



VTGFOA Board Meeting

February 1, 2023

Minutes

Members Present: Cheryl Lindberg, Jess Morris, Angela Aldieri, Jennifer Silpe-Katz, Michael Gaughan, Anthony Delmonaco, Shirley Goodell-Lackey, Nick Foss

Members Absent: Martha Machar

Others Present: none

1. Call to Order

- Angela Aldieri, President, called the meeting to order at 12:02pm.
- Agenda review, no additions or changes.

2. Approval of January 4, 2023 Minutes

- Cheryl Lindberg requested one change to item 3, reference of GFOA changed to VTGFOA.
- Jennifer Silpe-Katz motioned to approve the January 4, 2023 minutes as corrected, seconded by Cheryl Lindberg. The board approved the motion.

3. Treasurer's Update

a. Financials

- Cheryl Lindberg referred members to the information sent by email last night.
- There was some discussion on outstanding membership dues. Angela Aldieri stated that she can follow up with people on any unpaid registrations from the last workshop.
- Shirley Goodell-Lackey motioned to approve the financials as presented, seconded by Jess Morris. The board approved the motion.

b. Expenses

- i. Domain Name renewal – GoDaddy \$20.99 per year up to 5 years
 - Angela Aldieri described the renewal rates terms.
 - Shirley Goodell-Lackey motioned to renew the domain name with GoDaddy for the one-year period, seconded by Cheryl Lindberg. The board approved the motion.
- ii. Zoom Webinar License – February Workshop \$79 for one month
 - Angela Aldieri stated that the Zoom license is required to host workshop. She will set a calendar reminder to renew next January in order to have link for the workshop registration next year.
 - Cheryl Lindberg motioned to approve the Zoom license purchase, seconded by Shirley Goodell-Lackey. The board approved the motion.

4. Education Committee Report

a. 2023 Winter Workshop

- Michael Gaughan stated that we are all set for the workshop.
- Angela Aldieri stated that they have confirmed most speakers with one left to confirm. We have received eleven registrations for the workshop. She will send another reminder the week before the event.

b. 2023 Summer Workshop

i. Location

- Angela Aldieri stated that last year's workshop was held in Fairlee, and the last workshop in Waterbury. There was discussion about the next location with a focus around Rutland.

ii. Topics

- Nick Foss was slated to take lead on the summer workshop, but Angela Aldieri stated she will have education committee discuss planning.
- Angela Aldieri stated that there is a list of future topics from Abbie Sherman that she will share with the education committee.
- Shirley Goodell-Lackey suggested a topic that would cover the approval of the use of reserve funds.
- Cheryl Lindberg mentioned that Lisa Parker has come to June workshops in the past.
- Angela Aldieri stated that a GASB update may be helpful.
- There was some discussion on potential June dates. Angela Aldieri will bring to the education committee and narrow down some potential dates.

5. Membership Committee Report

- Shirley Goodell-Lackey will reach out to Martha Machar who was leading the work on this.

6. Audit Committee Report

- Shirley Goodell-Lackey asked if she would be able to audit alone if Martha is unable to attend and asked if there is an audit plan.
- There was some discussion on the process of auditing.
- The audit committee will be meeting on Friday at VLCT in Montpelier.

7. Other Business

a. 2025 NESGFOA Fall Conference Update

- Angela Aldieri referred members to the email from Abbie Sherman. She stated that they met earlier today to review contract and they will be reaching out to Jay Peak to continue negotiating the contract.
- The dates of the conference will be Sept 14-16, 2025 with sessions Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning.
- Cheryl Lindberg stated that the host committee should be available Saturday morning as well.

b. NESGFOA Spring Seminar Scholarships – April 27 & 28

- Angela Aldieri stated that scholarships have been offered in past and asked the board if we want to put out scholarship applications to the membership for this seminar as well.
- Cheryl Lindberg stated that there is about \$3,000 available for scholarships.
- It was noted that previous conference registration fees were around \$150. We can offer scholarships to cover cost of just registration or expand to include other expenses.
- Shirley Goodell-Lackey motioned to offer scholarships up to \$400.
- There was discussion about the process of reviewing applications and awarding the scholarships.
- Angela Aldieri proposed to amend the motion to offer scholarships to April 24-28 seminar for up to \$400 each to be reviewed by the scholarship committee and presented for approval at the April 5th meeting; amendment accepted by Shirley Goodell-Lackey, seconded by Jennifer Silpe-Katz. The board approved the motion.

8. Adjourn

- Shirley Goodell-Lackey made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Nick Foss. The board approved the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:49pm.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by:
Jess Morris, Secretary

