



# VTGFOA Board Meeting

## April 3, 2024

### Minutes

Members Present: Angela Aldieri, Jess Morris, Cheryl Lindberg, Jennifer Silpe-Katz, Elizabeth King, Betty Jean Bogue, Martha Machar

Members Absent: Shirley Goodell-Lackey

Others Present: none

1. Call to Order/Review of Agenda
  - Angela Aldieri, President, called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.
2. Approval of March 6, 2024 Minutes
  - Betty Jean Bogue motioned to approve the March 6, 2024 minutes, seconded by Jennifer Silpe-Katz. Elizabeth King abstained. The board approved the motion.
3. Treasurer's Update
  - a. Financials
    - Cheryl Lindberg referred members to the information emailed.
    - Cheryl Lindberg provided an update on the post office box. There is no date available yet for when the post office will be open at their new location.
    - There was discussion on workshop and membership fees outstanding balances.
    - Martha Machar motioned to approve the March financials as presented, seconded by Betty Jean Bogue. The board approved the motion.
4. Education Committee
  - a. 2024 Winter Workshop Recap
    - i. Catering
      - Angela Aldieri was able to get a price on catering for the workshop. This will be the same type of meal as provided at the previous workshop and cost is \$37.08/person.
      - Jennifer Silpe-Katz motioned to approve the catering as presented, seconded by Betty Jean Bogue. The board approved the motion.
      - There was some discussion on what the deadline is to confirm numbers with the caterer.
    - ii. Topics
      1. Financial Statement Basics – ??
        - Angela Aldieri referred members to the email she sent and stated that Sarah Macy is unavailable to present, but suggested having a panel.
        - There was discussion about including an education piece to the agenda.
        - Jennifer Silpe-Katz suggested having a panel of our peers with possible topics on how to present budget status report to selectboard, and ways to organize the budget process. She suggested communicating the list of panel members and soliciting questions for the panel ahead of time.
        - Jennifer Silpe-Katz also suggested understanding tax bill and tax rate a possible topic and could use the tool from VT Dept of Taxes website as part of the presentation.
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- There was discussion about getting school finance staff to attend and also getting more membership from that group.
  - Jess Morris offered to email Heather Bushey about distributing workshop info to VASBO membership and also sharing VTGFOA membership information to their membership.
    - 2. GASB Update – Lisa Parker
  - Angela Aldieri stated Lisa Parker has confirmed presenting.
    - 3. VTPIE – Patrick Santos and Jill Remick
  - Angela Aldieri stated that Cheryl Lindberg has confirmed Jill Remick and Patrick Santos as presenters.
  - Cheryl Lindberg described some of the work with VTPIE to date and what they may be presenting on this topic. This session may overlap with tax billing.
5. Membership Committee
- Martha Machar stated that she has no update to report. We will start on FY25 recruitment soon.
6. Scholarship Committee
- a. NESGFOA Spring Seminar Scholarship Recommendations (April 17-18, 2024)
  - Angela Aldieri stated 4 scholarship applications came in; three in person registrations, and one Zoom registration, of which two are new attendees and two have previously attended. The committee met and reviewed the applications.
  - Angela Aldieri reviewed the funding amounts and available balance for scholarships.
  - There was discussion about awarding scholarships to board members and rules around applicants being on the committee that recommends scholarships for approval to the full board. It was agreed that the board will look at scholarship policy and make updates when policies are reviewed after the annual meeting.
  - Cheryl Lindberg motioned to award \$300 to Abbie Sherman and Shirley Goodell-Lackey for Zoom registrations, and \$500 to both in-person first time attendees, seconded by Jess Morris. The board approved the motion.
7. Other Business
- a. NESGFOA 2025 Fall Conference Update
  - Angela Aldieri stated Jay Peak has provided a list of entertainers and that people have been reaching out to participate in the conference committee. Abbie Sherman will be reaching out VT Flannel.
  - Angela Aldieri stated that the board will be meeting at the spring conference in Waltham and there will be another board meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Angela Aldieri asked if this board is interested in seeing minutes from the NESGFOA board. Let her know if interested and she can forward the minutes.
  - b. Listserv Update
  - Jess Morris stated that she has no update to report.
8. Adjourn
- Martha Machar motioned to adjourn, seconded by Cheryl Lindberg. The board approved the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:43pm.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by:  
 Jess Morris, Secretary