

Vermont GFOA
Conference Call
January 21, 2010

Present: Cheryl Lindberg, John Leisenring, John O'Connor, Jeff Mobus, Lauren Morrissette, and Gloria Yandow.

Regrets: Dave Olson, Bill Hall, Barbara Kivlin, and Carolyn Gauthier.

1. Call to Order and Review Agenda:

President Cheryl Lindberg called the meeting to order at 9:35am. Cheryl added the VLCT contract as an item to the agenda.

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

3. Report of the Chair:

Cheryl Lindberg reported that she and Bill Hall attended the NESGFOA Board meeting. Like us, they are working on policies and procedures. They are now allowing overnight stays at NES expense for members traveling 150 miles or more. She expects that at the next NESGFOA conference, members will be asked to vote to increase dues from \$10 to (maybe) \$15. The next time Vermont hosts the NESGFOA conference will be in September 2013. We will need to determine a location by September 2011. She has already spoken with Bill Fazioli to begin preparations for our hosting. Gloria Yandow mentioned that the Clerks met at the Equinox in Manchester and it worked well.

Cheryl said that she had no update on our Feb 10 workshop. It starts at 8:30am, so she asked us to be there at 8:00am. John Leisenring said that he has a schedule meeting with Ernie Saunders the following week to prepare. Cheryl asked the board what they thought about allowing companies to advertise at our events. She said that she had been contacted by a representative from Due Millennium about the possibility of having brochures concerning their services relative to OPEB, subsequent to GASB45. The discussion seemed to center around our providing resources to the members balanced by the perception that we are endorsing products that we may not be familiar with. No action was taken.

4. Treasurer Report:

Carolyn Gauthier was not present. However, she did send a copy of the financial statement. The fund balance as of January 20, 2010 was \$7,322.69. John Leisenring

moved to approve payment to Kim Morrisseau in the amount of \$192.50 for website work. Gloria Yandow seconded the motion that then passed unanimously.

5. Board Reports:

Lauren Morrisseau said that Kim has the website work ready for review. She just needs the domain name in order to get online. Cheryl Lindberg said that she'd send the information via a pdf file after the meeting.

John Leisenring spoke about policies. He said that New Hampshire GFOA has a number of administrative policies that he is willing to work on to customize for our purposes. He said that the NH policies can be downloaded from the NESGFOA website, from the New Hampshire tab. The board discussed whether or not we needed to revise our bylaws to include a section on setting the budget. The discussion seemed to prefer that the board deal with this with a policy or procedure rather than revise the bylaws, which was just done at our last annual meeting.

Jeff Mobus said that he and Dave Olson had spoken and that they'd like to have a survey at the workshop to see what our members see as our strengths and weaknesses. Cheryl said that we know our weaknesses. Jeff will speak with Bill Hall about adding the survey to the evaluation form for the workshop. In addition, once up, the website and the listserv will be good resources for our members.

6. Next meeting and adjournment. The next meeting was set for February 10th, after the workshop. 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 10:33am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mobus
Secretary