



# VTGFOA Board Meeting

## March 6, 2024

### Minutes

Members Present: Angela Aldieri, Jess Morris, Cheryl Lindberg, Jennifer Silpe-Katz, Shirley Goodell-Lackey, Betty Jean Bogue, Martha Machar

Members Absent: Elizabeth King

Others Present: none

1. Call to Order/Review of Agenda
  - Angela Aldieri, President, called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.
2. Approval of February 7, 2024 Minutes
  - Jennifer Silpe-Katz motioned to approve the February 7, 2024 minutes, seconded by Cheryl Lindberg. The board approved the motion.
3. Treasurer's Update
  - a. Financials
    - Cheryl Lindberg referred members to the information emailed.
    - Angela Aldieri stated that the winter workshop made up for the shortfall on the fall workshop.
    - There was discussion on outstanding workshop payments. Angela Aldieri will follow up on those.
    - There was discussion about the number of memberships still being off. It was confirmed that the numbers are still off and will be researched.
    - Shirley Goodell-Lackey motioned to approve the February financials as presented, seconded by Jess Morris. The board approved the motion.
4. Education Committee
  - a. 2024 Winter Workshop Recap
    - Angela Aldieri referred members to the evaluations that were emailed. Presentation lengths were an issue and feedback after the fact that was that the education session was very quick.
  - b. 2024 Annual Meeting and Summer Workshop
    - i. Location
      - Angela Aldieri stated that Elizabeth King provided information on both Alumni Hall in Barre and The Franklin Event Center in Rutland. The Franklin Event Center is willing to waive the fee for space; Alumni Hall is \$170 for the day.
      - Jennifer Silpe-Katz motioned to select The Franklin Event Center as the location for the June 26<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and summer workshop, seconded by Betty Jean Bogue. The board approved the motion.
    - ii. Topics
      1. Financial Statement Basics – Sarah Macy?
        - Angela Aldieri stated that she has reached out to Sarah and hasn't heard back yet; she will reach out again.
      2. GASB Update – Katie Little, GFOA?

- Angela Aldieri stated that GFOA requires 50 attendees for presenting so she reached out to Katie Little to see if there is an alternative for presenting at VTGFOA workshops.

### 3. VTPIE – Patrick Santos and Jill Remick

- Angela Aldieri stated that Cheryl Lindberg reached out and both Jill and Patrick are excited to join.

## 5. Membership Committee

- Martha Machar stated that she has no update to report.

## 6. Scholarship Committee

### a. Volunteers to review GFOA CPFO Scholarship 2024 applications.

- Angela Aldieri stated that we had two applicants and the committee is recommending both for scholarship.
- Betty Jean Bogue motioned to offer two scholarships as proposed by the committee, seconded by Jennifer Silpe-Katz. There was some discussion about the amount of scholarships; \$1200 each and it is a two year scholarship for the program. The board approved the motion.
- Angela Aldieri stated she will reach out GFOA to notify them of the scholarship recipients.

### b. NESGFOA Spring Seminar Scholarship (April 17-18, 2024)

- Angela Aldieri posed the questions to the board; do we want to offer this scholarship to our membership, and are there volunteers to review the applications.
- There was discussion about offering the scholarship and how to get the information out. Angela Aldieri can turn on the form on the website and Jennifer Silpe-Katz will put together a newsletter with link to apply for the scholarship.
- The board agreed to offer the scholarship with a minimum award of \$300.
- Cheryl Lindberg suggested \$500 scholarship for first time attendees. The committee can determine the number and amount of awards based on number of applicants, to make a recommendation to the board.
- Shirley Goodell-Lackey, Betty Jean Bogue, and Angela Aldieri volunteered for the scholarship committee.
- There was discussion about the hybrid option for the meeting. Angela Aldieri will include questions on the scholarship application for applicants to indicate how they will be attending and this information will be used in determining scholarship amounts as well.

## 7. Other Business

### a. NESGFOA 2025 Fall Conference Update

- Angela Aldieri stated there are no updates.
- Cheryl Lindberg stated that she sent information on VT Flannel for Abbie Sherman to reach out regarding sponsorship.
- Angela Aldieri stated that we did get a couple volunteers to serve on committees after sharing the call for volunteers at the winter workshop.

### b. Listserv Update

- Jess Morris stated that she reached out to UVM and they are no longer adding new groups to the listservs they host. There are a couple municipal groups currently hosted who have been grandfathered in, but if there are changes to the listserv in the future, those groups may no longer be hosted either. She will continue doing some research after Essex Junction's annual meeting in April.

### c. VLCT Advocacy

- Angela Aldieri stated that VLCT reached out to her and would like to coordinate with VTGFOA on training programs. They also offered to connect us with the Director of Intergovernmental Relations who is involved with creating legislation that affects municipalities. They would like to pass along information to the board to be included in our newsletters as a way to communicate directly with our members.

- There was discussion about some other potential changes coming to VLCT that may allow for better coordination and collaboration between the entities. VMCTA will also be brought in to coordinate with VLCT.

8. Adjourn

- Cheryl Lindberg motioned to adjourn, seconded by Betty Jean Bogue. The board approved the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:41pm.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by:  
Jess Morris, Secretary