



VTGFOA Board Meeting

July 3, 2024

Minutes

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

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Abbie Sherman

1. Call to Order/Review of Agenda
 - Angela Aldieri, President, called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.
2. Approval of June 5, 2024 Minutes
 - Cheryl Lindberg motioned to approve the June 5, 2024 minutes, seconded by Betty Jean Bogue. The board approved the motion.
3. Review of June 26, 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes (to be approved at 2025 Annual Meeting)
 - Angela Aldieri referred members to the draft minutes that were emailed. These will be presented at the next annual meeting for approval by the membership.
4. Election of Officers
 - a. President
 - b. 1st Vice President
 - c. 2nd Vice President
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Secretary
 - Angela Aldieri reviewed the current officers; President is Angela Aldieri, 1st Vice President is Jennifer Silpe-Katz, 2nd Vice President is Shirley Goodell-Lackey, Treasurer is Cheryl Lindberg, and Secretary is Jess Morris.
 - Angela Aldieri stated that Cheryl Lindberg emailed that she would like to step down as Treasurer.
 - Cheryl Lindberg shared about the responsibilities of the treasurer role. The current bank is Mascoma Bank which was convenient for her but may not be for future treasurer.
 - Shirley Goodell-Lackey spoke about the current process of mail pickup and coordinating with the Treasurer, and stated that she would be willing to take on treasurer role.
 - Betty Jean Bogue expressed interest in Treasurer role, but will not know for another month if she would be able to accept the role.
 - Elizabeth King expressed interest in the 2nd Vice President role.
 - Angela Aldieri stated the new slate of officers to be considered; President Angela Aldieri, 1st Vice President Jennifer Silpe-Katz, 2nd Vice President Elizabeth King, Treasurer Shirley Goodell-Lackey, and Secretary Jess Morris.
 - Betty Jean Bogue motioned to approve the slate of nominees as presented, seconded by Martha Machar. The board approved the motion.
5. Election of NESGFOA (3) and GFOA (1) Representatives

- Angela Aldieri stated that current NESGFOA representatives are Angela Aldieri, Abbie Sherman, and Michael Gaughan. Cheryl Lindberg is currently serving as secretary.
- Cheryl Lindberg stated she would like to be one of three representatives along with Angela Aldieri and Abbie Sherman.
- Elizabeth King spoke in support of Michael Gaughan remaining on the board and the contributions he brings to the board and NESGFOA conference.
- Martha Machar also spoke in support of Michael Gaughan. She suggested bringing Michael Gaughan and Cheryl Lindberg before the board to present their cases to be considered by the board and for a decision to be made.
- Abbie Sherman spoke as upcoming president of NESGFOA and former president of VTGFOA; for continuity of conference it makes more sense to continue with Michael Gaughan. Michael Gaughan's attendance hasn't been addressed by board, and Michael has contributed significantly outside of board attendance. He has a lot to offer in his position and understanding both on the national and local levels.
- Cheryl Lindberg motioned to re-elect Angela Aldieri, Abbie Sherman and Michael Gaughan as the NESGFOA representatives, seconded by Martha Machar. The board approved the motion.
- Angela Aldieri spoke about the GFOA representative role and requirements of the role. She is happy to continue doing this role.
- Shirley Goodell-Lackey motioned to elect Angela Aldieri, VTGFOA president, to continue as the GFOA representative, seconded by Jennifer Silpe-Katz. The board approved the motion.

6. Treasurer's Update

a. Financials

- Cheryl Lindberg referred members to the information emailed.
- Angela Aldieri spoke about workshop revenues and that she is working to find a discrepancy between billed and collected workshop fees. We have collected \$720 to date; Cheryl's accrual is off by \$35.
- Shirley Goodell-Lackey stated that someone sent two membership payments.
- There was further discussion about how to book the membership payments. Shirley Goodell-Lackey sent the checks to Cheryl Lindberg to be deposited; Cheryl Lindberg will return the April check to the member.
- Angela Aldieri, Cheryl Lindberg and Shirley Goodell-Lackey agreed to meet separately to resolve.
- Angela Aldieri spoke about a payment from Joseph Gunter from November 2023; he did attend the workshop and became a member after that.
- It was agreed that Cheryl Lindberg would book \$95 as receivable from Joseph Gunter for November workshop.
- Martha Machar motioned to approve the May financials as adjusted, seconded by Shirley Goodell-Lackey. The board approved the motion.

7. Education Committee

a. 2024 Summer Workshop/Annual Meeting Feedback

- Angela Aldieri stated the summer workshop went very well; food and space were great. The virtual presentation went well; worth the savings on travel costs for Lisa Parker to present virtually.
- CLA presented free of charge.

b. 2024 Fall Workshop

- There was discussion about a VMERS presentation at a future workshop.
- There was discussion about the fall workshop being held the last week of October; keep 10/29 and 10/30 available for dates.
- There was discussion about possible locations. Angela Aldieri will reach out to Sarah Macy about potential St Albans locations.
- Angela Aldieri, Cheryl Lindberg and Jennifer Silpe-Katz agreed to work on education committee.

8. Membership Committee

- Angela Aldieri spoke about email Martha Machar sent with suggestions to edit the membership brochure.
- There was discussion about who could make the edits.
- Cheryl Lindberg and Shirley Goodell-Lackey are willing to remain on the membership committee.

9. Audit Committee

- FY2022 Audit
- FY2023 Audit

- There was discussion about how and when audits could be done. Ultimately, the board needs to ensure that policy requirements are being met.
- Betty Jean Bogue offered to join the audit committee.
- Angela Aldieri referred members to the information included in the meeting packet. Both audits were clean with no findings.
- Martha Machar motioned to accept the FY22 and FY23 audits as presented, seconded by Jennifer Silpe-Katz. The board approved the motion.

10. Scholarship Committee

- 2024 Fall NESGFOA Conference – Mystic

- Angela Aldieri spoke about the fall conference and stated that scholarships would need to be approved in August. She will update the scholarship page on the website; this information will be included in the next newsletter as well.
- There was discussion about scholarship amounts. Angela Aldieri will get amounts to be included in next newsletter along with deadline.
- Jennifer Silpe-Katz offered to review scholarship applications with Angela Aldieri.
- Angela Aldieri will reach out to NESGFOA to get more information on how to offer discounts and if that can be limited to a certain number of registrants.
- Cheryl Lindberg stated that the conference is September 15-18 at the Hilton Mystic in Mystic, CT. Registrants should call 860-572-0731 for hotel reservations and mention that it's for NESGFOA as there is a special room rate for the conference.
- Angela Aldieri stated that she will look at scholarship amounts once all applications are received.

11. Other Business

- NESGFOA 2025 Fall Conference Update

- Abbie Sherman noted that the nomination committee is meeting July 15 to nominate Board members for the next year. Scholarship application period has closed and the scholarship committee will be reviewing soon.
- Angela Aldieri stated that there is a new landing screen on the VTGFOA site for the 2025 conference for people to volunteer to be on committees; she would like this included in the next newsletter.

- July Newsletter

- It was agreed the items to include in the next newsletter will be membership renewal, volunteering for conference, and the scholarship application period for Mystic; Jennifer will also include something about looking for volunteers to update the membership brochure and a reminder to submit memberships for FY25.
- Jess Morris stated she will continue to forward newsletters to VASBO.
- Elizabeth King requested that #buildbybonds be included in the next newsletter to get VT stories submitted. She will send information to Jennifer Silpe-Katz to be included.

12. Adjourn

- Jennifer Silpe-Katz motioned to adjourn, seconded by Shirley Goodell-Lackey. The board approved the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by:

Jess Morris, Secretary