

VTGFOA Board Meeting

March 8, 2017

By Conference Call

Present: Sarah Macy, Cheryl Lindberg, Bill Hall, Linda Peters, John O'Connor, Aaron Frank, and Susan Gage

Regrets: Wendy Wilton, Shelley Quinn, Susan Gage and Bob Giroux

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm by Sarah Macy.

Minutes were approved from the 2/8/17 meeting

Presidents Report: Sarah reported that the Biennial report has been sent and Sarah is now the authorized person to send in the reporting. We use VLCT's e-mail because of changes to the board. It was reported to Sarah from Wendy and Sue that Local Government Day went well. The new Banner was hung for the first time at the event. Topics for the next meeting will be the Banner and whether or not there should be an apostrophe in the banner. Bill suggested we go to the UVM English Department for help in the matter. Sarah received an inquiry from Affordable Colleges asking us to have a link on our web site and it was decided not at this time, we are not in the market for free advertising.

Treasurer's Report: John reported on the January and February Balances. The January report shows an ending balance of \$13,357.79. There was \$1,041.06 from NESGFOA, and \$1,309.05 surplus. The February Balance sheet shows an ending balance of \$14,145.12 and a 2,108.18 surplus. Approved were invoices from VLCT for \$14.00 for folders and reimbursement for Sarah Duffy for \$127.20 for the banner

Education Committee: Bill reported suggestions from the evaluations from the winter workshop on future topics include Financial Reports, Tax Sales, Financial/Audit Changes, and Fraud Risk. Bill keeps a list of all topics on file. Maybe ask Mike from NESGFOA to discuss policy and procedures for Contracts. Also ask Lisa to come back again. Thanks Bill for coordinating all this for the VTGFOA.

Legislative Committee: Aaron shared his testimony to the House Commerce and Economic Development Committee on Independent Contractors and Workmen's Comp Issues. Aaron reported to the committee the Towns' challenges about whether or not someone is a Vendor, Contractor or Employee. Bill said this is a complex issue. David Sichel from VLCT says towns usually do a good job on Employees vs Contractors.

Policy Review: Policies were reviewed and Sarah will draft changes to policies and we will approve at the next meeting. Changes include wording to the Presidents reimbursement to include in the statement "to include" the Annual GFOA conference. Under reimbursement add or the GFOA workshop, and also end that with or amount in budget.

Scholarship applications: We had 6 scholarship applications, 4 of those were for first time attendance, and they are all VTGFOA members. Sarah would like the \$500.00 presently in the budget for the President to attend the NESGFOA, which she was unable to attend to go towards the scholarships so that all six applicants can attend. John said we can award another \$1,000.00 from monies not spent in the budget Bill said he appreciated the money added to the scholarships. A motion was made to approve all 6 scholarships, so moved by Aaron and seconded by Linda

Next meeting will be on 4/19/17 via phone conference at 1:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Peters, Secretary

Approved: April 19, 2017