

Vermont GFOA
Conference Call
December 3, 2009

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

Regrets: Dave Olson, John O'Connor, Barbara Kivlin, and Carolyn Gauthier.

1. Call to Order and Review Agenda:

President Cheryl Lindberg called the meeting to order at 2:40pm. Cheryl added the VLCT contract as an item to the agenda.

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

3. Report of the Chair:

Cheryl Lindberg reported that the NESGFOA Board met before Thanksgiving. They are working on many of the same items that we are. She noted that New Hampshire is hosting the NESGFOA Conference this year at Mt. Washington, September 12-15, 2010. Bill Hall added that there is a one day option which may be a viable option, especially for those of us from Vermont. Cheryl noted that the Massachusetts event went well, financially speaking. There was a surplus. NESGFOA will plan for a surplus in the future, providing funds for the group.

Cheryl said that she had spoken further with VLCT about our agreement with them. The primary items discussed were onsite assistance and mailings. VLCT will not provide onsite assistance when there are fewer than 50 attendees. Also, the number of mailings in the contract will be reduced to 3, with any above that being billed. With these changed, the amount of the contract is now \$500. Gloria Yandow moved to approve the contract and authorize Cheryl to sign it. John Leisenring seconded the motion that then passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer Report:

Carolyn Gauthier was not present. However, she did send a copy of the financial statement. The fund balance as of November 30, 2009 was \$7,424.31. Gloria Yandow asked if there was a revised budget. There is not. Bill Hall moved to approve the financial report. Gloria Yandow seconded the motion that then passed unanimously. Jeff Mobus moved to approve payment of the VLCT invoice in the amount of \$107.36. Lauren Morrissette seconded the motion that then passed unanimously.

5. Board Reports:

Bill Hall provided a synopsis of the fall workshop on Internal Controls held in Springfield. Of the 25 surveys returned, the speaker was rated an A on 19 or 20, with the rest giving him an average grade. Other comments included that the location and time were good. On the negative side, the room was cold and the coverage of the topic could have been broader. He noted that suggested topics on the surveys included GASB34, timeline for audits, bonding, and chart of accounts. John Leisenring asked if the respondent was talking about a uniform chart of accounts. Bill Hall said he didn't believe so. Cheryl Lindberg said that she had spoken with Ernie Saunders about chart of accounts as well. John Leisenring said that the Bluebook chart of accounts is good. Bill Hall agreed, but said that many are not willing to pay for it. John said that Ernie has helped with chart of account conversions.

It was agreed to have the winter workshop on GASB and Chart of Accounts on Wednesday, February 10. Bill Hall was going to check on the availability of the Capital Plaza. John Leisenring offered to serve as moderator. Cheryl Lindberg said that she would check with Ernie on the Chart of Accounts portion and with Jessica from VLCT. Bill Hall said that he would call Lisa Parker from GASB for that portion of the program.

Lauren Morrisseau said that she and her daughter had looked at the hosting for our website. She recommended Go Daddy. The price is \$78 for one year. Jeff Mobus moved to approve the expense. John Leisenring seconded the motion that then passed unanimously. The possibility of using our site for webinars was mentioned. Cheryl Lindberg said that NEMRC now does webinars. They are cheaper, around \$25 live. In addition, they provide a synopsis for \$10. John Leisenring said that he liked the training, but was concerned about the loss of networking.

6. Next meeting and adjournment. The next meeting was set for January 21 at 9:30am. Jeff Mobus moved to adjourn. John Leisenring seconded the motion that then passed unanimously.

Cheryl Lindberg wished everyone a happy holiday.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mobus
Secretary