



VTGFOA Board Meeting

January 22, 2019

Minutes

Location: Conference Call 1:30 pm

Present: Sarah Macy, John O'Connor, Abbie Sherman, Shelley Quinn, Bill Hall, Jeff Graham

Regrets: Suzanne Lowensohn, Cheryl Lindberg, Sue Gage, Linda Peters

1. Call to Order / Review of Agenda – Sarah called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. The only change to the agenda was to move the Education Committee Report to the second item.
2. Education Committee Report – Bill noted that the NEMRC and grants workshops are ready to go, but he is having a dilemma with finding a presenter for the investments workshop. Board members offered suggestions for presenters including Trust Company of Vermont or contacting Vermont Tax Commissioner Kaj Samson. Alternatively, Jill Muhr of the VLCT could provide a human resources workshop, or Mike Gilbar may have a topic of interest. Bill is going to proceed with checking Jill Muhr's availability.
3. Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the December 18, 2018 meeting were provided prior to the meeting. Motion from Bill/Shelley to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried with Jeff abstaining.
4. President's Report – Sarah had nothing new to report except for reimbursement of invoices for web hosting, website domain, and laptop backup.
5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Approve reimbursement for web hosting, website domain, and laptop backup. Motion to approve reimbursement to Sarah Macy for those expenses from Bill/John. Motion carried with Sarah abstaining.
 - b. Sarah noted that membership is strong with 27 members higher than anticipated.
6. Membership Committee Report – Shelley had no news to report.
7. Legislative Committee Report – Jeff requested insight on what this should entail. Bill suggested reading the VLCT weekly legislative report on website and contacting Karen Horn.
8. Other Business
 - a. NESGFOA Conference Update – Bill advised that Cheryl has developed a preliminary budget, noting that the food prices are double what they were 6 years ago at roughly \$120 per person. The committee is working to reduce that cost. By comparison, meal prices at the Trapp Family Lodge are considerably more reasonable. Bill is going to start making arrangements for speakers. Cheryl been doing very well at fundraising. The New England wide fundraising effort will start soon now that Connecticut has issued their thank you letters.

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 after the workshop in Montpelier

10. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Abbie Sherman
Secretary