

Vermont GFOA  
Conference Call  
September 22, 2010

Present: Cheryl Lindberg, John O'Connor (late), John Leisenring, Bill Hall, Amy Deutl, Richard Donahey, Carolyn Gauthier, Barbara Kivlin, Jeff Mobus, and Lauren Morrisseau.

Regrets: none!

1. Call to Order and Review Agenda:

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

2. Approval of Minutes:

Lauren Morrisseau moved to accept the minutes of the August 11, 2010 meeting with minor corrections. John Leisenring seconded the motion that then passed unanimously.

3. Report of the Chair:

Cheryl Lindberg reported that she, Bill Hall, and John Leisenring had attended the NESGFOA annual conference at Mount Washington. They missed us at that wonderful resort. There is information on the educational sessions on the website nesgfoa.org. All the presentations are on the site. Next year, the NESGFOA conference will be hosted by Maine in Kennebunkport. Bill Hall said that it is a very good location for the conference. Registration is generally around \$250, with the hotel expense not included.

Looking forward to 2013, when we host the conference, Cheryl Lindberg, Bill Hall, and Bill Fazioli have visited the Equinox. Their visit was a positive one. Should we choose the Equinox, the entire facility would be reserved for our use. They are going to look at the Stoweflake next, followed by sites in Burlington. The dates that they are looking at are 9/22 through 9/25.

4. Report of the Treasurer:

Carolyn Gauthier submitted the financial report. As of 9/20/10, the fund balance was \$9,048.79. Jeff Mobus moved to accept the report. Bill Hall seconded the motion. Cheryl Lindberg asked if funds owed from last year had been paid. Carolyn responded that they had all been paid. The only outstanding money is \$5 that was an underpayment on this year's dues by one member who paid last year's dues amount. Carolyn is trying to contact them for the \$5. Cheryl Lindberg asked Carolyn if she could keep a separate expense line for each workshop so that we can keep track of how each workshop does financially. The Treasurer's report was accepted by unanimous vote.

John Leisenring moved to authorize payment of \$100 to Cheryl Lindberg to reimburse her for the gift baskets that VTGFOA provided at the NESGFOA conference. Jeff Mobus seconded the motion that then passed unanimously. Cheryl Lindberg reported that she has received the proposed VLCT agreement for the upcoming year.

5. Committee Reports:

Bill Hall reported that he was having a very difficult time putting together the October workshop. Fred Duplessis agreed to do a session on Grant Management and Fran Reina will do an IRS update session. However, the hoped for session on Records Retention is not working out. The Secretary of State's office does not want to do a session right now since they are updating their requirements and don't want to give out information that is in the process of changing. The Board then went into brainstorming for the 3<sup>rd</sup> session.

Cheryl Lindberg suggested a session on Vermont's economy. John Leisenring offered to reach out to Jeannie Kelly for a session on banking. Bill Hall noted that a UVM professor had done sessions in the past, but that he was not always prompt when responding and we are under a deadline. Amy Deutl suggested a session for local auditors. Bill Hall said that VLCT is offering that session on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Cheryl asked about a roundtable session on NESGFOA. It was agreed that this would be the third session. It is hoped that this will drum up more interest in NESGFOA as well as VTGFOA as we head into 2013, when we host the conference.

Richard Donahey said that he will have Policy material to discuss at the October board meeting, following the workshop. He will try to get the materials sent out ahead of time so that we can review it in advance.

Barbara Kivlin said that she had sent out 132 invitations to our Google Group. Only 5 had responded. There was a concern that the invitations might be getting caught in spam filters. Barbara said that she would uninvite and then re-invite everyone. She said that she hopes that the group will be a good place for discussion of a variety of topics, including the advocacy letter that we want to send concerning the updating of statutes related to municipal finance.

As it was 2:35pm, several of the board members had to leave. The meeting was formally adjourned at 2:35. No further action was taken.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Mobus, Secretary