

VTGFOA Board Meeting
January 21, 2015
Via Conference Call

Present: Cheryl A. Lindberg, Jeff Mobus, John O'Connor, William Hall, Lauren Morrissette, Cynthia Gibbs, Wendy Wilton, Sarah Duffy

Regrets: Shelley Quinn

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. by President Jeff Mobus.

Minutes of 12/17/14: Moved and seconded to approve minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: President Jeff Mobus included a written report. He noted that he has not received any interest in the additional NESGFOA Board position for Vermont. No one on the Board was willing to fill it and no member has responded. **He will reach out to the VASBO group through Steve Hier** and to see if he can get a member of VTGFOA and VASBO to consider filling the open position. He mentioned the spring workshop for NESGFOA and the scholarship funds available. VTGFOA needs to decide how we want to notify the membership. VTGFOA's winter workshop will be at Lake Morey. Jeff thanked Lauren for her work on updating the VTGFOA Website (Board members agreed!). Lastly, Jeff had comments on getting going with the 2015 VT Legislative work. He and Wendy are attending the Local Government Day on February 18th.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer John O'Connor presented our FY 12/31/2014 financial reports. VTGFOA has \$13,504.93 in cash and receivables of \$ 0.00. There is \$ 0.00 in liabilities, with \$ 12,004.93 in unassigned fund balance and \$ 1,500 in assigned fund balances for VTGFOA scholarships. As of 12/31/14 VTGFOA had an excess of \$ 2,640.64 in revenues over expenditures for the year versus a budgeted deficit of \$ 1,795.00. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

Invoices were submitted for the 2015 VLCT Administrative contract for half of the year at \$288.75, Gift of Design for \$350.00 for the website redesign and Lauren Morrissette for reimbursement of one-month of GoDaddy hosting and three years of Weebly for a total of \$164.99. Motions to approve all invoices for payment were made and seconded. All payments were approved unanimously. Bill Hall abstained on voting for the VLCT contract invoice.

Education Committee: Bill Hall had nothing to provide as an update on the Winter Workshop. Sarah has made several contacts regarding the marketing of our workshop on the Calendar pages of several papers, website and newsletters. Jeff will check in on the attendance to date and send out a reminder to all. He will include a message about the scholarships available for the April 2015 NESGFOA Spring workshop.

Membership Committee: Nothing reported.

Legislative Committee: Jeff and Wendy have spoken and are going to start watching the 2015 legislative activity and report back to us on topics that we have as interest. The Board identified some as: Education Reform; Property Tax Reform; Storm Water Funding; Health Insurance and the Exchange; New P/R tax.

Website: Lauren will bring her laptop to the February workshop and show others how to work with the new site. Cheryl mentioned that she had a wrong phone number on the contact page and suggested that each Board member check their information. Any other feedback is appreciated.

The Scholarships for the NESGFOA Workshop were discussed and it was decided that VTGFOA can provide the notification at the February workshop and then post it to the website. This process gives those attending the first chance to apply. It was decided that we would offer 10 scholarships at \$150.00 each. If the funds are not all used, the Board may decide to increase the amount awarded. **Cheryl will update the NESGFOA scholarship form that has been used for the Annual Conference and have it available at the workshop.** Applicants will be asked to submit their requests by March 13th so the VTGFOA Board can decide on the recipients at their March 18th Board meeting. Scholarship funds are paid AFTER attendance at the workshop is confirmed.

Next meeting date/time: **February 24th at 1:00** pm after the workshop at Lake Morey Inn.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm.
Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl A. Lindberg