

Vermont GFOA
Conference Call Minutes
April 14, 2010

Present: Cheryl Lindberg, John O'Connor, Dave Olson, Bill Hall, Barbara Kivlin, Jeff Mobus, and Lauren Morrissette.

Regrets: John Leisenring, Gloria Yandow, and Carolyn Gauthier.

1. Call to Order and Review Agenda:

President Cheryl Lindberg called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. She happily welcomed John O'Connor back. In addition, she requested that a discussion on the budget be added to the agenda.

2. Lauren Morrissette moved to accept the minutes. Barbara Kivlin seconded the motion that then passed unanimously.

3. Report of the Chair:

Cheryl Lindberg began by discussing what we need to get out to the members for the Annual Meeting, which will be held on June 22nd, the day of the Symposium. She will write the letter from the President to go out with the registration forms. In addition, the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting and a current financial report should be available to our members in advance of the meeting.

Bill Hall suggested that the President's letter might be a good time to let members know that the NESGFOA dues are increasing by \$5 per year per member from \$10 to \$15 annually, which will necessitate an increase in our dues. Lauren Morrissette suggested that the Annual Meeting packet be put on the website, in order to reduce costs and get people used to looking at the site. Cheryl will include that in the President's letter as well.

Currently, VTGFOA dues are \$25 for the first member from a governmental organization, \$15 for additional members from the same governmental organization, and \$25 for associate members. Jeff Mobus moved to raise the dues for all categories by \$5 to cover the increase in NESGFOA dues. Bill Hall seconded the motion. It was noted that VTGFOA has offered discounted memberships to those who sign up at our workshops. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer Report:

Carolyn Gauthier sent a report that showed that fund balance as of April 12, 2010 was \$8,468.78. It was noted that we have received the \$1,000 from the VMTCA and \$25 from Milton. Middlebury still owes \$30 and VLCT is working on collecting that.

Bill Hall moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Dave Olson seconded the motion. Everyone was very pleased with the new layout of the report. Thanks Carolyn! Jeff Mobus moved to authorize a \$250 payment to VLCT for office support per our contract. John O'Connor seconded the motion that then passed unanimously.

Carolyn Gauthier had also sent a draft budget for 2010/2011 to Board members. In the draft budget, Total Revenues and Total Expenses were each \$7,425 for the year. As a result of NESGFOA dues increase and voted increase in VTGFOA dues, the Revenue line for dues increased from \$2,800 to \$3,415. In Expenses, the NESGFOA dues line increased from \$1,230 to \$1,845. The revised Total Revenues and Total Expenses are now each \$8,040. No one had sent Carolyn any budget requests. Cheryl Lindberg said that we would finalize the budget at our next meeting.

5. Board Reports:

There was a general discussion on cleaning up the website and putting the dues on the site. Cheryl Lindberg wants to encourage website usage as a resource to our members. The membership form will need to be redone to include the website address. As a part of the discussion on redoing the membership form, it was noted that there are two categories of membership: active and associate. The consensus was that these categories are neither accurate nor descriptive. It was suggested that these categories be renamed governmental and non-governmental. This will require a revision of the bylaws. This will be discussed further at the next meeting. Jeff Mobus as Secretary will present the revisions at the annual meeting.

Cheryl Lindberg asked Bill Hall if the Symposium workshops were all set. He responded that he is ready. Jeff Mobus noted that we had planned on discussing the Budget Policy at this meeting. He commented that in the draft policy, at the bottom, it says that the membership sets the dues at the annual meeting. He said that, as we did at this meeting, the Board should set the dues. He will send a note to John Leisenring and this issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

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

The next meeting is a conference call on May 12th at 1:30pm. Please let Cheryl know if you are unable to make it.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mobus
Secretary