

CATA 2006 Annual Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2006

Board President Loren Morrow called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Loren requested a moment of silence for members who were lost the past year, and those who were unable to attend due to accident or illness, including Edna Johnson from Summit county who is in the hospital from a motorcycle accident, Barb Gunzenhauser from Larimer, Brenda Yates' husband Bud in El Paso, Elizabeth Frizzel's husband Brad from Douglas, and Tim Lee from Morgan County.

While dinner was served, the board also began to award some of the door prizes.

As dinner was wrapping up, Loren thanked the tax agents for providing the Hospitality suite.

Loren recognized the Vendors that provided donations for our conference, mentioning Randy Garrett with APEX, Dave Hawker with Eagle/Tyler Technologies, Tax Management Associates, Ian Lamont with Spatialest and their donation of the conference folders, CCI for the donation of lanyards and nametags, Thimgan & Associates and Summit County for the donation of laptop computers for the SPSS class, and Farragut Systems Incorporated.

Loren thanked the DPT for providing the core of classes for the conference. A special thanks to the Assessors of the board members for allowing them the time to put the conference together, and to all the other Assessors for allowing the members to attend.

Loren then publicly thanked the staff at Copper Mountain Resort for their efforts.

Loren introduced our special guest of the evening, Stewart Leach, who was presented with a plaque of recognition from the CATA organization. Stewart thanked the members for the recognition and in turn congratulated CATA for providing a wide variety of classes for the membership. Stewart encouraged the membership to "go as high as you can, and go as wide as you can". He elaborated that CATA members should strive to get the highest licensure available to them, and to expand their knowledge as wide as possible to become the best appraisers they can be through expanded education provided by CATA.

Loren commented that the success of this year's conference was due to the dedication and hard work of the board members, and the addition of the CATA Website, as a tool to communicate with the membership. He encouraged further use of the Website for more communication between the members and asked everyone to log in and provide us with their email addresses, so that we can contact them directly with CATA issues as they come about.

Loren also stressed the importance of completing the conference evaluation forms as a tool to provide the board with much needed feedback regarding the conference and what the members expected, like or disliked about each conference. Loren also asked the members to provide the board with classes they might like to see at next year's conference, as we would

not be doing a class survey in 2007, since it was a reappraisal year and the board's time was limited.

Loren introduced the evening's guest speaker, Property Tax Administrator Joanne Groff. Joanne thanked the board for inviting her to speak, and gave a light synopsis of her background in local and state government, and her first few months in the office. Joanne closed her comments citing the four "S"s of public speaking. Smile, keep it Short, keep it Simple, and Sit down.

The election of officers was held next, with the election of Loren Morrow as President, Raelene Anderson as 1st Vice President, Debbie Fangmeier as 2nd Vice President and Mike Peterson as Secretary, all being elected by unanimous vote of the membership. Five nominations from the floor were presented for the three vacant Board of Director seats. While the votes were being counted and throughout the evening, the remainder of over 20 door prizes were awarded to lucky ticket holders. After counting the ballots, the following members were elected to the Board of Directors: Jeremy Maldonado from Adams County, Heidi Pleban from [Douglas County](#), and Chris [Bellegante](#) from Boulder County.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.