

Vermont GFOA
Conference Call Minutes
March 10, 2010

Present: Cheryl Lindberg, John Leisenring, Dave Olson, Carolyn Gauthier, Barbara Kivlin, Jeff Mobus, and Lauren Morrisseau.

Regrets: John O'Connor, Gloria Yandow, and Bill Hall.

1. Call to Order and Review Agenda:

President Cheryl Lindberg called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

2. Lauren Morrisseau moved to accept the minutes with minor changes. Carolyn Gauthier seconded the motion that then passed unanimously.

3. Report of the Chair:

Cheryl Lindberg noted that the New England workshops are on March 25 and 26. Details are on the website. One of the topics will be GASB 54. She noted the John O'Connor had been relieved of his duties and has appealed the decision.

Cheryl reminded the board that budget work needs to start. If anyone has any specific items that they would like included in the budget for next year, please email Carolyn Gauthier so that she can include the suggestions in the draft budget that she will prepare.

Cheryl also noted that she is proud of the fact that we were able to have three workshops this year. The Symposium in June will not require much from us, but October is just around the corner.

4. Treasurer Report:

Carolyn Gauthier reported that the fund balance as of March 4, 2010 was \$9,371.05. Jeff Mobus moved to authorize payments for the winter workshop as follows: \$1,702.79 to Capital Plaza for food, \$1,026.20 to Lisa Parker, \$92.65 for Parker overnight, and \$120.12 to VLCT for mailing. Barbara Kivlin seconded the motion that then passed unanimously. Jeff Mobus moved to authorize payment of \$110.83 to Kim Morrisseau for website work. John Leisenring seconded the motion that then passed unanimously. Currently, we do not have any money in a CD. There was a brief discussion about the layout of the report which resulted in Carolyn agreeing to change the layout. Lauren Morrisseau moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. John Leisenring seconded the motion that then passed unanimously.

Carolyn Gauthier also presented a Winter Workshop Recap. VTGFOA subsidized the workshop at a cost of \$801.76. According to VLCT, there were still \$205 in fees to be collected, though the list only itemized out \$95 of this amount. Cheryl Lindberg asked Carolyn to follow up with VLCT on this.

In addition, there was a request for a refund as a participant was unable to go that day. During the discussion, it was noted that the fee for the workshop was \$30. The food costs from Capital Plaza totaled \$28, so there was almost no fee for the workshop. Currently, VTGFOA does not have a policy on refunds. John Leisenring suggested a credit or a 50% refund as a gesture of goodwill. Dave Olson moved to offer a credit of \$30 against our next workshop. Lauren Morrisseau seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-1, with Jeff Mobus voting no.

5. Board Reports:

Lauren Morrisseau asked that since we have now received the membership survey if there were any links that we should add to the website. It was noted that if the GFOA link and the NESGFOA links are there, then the user could navigate from those sites. There was a brief discussion on how to have Google recognize us. Currently, a search of Vermont Government Finance Officers brings up NESGFOA and VLCT. How do we get people to VTGFOA?

Gloria Yandow has provided an expense reimbursement form for us to use. Thank you Gloria.

John Leisenring has provided a Budget Policy for VTGFOA. It provides a definite timeline for the process as well as an adoption procedure. Cheryl Lindberg asked everyone to look at it so that we can act on it at our next meeting.

Jeff Mobus provided a summary of the membership survey. The only question where there was not a clear preference was the question about allowing outside promotional materials. The respondents to the survey voted against allowing the practice by a vote of 10 to 12.

6. Adjournment. Jeff Mobus moved to adjourn. John Leisenring seconded the motion that then passed unanimously.

The next meeting is a conference call on April 14th at 1:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mobus
Secretary