



# VTGFOA Board Meeting

## February 18, 2022

### Minutes

Present: Abbie Sherman, Cheryl Lindberg, Angela Aldieri, Courtney Bushey, Michael Gaughan

1. Call to Order/Review of Agenda
  - Abbie Sherman, President, called the meeting to order at 12:06pm.
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. January 24, 2022 Meeting
    - Cheryl Lindberg motioned for approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Courtney Bushey. The board approved the motion.
3. Treasurer's Update
  - a. Financials
    - Cheryl Lindberg noted that there was not much activity during January. The payment from Vermont Municipal Clerks' & Treasurers' Association for one thousand dollars (\$1000) has been received.
    - Courtney Bushey motioned to approve the financial reports as presented, seconded by Angela Aldieri. The board approved the motion.
  - b. NESGFOA Spring Seminar Scholarships
    - No scholarships have been awarded since Vermont hosted the NESGFOA conference. Currently, one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500) is assigned for NESGFOA scholarships with an additional seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) budgeted in the current year. The cost for the upcoming spring seminar is one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) for public sector registration and two hundred dollars (\$200) for private entity registrations. Scholarships in the past have typically gone toward the cost of registration, travel, lodging, and meals. Discussion followed regarding the amount of the scholarships that would be offered noting that five-hundred-dollar (\$500) awards had been issued previously. Consensus was to advertise minimum awards of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) and subsequently based on the number of applications received determine the final amount. The applications will be due from members by March 4<sup>th</sup> and the board will respond by March 9<sup>th</sup>.
4. Winter Workshop Review
  - The board noted that the Winter Workshop had twenty-nine (29) registered attendees with a total of five hundred and ninety dollars (\$590) of registration fees receivable. Abbie Sherman noted that the recording of the webinar has exceeded the space allowed on Zoom. Discussion followed regarding if additional storage is needed. Abbie Sherman stated that once the presentations are received from the presenters they will be sent out to all attendees. Courtney Bushey volunteered to send out the CPE credits. One review has been received so far and it was very positive.
  - Discussion of the next workshop and annual meeting followed. The board determined that in person may be possible by that time of year. Dates identified as best were June 14, 15, or 16 to be as close to the end of the year as possible. Abbie Sherman was to follow up with Lake Morey and the facility previously booked for the fall workshop to see if there is any space available for the dates identified.

It was noted that the fees for an in-person meeting should be evaluated to consider the facility and food expenses that would be necessary.

- Discussion of potential topics for the workshop followed. Two were specifically identified - independent contractor versus employee identification/1099 vendors and an update regarding ARPA. The idea for the ARPA update was to follow up with auditors regarding any new guidance and/or GASB guidance. Potential presenters discussed were Lisa Parker with GASB, Fred Duplessis, and other auditing firms including Graham & Graham, CLA, RHR Smith, and Melanson & Heath.

5. Other Business

a. Appointment of VTGFOA Members to the Board

- Abbie Sherman presented that Jess Morris and Jennifer Silpe-Katz have expressed interest in serving on the VTGFOA board and reviewed the biographical information that each provided in advance of the meeting.
- Cheryl Lindberg motioned for approval of the board appointees as presented, seconded by Michael Gaughan. The board approved the motion.
- There is still a vacant position with the New England board. This will be discussed at the next meeting to see if the newly approved members have any interest.

6. Adjourn

- Michael Gaughan moved that we adjourn the meeting, seconded by Angela Aldieri. The board approved the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:58pm.