Total Checks and Payments				-45,763.12	-45,763.12
Deposits and Credits - 5 items					
Deposit		4/1	Square	99.42	99.42
Deposit		4/3	Square	49.71	149.13
Deposit		4/12	Square	49.71	198.84
Deposit		4/30		6.76	205.60
Deposit		4/30		700.00	905.60
Total Deposits and Credits				905.60	905.60
Total Cleared Transactions				-44,857.52	-44,857.52
Cleared Balance				-44,857.52	247,278.13
Uncleared Transactions					
Checks and Payments - 6 items					
Bill Pmt -Check		10/24	Treasurer, State Of Maine	-100.00	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check		4/30	Verrill	-5,625.00	-5,725.00

	Type	Date	Name	Amount	Balance
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/30	Maine Farm Bureau	-1,557.05	-7,282.05
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/30	Macomber Farr & Whitten	-1,033.00	-8,315.05
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/30	Blue Ally	-833.46	-9,148.51
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/30	Haven, Lauren	-75.00	-9,223.51
Total Checks and Payments				<u>-9,223.51</u>	<u>-9,223.51</u>
Deposits and Credits - 4 items					
	Deposit	9/11	Square	199.86	199.86
	Deposit	9/11	Square	210.27	410.13
	Deposit	9/13	Square	18.97	429.10
	Deposit	9/25	National Association of Counties	587.00	1,016.10
Total Deposits and Credits				<u>1,016.10</u>	<u>1,016.10</u>
Total Uncleared Transactions				<u>-8,207.41</u>	<u>-8,207.41</u>
Register Balance as of 04/30/24				<u>-53,064.93</u>	<u>239,070.72</u>
Ending Balance				<u>-53,064.93</u>	<u>239,070.72</u>

Maine County Commissioners Association
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 January through April 2024

Accrual Basis	Budget	April 2024	Jan-Apr 2024	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income					
4100-00 · Convention Income					
4110-00 · Plaques	350			-350	
4120-00 · Registration	26,000			-26,000	
4130-00 · Sponsorship	10,000			-10,000	
4140-00 · Vendor	9,000			-9,000	
Total 4100-00 · Convention Income	45,350			-45,350	
4300-00 · Dues	173,082		173,083	1	100%
4400-00 · Other Income	8,000	-7	7,297	-703	91%
4500-00 · NACo Roster	500			-500	
4600-00 · MCCA Risk Pool Assessment	25,026			-25,026	
4810-00 · Interest Earned	100	7	27	-73	27%
4920-00 · Transfer in from Fund Balance	6,758			-6,758	
Total Income	258,816	0	180,407	-78,409	70%
Gross Profit	258,816	0	180,407	-78,409	70%
Expense					
5000-00 · Payroll Expenses					
5020-00 · Payroll Fees	2,000	156	667	-1,333	33%
5030-00 · FICA	4,443	341	1,447	-2,996	33%
5040-00 · MainePERS Contributions	5,376	517	1,841	-3,535	34%
5050-00 · Salary-Administrator	60,397	4,660	19,759	-40,638	33%
Total 5000-00 · Payroll Expenses	72,216	5,673	23,714	-48,502	33%
5100-00 · Insurance					
5110-00 · Health Insurance	13,750	1,119	4,309	-9,441	31%
5120-00 · Commercial, Crime, D&O Ins	2,675	1,589	1,780	-895	67%
5130-00 · Workers Comp	450		104	-346	23%
5140-00 · Unemployment Comp Ins	300			-300	
Total 5100-00 · Insurance	17,175	2,707	6,193	-10,982	36%
6010-00 · Prof. Services					
6012-00 · Legal & Public Relations Svcs	5,500			-5,500	
6013-00 · Financial Audit	3,500		1,000	-2,500	29%
Total 6010-00 · Prof. Services	9,000		1,000	-8,000	11%
6030-00 · Lobbying					
6032-00 · Lobbying - Contractual	68,300	5,625	23,125	-45,175	34%
Total 6030-00 · Lobbying	68,300	5,625	23,125	-45,175	34%
6040-00 · NACO Expenses					
6041-00 · Conferences	6,000		2,170	-3,830	36%
Total 6040-00 · NACO Expenses	6,000		2,170	-3,830	36%

Accrual Basis	Budget	April 2024	Jan-Apr 2024	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
6050-00 · Education and Training	500			-500	
6100-00 · Bank Charges	50			-50	
6110-00 · Convention Expense					
6113-00 · Entertainment/Speakers	4,000			-4,000	
6114-00 · MCCA Staff Registration Expense	600			-600	
6118-00 · Meeting Exp.	35,000		1,000	-34,000	3%
6121-00 · Supplies	450			-450	
6124-00 · Commissioner Retirement Plaques	300			-300	
Total 6110-00 · Convention Expense	40,350		1,000	-39,350	2%
6140-00 · Copies-Printing					
6142-00 · Directory	150		141	-9	94%
Total 6140-00 · Copies-Printing	150		141	-9	94%
6145-00 · Dues Expense	625		675	50	108%
6150-00 · Equipment - Office					
6151-00 · Computer Hardware & Software	1,500	446	588	-912	39%
6152-00 · IT Services	1,800	112	448	-1,352	25%
6153-00 · Photocopier Lease	5,000	424	1,697	-3,303	34%
6154-00 · Printer & Supplies	550			-550	
6156-00 · Other	400	400	400		100%
Total 6150-00 · Equipment - Office	9,250	1,383	3,133	-6,117	34%
6160-00 · Fees	100	35	57	-43	57%
6170-00 · Meeting Expense					
6171-00 · Annual Meeting	3,000		1,852	-1,148	62%
6172-00 · County Officials' Workshop	4,000			-4,000	
6173-00 · Monthly	2,000			-2,000	
6175-00 · Meetings - Other	2,000			-2,000	
Total 6170-00 · Meeting Expense	11,000		1,852	-9,148	17%
6180-00 · Mileage & Travel Expense	200			-200	
6195-00 · Office Space Rental	19,000		6,108	-12,892	32%
6215-00 · Postage-Shipping	300	194	262	-38	87%
6230-00 · Advertising	100			-100	
6235-00 · Supplies	400		256	-144	64%
6240-00 · Telephone, Fax & Internet					
6241-00 · Cell Phone	900	75	300	-600	33%
6243-00 · Phone, Fax & Internet	2,500	154	594	-1,906	24%
Total 6240-00 · Telephone, Fax & Internet	3,400	229	894	-2,506	26%
6250-00 · Website	200			-200	
6260-00 · Contingency	500			-500	
Total Expense	258,816	17,403	70,580	-188,236	27%

Maine County Commissioners Association
Expenses by Vendor Detail
April 2024

Accrual Basis	Type	Date	Account	Amount	Balance
Bangor Payroll					
	Bill	4/5	5050-00 · Salary-Administrator	1,164.92	1,164.92
	Bill	4/5	5030-00 · FICA	85.15	1,250.07
	Bill	4/5	5020-00 · Payroll Fees	38.00	1,288.07
	Bill	4/12	5050-00 · Salary-Administrator	1,164.92	2,452.99
	Bill	4/12	5030-00 · FICA	85.15	2,538.14
	Bill	4/12	5020-00 · Payroll Fees	38.00	2,576.14
	Bill	4/19	5050-00 · Salary-Administrator	1,164.92	3,741.06
	Bill	4/19	5030-00 · FICA	85.15	3,826.21
	Bill	4/19	5020-00 · Payroll Fees	38.00	3,864.21
	Bill	4/26	5050-00 · Salary-Administrator	1,164.92	5,029.13
	Bill	4/26	5030-00 · FICA	85.15	5,114.28
	Bill	4/26	5020-00 · Payroll Fees	42.00	5,156.28
	Bill	4/26	5110-00 · Health Insurance	1,118.60	6,274.88
Total Bangor Payroll				6,274.88	6,274.88
Blue Ally					
	Bill	4/30	6156-00 · Other	400.00	400.00
	Bill	4/30	6151-00 · Computer Hardware & Software	433.46	833.46
Total Blue Ally				833.46	833.46
Camden National Bank					
	Bill	4/29	6152-00 · IT Services	12.00	12.00
	Bill	4/29	6160-00 · Fees	35.00	47.00
	Bill	4/29	6215-00 · Postage-Shipping	194.03	241.03
	Bill	4/29	6243-00 · Phone, Fax & Internet	23.99	265.02
Total Camden National Bank				265.02	265.02
Google LLC					
	Bill	4/11	6151-00 · Computer Hardware & Software	12.99	12.99
Total Google LLC				12.99	12.99
Haven, Lauren					
	Bill	4/29	6241-00 · Cell Phone	75.00	75.00
Total Haven, Lauren				75.00	75.00
Liberty Mutual Insurance					
	Bill	4/11	5120-00 · Commercial, Crime, D&O Ins	63.83	63.83
Total Liberty Mutual Insurance				63.83	63.83
Macomber Farr & Whitten					
	Bill	4/11	5120-00 · Commercial, Crime, D&O Ins	492.00	492.00
	Bill	4/29	5120-00 · Commercial, Crime, D&O Ins	1,033.00	1,525.00
Total Macomber Farr & Whitten				1,525.00	1,525.00
Maine Farm Bureau					
	Bill	4/29	6195-00 · Office Space Rental	1,557.05	1,557.05

Accrual Basis	Type	Date	Account	Amount	Balance
Total Maine Farm Bureau				1,557.05	1,557.05
MainePERS					
	Bill	4/11	5040-00 · MainePERS Contributions	516.86	516.86
Total MainePERS				516.86	516.86
Spectrum Business/TWC					
	Bill	4/11	6243-00 · Phone, Fax & Internet	129.97	129.97
Total Spectrum Business/TWC				129.97	129.97
Technology Solutions					
	Bill	4/11	6152-00 · IT Services	100.00	100.00
Total Technology Solutions				100.00	100.00
US Bank					
	Bill	4/29	6153-00 · Photocopier Lease	424.25	424.25
Total US Bank				424.25	424.25
Verrill					
	Bill	4/29	6032-00 · Lobbying - Contractual	5,625.00	5,625.00
Total Verrill				5,625.00	5,625.00
TOTAL				17,403.31	17,403.31

Maine County Commissioners Association

Transaction Detail by Account

April 2024

Accrual Basis	Type	Date	Name	Amount	Balance
1000-00 · Bank and Cash Accounts					
1010-00 · MCCA Checking-Savings Bank					
	Deposit	4/1	Square	99.42	99.42
	Deposit	4/3	Square	49.71	149.13
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/5	Bangor Payroll	-1,155.80	-1,006.67
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/11	Google LLC	-12.99	-1,019.66
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/11	Liberty Mutual Insurance	-63.83	-1,083.49
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/11	MainePERS	-917.56	-2,001.05
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/11	Spectrum Business/TWC	-129.97	-2,131.02
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/11	Technology Solutions	-100.00	-2,231.02
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/11	Macomber Farr & Whitten	-492.00	-2,723.02
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/11	NACo	-26,666.00	-29,389.02
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/12	Bangor Payroll	-1,155.80	-30,544.82
	Deposit	4/12	Square	49.71	-30,495.11
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/19	Bangor Payroll	-1,155.80	-31,650.91
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/26	Bangor Payroll	-2,485.96	-34,136.87
	Deposit	4/30		700.00	-33,436.87
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/30	Camden National Bank	-265.02	-33,701.89
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/30	US Bank	-424.25	-34,126.14
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/30	Macomber Farr & Whitten	-1,033.00	-35,159.14
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/30	Verrill	-5,625.00	-40,784.14
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/30	Blue Ally	-833.46	-41,617.60
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/30	Maine Farm Bureau	-1,557.05	-43,174.65
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/30	Haven, Lauren	-75.00	-43,249.65
	Check	4/30	Square	-206.00	-43,455.65
	Deposit	4/30		6.76	-43,448.89
Total 1010-00 · MCCA Checking-Savings Bank				-43,448.89	-43,448.89
1020-00 · Money Market Account					
	Deposit	4/17		0.53	0.53
Total 1020-00 · Money Market Account				0.53	0.53
Total 1000-00 · Bank and Cash Accounts				-43,448.36	-43,448.36
1300-00 · Receivables					
	Payment	4/30	JBGH	-700.00	-700.00
Total 1300-00 · Receivables				-700.00	-700.00
1110-00 · Undeposited Funds					
	Payment	4/30	JBGH	700.00	700.00
	Deposit	4/30	JBGH	-700.00	0.00
Total 1110-00 · Undeposited Funds				0.00	0.00
1120-00 · Pass Through					
	Bill	4/11	NACo	26,666.00	26,666.00
Total 1120-00 · Pass Through				26,666.00	26,666.00
2000-00 · Accounts Payable					
	Bill	4/5	Bangor Payroll	-1,155.80	-1,155.80
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/5	Bangor Payroll	1,155.80	0.00
	Bill	4/11	MainePERS	-917.56	-917.56
	Bill	4/11	Liberty Mutual Insurance	-63.83	-981.39
	Bill	4/11	Technology Solutions	-100.00	-1,081.39

Accrual Basis	Type	Date	Name	Amount	Balance
	Bill	4/11	Google LLC	-12.99	-1,094.38
	Bill	4/11	Spectrum Business/TWC	-129.97	-1,224.35
	Bill	4/11	Macomber Farr & Whitten	-492.00	-1,716.35
	Bill	4/11	NACo	-26,666.00	-28,382.35
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/11	Google LLC	12.99	-28,369.36
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/11	Liberty Mutual Insurance	63.83	-28,305.53
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/11	MainePERS	917.56	-27,387.97
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/11	Spectrum Business/TWC	129.97	-27,258.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/11	Technology Solutions	100.00	-27,158.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/11	Macomber Farr & Whitten	492.00	-26,666.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/11	NACo	26,666.00	0.00
	Bill	4/12	Bangor Payroll	-1,155.80	-1,155.80
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/12	Bangor Payroll	1,155.80	0.00
	Bill	4/19	Bangor Payroll	-1,155.80	-1,155.80
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/19	Bangor Payroll	1,155.80	0.00
	Bill	4/26	Bangor Payroll	-2,485.96	-2,485.96
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/26	Bangor Payroll	2,485.96	0.00
	Bill	4/29	Maine Farm Bureau	-1,557.05	-1,557.05
	Bill	4/29	Macomber Farr & Whitten	-1,033.00	-2,590.05
	Bill	4/29	Verrill	-5,625.00	-8,215.05
	Bill	4/29	Camden National Bank	-265.02	-8,480.07
	Bill	4/29	US Bank	-424.25	-8,904.32
	Bill	4/29	Haven, Lauren	-75.00	-8,979.32
	Bill	4/30	Blue Ally	-833.46	-9,812.78
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/30	Camden National Bank	265.02	-9,547.76
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/30	US Bank	424.25	-9,123.51
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/30	Macomber Farr & Whitten	1,033.00	-8,090.51
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/30	Verrill	5,625.00	-2,465.51
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/30	Blue Ally	833.46	-1,632.05
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/30	Maine Farm Bureau	1,557.05	-75.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	4/30	Haven, Lauren	75.00	0.00
Total 2000-00 · Accounts Payable				0.00	0.00
2100-00 · Other Current Liabilities					
2120-00 · MainePERS Employee Contribution					
	Bill	4/5	Bangor Payroll	-80.38	-80.38
	Bill	4/11	MainePERS	400.70	320.32
	Bill	4/12	Bangor Payroll	-80.38	239.94
	Bill	4/19	Bangor Payroll	-80.38	159.56
	Bill	4/26	Bangor Payroll	-80.38	79.18
Total 2120-00 · MainePERS Employee Contribution				79.18	79.18
2130-00 · Employee Health Insurance Contr					
	Bill	4/5	Bangor Payroll	-51.89	-51.89
	Bill	4/12	Bangor Payroll	-51.89	-103.78
	Bill	4/19	Bangor Payroll	-51.89	-155.67
	Bill	4/26	Bangor Payroll	207.56	51.89
	Bill	4/26	Bangor Payroll	-51.89	0.00
Total 2130-00 · Employee Health Insurance Contr				0.00	0.00
Total 2100-00 · Other Current Liabilities				79.18	79.18
4400-00 · Other Income					
	Deposit	4/1	Square	-99.42	-99.42

Accrual Basis	Type	Date	Name	Amount	Balance
	Deposit	4/3	Square	-49.71	-149.13
	Deposit	4/12	Square	-49.71	-198.84
	Check	4/30	Square	206.00	7.16
Total 4400-00 · Other Income				7.16	7.16
4810-00 · Interest Earned					
	Deposit	4/17		-0.53	-0.53
	Deposit	4/30		-6.76	-7.29
Total 4810-00 · Interest Earned				-7.29	-7.29
5000-00 · Payroll Expenses					
5020-00 · Payroll Fees					
	Bill	4/5	Bangor Payroll	38.00	38.00
	Bill	4/12	Bangor Payroll	38.00	76.00
	Bill	4/19	Bangor Payroll	38.00	114.00
	Bill	4/26	Bangor Payroll	42.00	156.00
Total 5020-00 · Payroll Fees				156.00	156.00
5030-00 · FICA					
	Bill	4/5	Bangor Payroll	85.15	85.15
	Bill	4/12	Bangor Payroll	85.15	170.30
	Bill	4/19	Bangor Payroll	85.15	255.45
	Bill	4/26	Bangor Payroll	85.15	340.60
Total 5030-00 · FICA				340.60	340.60
5040-00 · MainePERS Contributions					
	Bill	4/11	MainePERS	516.86	516.86
Total 5040-00 · MainePERS Contributions				516.86	516.86
5050-00 · Salary-Administrator					
	Bill	4/5	Bangor Payroll	1,164.92	1,164.92
	Bill	4/12	Bangor Payroll	1,164.92	2,329.84
	Bill	4/19	Bangor Payroll	1,164.92	3,494.76
	Bill	4/26	Bangor Payroll	1,164.92	4,659.68
Total 5050-00 · Salary-Administrator				4,659.68	4,659.68
Total 5000-00 · Payroll Expenses				5,673.14	5,673.14
5100-00 · Insurance					
5110-00 · Health Insurance					
	Bill	4/26	Bangor Payroll	1,118.60	1,118.60
Total 5110-00 · Health Insurance				1,118.60	1,118.60
5120-00 · Commercial, Crime, D&O Ins					
	Bill	4/11	Liberty Mutual Insurance	63.83	63.83
	Bill	4/11	Macomber Farr & Whitten	492.00	555.83
	Bill	4/29	Macomber Farr & Whitten	1,033.00	1,588.83
Total 5120-00 · Commercial, Crime, D&O Ins				1,588.83	1,588.83
Total 5100-00 · Insurance				2,707.43	2,707.43
6030-00 · Lobbying					
6032-00 · Lobbying - Contractual					
	Bill	4/29	Verrill	5,625.00	5,625.00
Total 6032-00 · Lobbying - Contractual				5,625.00	5,625.00
Total 6030-00 · Lobbying				5,625.00	5,625.00
6150-00 · Equipment - Office					
6151-00 · Computer Hardware & Software					
	Bill	4/11	Google LLC	12.99	12.99
	Bill	4/30	Blue Ally	433.46	446.45

Accrual Basis	Type	Date	Name	Amount	Balance
Total 6151-00 · Computer Hardware & Software				446.45	446.45
6152-00 · IT Services					
	Bill	4/11	Technology Solutions	100.00	100.00
	Bill	4/29	Camden National Bank	12.00	112.00
Total 6152-00 · IT Services				112.00	112.00
6153-00 · Photocopier Lease					
	Bill	4/29	US Bank	424.25	424.25
Total 6153-00 · Photocopier Lease				424.25	424.25
6156-00 · Other					
	Bill	4/30	Blue Ally	400.00	400.00
Total 6156-00 · Other				400.00	400.00
Total 6150-00 · Equipment - Office				1,382.70	1,382.70
6160-00 · Fees					
	Bill	4/29	Camden National Bank	35.00	35.00
Total 6160-00 · Fees				35.00	35.00
6195-00 · Office Space Rental					
	Bill	4/29	Maine Farm Bureau	1,557.05	1,557.05
Total 6195-00 · Office Space Rental				1,557.05	1,557.05
6215-00 · Postage-Shipping					
	Bill	4/29	Camden National Bank	194.03	194.03
Total 6215-00 · Postage-Shipping				194.03	194.03
6240-00 · Telephone, Fax & Internet					
6241-00 · Cell Phone					
	Bill	4/29	Haven, Lauren	75.00	75.00
Total 6241-00 · Cell Phone				75.00	75.00
6243-00 · Phone, Fax & Internet					
	Bill	4/11	Spectrum Business/TWC	129.97	129.97
	Bill	4/29	Camden National Bank	23.99	153.96
Total 6243-00 · Phone, Fax & Internet				153.96	153.96
Total 6240-00 · Telephone, Fax & Internet				228.96	228.96

Maine County Commissioners Association
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
April 2024

Accrual Basis	Apr 2024	Apr 2023	\$ Change	% Change
Income				
4100-00 · Convention Income				
4110-00 · Plaques	0.00	38.54	-38.54	-100.0%
Total 4100-00 · Convention Income	0.00	38.54	-38.54	-100.0%
4400-00 · Other Income	-7.16	244.50	-251.66	-102.93%
4810-00 · Interest Earned	7.29	12.96	-5.67	-43.75%
Total Income	0.13	296.00	-295.87	-99.96%
Gross Profit	0.13	296.00	-295.87	-99.96%
Expense				
5000-00 · Payroll Expenses				
5020-00 · Payroll Fees	156.00	148.00	8.00	5.41%
5030-00 · FICA	340.60	326.24	14.36	4.4%
5040-00 · MainePERS Contributions	516.86	474.64	42.22	8.9%
5050-00 · Salary-Administrator	4,659.68	4,467.24	192.44	4.31%
Total 5000-00 · Payroll Expenses	5,673.14	5,416.12	257.02	4.75%
5100-00 · Insurance				
5110-00 · Health Insurance	1,118.60	1,072.97	45.63	4.25%
5120-00 · Commercial, Crime, D&O Ins	1,588.83	1,540.00	48.83	3.17%
5140-00 · Unemployment Comp Ins	0.00	132.00	-132.00	-100.0%
Total 5100-00 · Insurance	2,707.43	2,744.97	-37.54	-1.37%
6030-00 · Lobbying				
6032-00 · Lobbying - Contractual	5,625.00	5,416.00	209.00	3.86%
Total 6030-00 · Lobbying	5,625.00	5,416.00	209.00	3.86%
6150-00 · Equipment - Office				
6151-00 · Computer Hardware & Software	446.45	6.00	440.45	7,340.83%
6152-00 · IT Services	112.00	112.00	0.00	0.0%
6153-00 · Photocopier Lease	424.25	410.99	13.26	3.23%
6154-00 · Printer & Supplies	0.00	72.99	-72.99	-100.0%
6156-00 · Other	400.00	0.00	400.00	100.0%
Total 6150-00 · Equipment - Office	1,382.70	601.98	780.72	129.69%
6160-00 · Fees	35.00	0.00	35.00	100.0%
6170-00 · Meeting Expense				
6173-00 · Monthly	0.00	158.89	-158.89	-100.0%
Total 6170-00 · Meeting Expense	0.00	158.89	-158.89	-100.0%
6195-00 · Office Space Rental	1,557.05	1,497.17	59.88	4.0%
6215-00 · Postage-Shipping	194.03	182.05	11.98	6.58%
6235-00 · Supplies	0.00	119.95	-119.95	-100.0%

Accrual Basis	Apr 2024	Apr 2023	\$ Change	% Change
6240-00 · Telephone, Fax & Internet				
6241-00 · Cell Phone	75.00	75.00	0.00	0.0%
6243-00 · Phone, Fax & Internet	153.96	167.95	-13.99	-8.33%
Total 6240-00 · Telephone, Fax & Internet	228.96	242.95	-13.99	-5.76%
Total Expense	17,403.31	16,380.08	1,023.23	6.25%



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Position Summary. The Geological Society of America (GSA) supports the conservation of Geoheritage sites to meet present and future educational, scientific, aesthetic, cultural, and economic needs.

This position statement provides a communication tool that (1) summarizes the consensus views of GSA on the conservation of Geoheritage sites; (2) describes what Geoheritage sites are and why they are important; (3) encourages alignment of U.S. initiatives with international Geoheritage, geoconservation, and geodiversity programs (e.g., UNESCO Global Geoparks Network, International Union for Conservation of Nature Geoheritage Specialist Group, IUGS Commission on Geoheritage); and (4) advocates coordinated development of partnerships and strategies for creating and conserving Geoheritage sites across the United States.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- *Recognize and support designation and appropriate management of Geoheritage sites.* These sites are not only scientifically important, but also offer the potential for supporting local and regional economies through tourism and other businesses that embrace sustainable development. Governing bodies, particularly those at a local level, can play a key role in conserving Geoheritage sites for the public benefit.
- *Encourage collaboration and partnerships to identify, designate, and manage Geoheritage sites.* Collaboration among the geologic community, local and regional governments, and private interests can be most effective in promoting appropriate designations and management strategies for both existing Geoheritage sites and areas in need of Geoheritage designation and management.
- Recognizing the diversity of Geoheritage across the United States. Every region has opportunities to identify, characterize, and develop preservation and management plans according to local interests and needs. These initiatives can be developed in a coordinated manner, following established best practices in Geoheritage planning and management as outlined in the America's Geoheritage II: Identifying, Developing, and Preserving America's Natural Legacy: Proceedings of a Workshop (2021) report. All geoscientists can be encouraged to contribute; the geoscience community as a whole will realize the benefits of universal access to Geoheritage sites.

RATIONALE

“Geoheritage” is a generic but descriptive term applied to sites or areas of geologic features with significant scientific, educational, cultural, and/or aesthetic value (<https://www.americasgeoheritage.com/geoheritage/>). Geoheritage sites are important to the long-term health of the geoscience professions, to preserve sites of geoscience importance related to Earth processes, Earth history, and history of geologic thought; to recruit and train the next generation of geoscientists; and to engage the general public by demonstrating the relevance and importance of geology to societal interests. *Scientifically and educationally significant Geoheritage sites* include those with textbook geologic features and landscapes, distinctive rock or mineral types, unique or unusual fossils, or other geologic characteristics that are significant to education and research. *Culturally significant Geoheritage sites* are places where

geologic features or landscapes played a role in cultural or historical events. *Aesthetically significant Geoheritage sites* include landscapes that are visually appealing and inspire a sense of awe and wonder.

Geoheritage sites serve the public interest. Such sites are critical to advancing knowledge about natural hazards, groundwater supplies, soil processes, climate and environmental changes, evolution of life, mineral and energy supplies, and other aspects of the nature and history of Earth. Such sites have high potential for scientific studies, use as outdoor classrooms, enhancing public understanding of science, recreational use, and economic support to local communities. Many Geoheritage sites are tourist destinations that provide local and regional economic benefits.

Geoheritage sites can be small but scientifically significant. Such sites may include a road cut or named and managed sites of a few acres. Geoheritage sites can also be extensive areas with international recognition, such as the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone National Parks. Geoheritage sites may be located on privately owned land, tribal land, on land in public ownership ranging from municipalities to the federal government, or on land of mixed ownership. Large or small, and regardless of ownership, many are vulnerable to urbanization, infrastructure development, agriculture, over-use, or erosion. Conservation strategies appropriate to the type of site and nature of ownership are important to protect and maintain Geoheritage sites for the long-term interests of both geologic and civic communities.

Geoheritage sites in the United States include officially designated landmarks and areas with a high level of distinct conservation management, such as national parks, monuments, historic landmarks, natural landmarks, and World Heritage Sites. Many of these areas were designated because of their distinct geologic features, geologic history, or combination of both. Federal land-management agencies, such as the National Park Service (NPS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and U.S. Forest Service (USFS), manage these sites to conserve their special features and characteristics for future generations. Geologic sites and museums without official Geoheritage designations are also included on the website of the NPS, providing Geoheritage managers the opportunity to “strengthen the connections between Geoheritage sites and encourage the sharing of best management practices nationwide” (<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/geology/unofficial-register.htm>).

Some Geoheritage sites are significant due to unique and outstanding geologic characteristics and cultural history. As such, Geoheritage sites across the United States should be identified and managed for preservation as nonrenewable resources aligned with global geoconservation initiatives. Geodiversity and biodiversity initiatives should be integrated at Geoheritage sites to ensure long-term sustainability of natural ecosystems. Because cultural heritage and history are integral to geoheritage sites, indigenous and local populations should be acknowledged and respected, and their perspectives should be accommodated in the planning, development, and management of these sites. Finally, Geoheritage sites provide opportunities for geotourism, improving public scientific literacy, connecting people to the landscape, instilling a sense of community ownership, and sustaining local economies.

Innovative approaches in conserving Geoheritage sites on public and private lands can be executed by partnerships among state agencies, tribal communities, counties, municipalities, non-governmental organizations, businesses, academic institutions, professional societies, and other private parties. Such efforts will ensure that even small Geoheritage sites, including those without official designations, can be preserved in perpetuity and managed for the use, enjoyment, and scientific advancement of future generations. Geoheritage conservation efforts may provide a source of income for communities through tourism and related uses that incorporate principles of sustainable development.

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ABOUT THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The Geological Society of America (GSA) (<https://www.geosociety.org>) unites a diverse community of geoscientists in a common purpose to study the mysteries of our planet (and beyond) and share scientific findings. Members and friends around the world, from academia, government, and industry, participate in GSA meetings, publications, and programs at all career levels, to foster professional excellence. GSA values and supports inclusion through cooperative research, public dialogue on earth issues, science education, and the application of geoscience in the service of humankind. Inquiries about GSA or this position statement should be directed to GSA’s Director for Geoscience Policy, Kasey S. White, at +1-202-669-0466 or kwhite@geosociety.org.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GSA AND ITS MEMBERS TO HELP IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

To facilitate implementation of the goals of this position statement, The Geological Society of America recommends that its members take the following actions:

- *Seek opportunities to communicate the value of Geoheritage sites to decision makers and the public.* Legislative bodies, government agencies, private developers, economic development corporations, professional land-use planners, chambers of commerce, professional forums, town hall meetings, and community groups all provide avenues for expanding knowledge of the value of Geoheritage sites. Provide examples of how management of a Geoheritage site has added value to land-use planning, advanced understanding of geologic processes and potential for hazards, or contributed to economic growth. Explain how overlooking Geoheritage has resulted in costly and damaging land use, devastating consequences of natural disasters, or loss of tourist and tax revenues. An informed public can be a powerful force in identifying and designating Geoheritage sites and collaborating on long-term management strategies.
- *Initiate designation of or management strategies for a site in need of preservation.* Identify other parties, such as NGOs and federal agencies, that may benefit from designation of a site or enhanced management of an existing designated site. Promote collaboration and partnerships for determining appropriate designation (e.g., from local park to IUGS Geoheritage Sites), developing management objectives, and sharing costs. Identify benefits for various interests, such as the educational value for local secondary schools, research value for the geologic community, aesthetic value for outdoor enthusiasts, and economic value through tourism and local users.
- *Utilize print, electronic, social, and broadcast media in promoting the value of Geoheritage designations.* When appropriately utilized, the media are effective and efficient communication tools for addressing critical issues associated with Geoheritage conservation. If you are uncertain about how to make contact and work with the media, seek assistance and advice from other GSA members, GSA's Geology and Society Division, or the U.S. Geoheritage Advisory Group.
- *Be alert to local, state, and federal legislation and policy development relevant to Geoheritage or for designation of specific sites.* Get involved by offering expert assistance, commenting, contacting decision makers, sharing this position paper, or soliciting additional expertise. Seek advice from and share information about Geoheritage with GSA's Geology and Public Policy Committee, GSA's Geology and Society Division, and GSA's Director for Geoscience Policy in Washington, D.C.
- *Become engaged in efforts with federal and state organizations, such as NPS and Association of American State Geologists, that may be active in identifying and developing Geoheritage sites.*
- *Propose symposia, technical sessions, and workshops on Geoheritage issues at GSA annual and sectional meetings.* Sharing experiences, successes, and challenges with Geoheritage designations and management will help others in the geoscience community be more effective in their efforts to preserve Geoheritage sites for future generations.
- *Develop educational materials about Geoheritage.* Designing descriptive and explanatory documents, including drawings and pictures, would be helpful to interested parties, such as policy makers, educators, and site managers, for use in handouts, signage, websites, and field trips.

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GEOHERITAGE PROPOSAL FOR THE KATAHDIN – NORTH WOODS REGION OF MAINE

*A legacy of Discovery and Contribution to Science and
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After many drafts as a concept, this “Geoheritage” proposal will soon be finalized to paper and submitted to potential federal, public, and private funding sources. The authors have concluded that the inclusion of approvals (endorsements) by state, local, business and recreation entities will be important to the success of the proposal! The MCCA approval of our Geoheritage Proposal contributes to its success. The authors are prepared to give a Geoheritage presentation before the MCCA.

Geoheritage: (1) Geologic Heritage or “Geoheritage” is a descriptive term applied to sites or areas of geologic features with significant scientific, educational, cultural, or aesthetic value; (2) Culturally significant geoheritage are places where geologic features or landscapes played a role in cultural or historical events; (3) Aesthetically significant geoheritage sites include landscapes that are visually appealing because of their geologic features or processes.

The Geoheritage Program was formally organized and introduced at a two-day webinar at the University Arizona meeting hosted by: National Science Foundation (NSF), National Academy of Sciences (NAS), Geological Society of America (GSA), National Park Service (NPS), American Geological Institute (AGI), U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), American Association of State Geologists (AASG), National Association of Geology Teachers (NAGT), National Academy of Engineering (NAE) and Medicine (NAM), and Board of International Scientific Organizations-U.S. Committee for Geological Sciences.

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