

Vermont GFOA  
Conference Call  
July 23, 2009

Present: Cheryl Lindberg, Dave Olson, John Leisenring, Jeff Mobus, Carolyn Gauthier (9:30), Gloria Yandow, Lauren Morrisseau, Barbara Kivlin, and John O'Connor.

Regrets: Bill Hall.

1. Call to Order:

President Cheryl Lindberg called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

2. Gloria Yandow moved to approve the minutes of the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. John Leisenring seconded the motion that then passed unanimously. John Leisenring moved to approve the minutes of the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Organizational Meeting. Gloria Yandow seconded the motion that then passed unanimously.

3. Report of the Chair:

Cheryl Lindberg asked for feedback on the Annual Meeting. It was her feeling that it was not our best effort. It seemed rushed as time was tight and we were having lunch at the same time. In prior years, the Annual Meeting was held after lunch and competed against one of the sessions. John Leisenring suggested having the meeting at the end of the Symposium in order to avoid a conflict with the topics. Barbara Kivlin noted that our taxpayers are paying for us to be at the sessions, so meeting during lunch is better. John Leisenring asked if having a longer lunch would work. Cheryl noted that most other organizations have their annual meetings on a separate date.

Cheryl said that the NESGFOA conference will be in September. It is being hosted by MA and funds are tight. Cheryl said that in place of the "give-outs," there will be a raffle for prizes and MA is asking for help. As she will be going, she said that she'd arrange gift baskets if the Board so desired. John Leisenring said that we need to help as we will be asking for help in the future. John Leisenring moved to authorize up to \$200 for Cheryl to purchase gift baskets for the raffle. Dave Olson seconded the motion that then passed unanimously. Barbara Kivlin added that she knows members of the Vermont Handcrafters Association. She will send ideas to Cheryl.

4. Bylaw Discussion:

Cheryl Lindberg asked Jeff Mobus to send everyone electronic copies of the Bylaws that were approved at the Annual Meeting. There was a discussion as to

whether or not a standing committee for Finance needed to be added to the bylaws. The responsibilities of the Finance committee would be to prepare the budget and perform an audit. The consensus seemed to be that the Board would continue to perform these duties at this time.

5. Board Assignments:

Cheryl Lindberg asked for volunteers to address specific needs of the VTGFOA.

ListServe- Gloria Yandow is willing to help, though not familiar with ListServe. She will contact Peter Frankenburg for direction.

Education- Though Bill Hall was not present, it seemed to the Board that he would be a natural fit to lead this effort. Cheryl noted that 3 others signed up at the annual meeting to assist in this effort.

Membership- Jeff volunteered to lead this effort. Dave Olson offered to help. Jeff will contact Jessica at VLCT for information. One person signed up at the annual meeting to assist.

Government Relations- John O'Connor consented to work on this with the assistance of one person who signed up at the annual meeting.

VT filing for VTGFOA- Cheryl will work on this with Barbara Kivlin. She noted that there is a \$75 filing fee. Jeff Mobus moved to authorize the \$75 filing fee to be paid. Carolyn Gauthier seconded the motion that then passed unanimously.

Website- Lauren Morrisseau offered to lead this effort. Lauren noted that her daughter is a graphic designer. VTGFOA does not have a logo. She wondered if the Board had any problems with her working with her daughter. The Board said that if it was fine for Lauren's daughter to provide a quote for a logo and 2 page website, including hosting costs.

Cheryl noted that she will be asking for updates on each of these assignments at our next meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Carolyn Gauthier said that she had just emailed the financial report with a suggested budget for FY10. After a brief discussion, it was decided that VTGFOA will self-bill for the NESGFOA dues. Cheryl Lindberg asked everyone to look at the suggested budget and we will act on it at the next meeting. John O'Connor noted that the CD is coming due 8/12/09. It was decided to roll the cash into the checking account and look at our cash flow at the next meeting.

7. Next Meeting and Adjournment:

As many are planning to be on vacation from 8/17-8/21, it was proposed and accepted that our next meeting be on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00am. No further action was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mobus  
Secretary