

Vermont GFOA
Conference Call Minutes
May 12, 2010

Present: Cheryl Lindberg, John O'Connor, John Leisenring, Bill Hall, Gloria Yandow, Jeff Mobus, and Lauren Morrissette.

Regrets: Dave Olson, Barbara Kivlin, and Carolyn Gauthier.

1. Call to Order and Review Agenda:

President Cheryl Lindberg called the meeting to order at 1:36pm.

2. Lauren Morrissette moved to accept the minutes. John O'Connor seconded the motion that then passed unanimously.

3. Report of the Chair:

Cheryl Lindberg began her report by initiating a lengthy discussion on VTGFOA annual meeting. The main discussion topic was the time of the meeting, whether it should be held during the lunch time of the Symposium or if it should be held after the Symposium. Those in favor of having the meeting during lunch thought that more people would attend. Those in favor of having the meeting after the Symposium thought that lunch is a valuable networking time and that VTGFOA would have to pay \$200 for the additional space if the meeting were to be held during lunch. John Leisenring moved to set the time of the VTGFOA Annual Meeting at 3:45pm. Gloria Yandow seconded the motion that subsequently passed 5-2, with John O'Connor and Jeff Mobus opposing. It was agreed that next year (FY11), that we will discuss having our annual meeting on a different day than the Symposium to avoid this conflict.

There was a brief discussion on the website. There will be a packet on the website for the annual meeting. Cheryl Lindberg wanted to increase website usage. Bill Hall asked about getting Google to recognize the site when people are searching. There should be links from NESGFOA and VLCT to our site as well.

4. Treasurer Report:

Carolyn Gauthier sent a report that showed that fund balance as of May 11, 2010 was \$7,276.47. Bill Hall moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jeff Mobus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Board Reports:

Cheryl Lindberg noted that while VTGFOA is sponsoring the Symposium in a general way, we are not sponsoring any particular speaker or program. She asked if we might be more active in future years. She asked Bill Hall if he needed anything for the Symposium. He said that everything is all set.

Lauren Morrissette noted that the typos on the website will be corrected. In addition, the packet for the annual meeting will be added and will promote the 3:45 start time for the meeting. It will all be in one pdf file.

John O'Connor said that he and Wendy Wilton had written a draft letter that listed some of our most serious concerns that they would like to send to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the President of the Senate. All members had previously received a draft via email. John Leisenring suggested that the letter include specific suggestions or examples. Jeff Mobus suggested a re-ordering of the concerns to reflect our priorities. He also suggested that the sentence about alternate funding for education be removed. John O'Connor asked if anyone had any further suggestions to let him know. He and Wendy would put together a final version with the hope that the membership as a whole would approve the letter at the annual meeting.

Cheryl Lindberg and Gloria Yandow spoke about formatting the reimbursement form and adding the VTGFOA logo to the form.

Cheryl Lindberg asked John O'Connor about returning board members. Dave Olson and Gloria Yandow have opted to not return. Jeff Mobus has not decided. He said that he would get back to Cheryl and John as soon as he could.

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mobus
Secretary