

New England States Government Finance Officers Association

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2021

Zoom Call

Approved: June 21, 2021

Members present; M. Milne, E. Spellman, T. St. Gelais, J. Campo, M. Fleischer, L. Hancock, D. Waldron, E. Sanborn, S. Gesualdi, J. Ward, C. Lindberg, A. Sherman, K. Raposa, M. Thompson, D Delano-arrived late.

Members absent, A. Sky, J. Finch, R. Rossi, W. Kriewald, R. Porter

1. Meeting called to order by M. Milne.

2. Minutes of January 14, 2021 Minutes.

January 14, 2021 Minutes. Motion by L. Hancock, seconded by E. Sanborn to approve minutes of Jan 14, 2021, Board meeting. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report. E. Spellman reviewed Treasurer's report dated Feb. 28, 2021.

Operating account indicates minimal expenses and revenues related to annual dues from member states. The Maine GFOA has not paid dues this year yet. Ed will follow up with them. The Conference account shows no activity other than accrued interest income.

Motion by K. Raposa, seconded by T. St. Gelais to accept Treasurer's report.

No discussion.

Motion passes unanimously.

4. President's Report. M. Milne made the President's report. The first day of the Spring Seminar went well with no technical glitches. The virtual format seems to be good and has a potential for future training sessions for the association.

In terms of the Fall 2021 Conference, the Seacrest Hotel is still not accepting larger groups, with no plans in the foreseeable future to open up for large gatherings. The hotel has not pressed the association to make any firm plans or commitments for the Fall 2021 Conference. The Fall 2021 Conference will most likely be a virtual event.

4. Executive Director's Report. W. Fazioli provided the Executive Director's report. The Fall 2021 Conference is not officially cancelled but there is a strong likelihood that it will be a virtual event. A final decision will be made in June after discussing options with the Seacrest Hotel. Discussion about using UMASS for future virtual conferences and the possibility of a follow-up session in June with the national GFOA. The membership seems receptive to the virtual conferences, and it is a good way to provide CPE opportunities.

5. Conference Updates.

New Hampshire. T. St. Gelais reported on the NH 2022 Fall Conference. She is hopeful that an in-person conference is likely for this event. A NHGFOA committee will begin planning for the conference in the summer of 2021.

Maine. E. Sanborn indicated that there will be a Maine 2023 Conference. The Ex-Director is reviewing a revised contract provided by the Samoset.

Connecticut. L. Hancock said that the contract is in place for the 2024 CT conference. This will be held at the Mystic Hilton which is the same venue in 2018.

6. Other Business. In other business, C. Lindberg mentioned that there were approximately 45 to 50 remaining flannel bags from the VT 2019 Fall Conference. A discussion ensued if these items could be offered for sale to members. The idea of offering them online through the website was discussed. The sale price would be \$20. After a discussion, it was decided that the bags could be reused for the next VTGFOA conference and should remain in VT.

Abbie Sherman asked if it was appropriate to start reviewing options for the VT 2025 Conference. She asked if the association was planning to modify the cycle of which state would host the conferences due to the cancellations in 2020 and 2021. M. Milne suggested that the association stay on its cycle and not reschedule the RI or MA conferences. W. Fazioli concurred with this option and noted that these conferences would be referred to as the "lost years." C. Lindberg indicated that she had begun the process of contacting venues for the VT 2025 conference. It was agreed that VT should proceed with identifying options for the 2025 conference.

D. Delano asked if a date could be scheduled for the Audit Committee to meet in NH. The committee agreed to meet in person sometime in June in NH. David mentioned that his new boss does not sleep and the adjustment to this schedule has been difficult.

M. Milne noted that A. Sky has resigned from the Board after accepting a position as Town Administrator in Lakeville, MA. The MA GFOA will consider a replacement.

C. Lindberg mentioned that R. Porter will be stepping down as Secretary. The Board should consider a replacement for this position.

M. Milne indicated that the next Board meeting will be in June. Further details will follow.

Motion to adjourn. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

W. Fazioli