

New England States Government Finance Officers' Association  
**Final Minutes**  
September 12, 2023  
Samoset Resort, Rockport, ME and Zoom

Board Members Present: Ellen Sanborn, Lisa Hancock, Cheryl A. Lindberg, Tammy St. Gelais, Kathy Raposa, Abbie Sherman, Cheryl Fournier, Carol Pratt, Rob Buden, Sarah Wood, Juli Millett, Scott Gesualdi (8:15am), Mark Milne, Mark Fleischer, Justin Campo (8:17am)

ZOOM = Michael Gaughan, Kim Lord, Angela Aldieri

Regrets: Randy Rossi; RI vacancy

Also attending: Executive Director David Delano and Assistant ED Bill Fazioli.

Meeting was called to order at 8:04 AM by President Lisa Hancock. A roll call of those in person and on Zoom was done. A quorum was present.

Minutes – June 2023 minutes were not available for this meeting and were tabled to November.

Treasurer's report – Fournier reviewed the July 31, 2023 financial reports that were in the Board packet. She reported that there is about \$53,000 in the operating account. NH turned back about \$30,000 from the 2022 conference. NESGFOA netted \$18,250 from the Spring Conference. The Maine Conference status as of 7/31/23 is a net surplus of \$33,718. A discussion of the budget for next fiscal year ensued with the approval of a "temporary budget" based upon last year's previous budget with the inclusion of \$5,000 for scholarships. A motion to approve a temporary budget was made by Sanborn, seconded by Millett. The Board voted yes except for Lindberg who abstained.

President's Report: President Hancock made some opening comments thanking Bill Fazioli for his years with NESGFOA as Executive Director and thanking David Delano for becoming the new Executive Director. Her goal over the next year is to encourage the younger generation to get involved.

Executive Director's report: Delano mentioned the spring conference in Waltham, MA and requests 2 or 3 topics for the conference from each Board member. He has been in touch with the Conference Center to review and finalize the contract. We need to commit to 80 attendees in order to reserve the space. Sanborn asked if the dates have been confirmed for the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of April, 2024 to avoid a Friday. Delano is working on that date change.

Scholarship Policy revision: The Scholarship Committee met recently and reviewed the Scholarship policy. Hancock reviewed the revised version of the policy that was included with the meeting packet. Gaughan clarified further the work of the committee to include more flexibility to the scholarship categories. Form need to be created and put on the NESGFOA website. It was agreed to remove the wording "...immediate family member..." from the policy. Marketing the scholarships needs a renewed effort. One Leadership scholarship award of up to

\$2,500 was discussed. The sense of the Board is to allow the Scholarship Committee to have \$5,000 and let the Committee allocate it each year within the categories mentioned in the policy, with only one Leadership Academy Scholarship. A motion by Sanborn, seconded by Fournier to approve the Scholarship Policy with the amendments discussed at the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Hancock will incorporate the changes into the Scholarship Policy document she included with the Board packet.

Proposed meeting dates: The following dates are the proposed meeting dates for the next year – November 8, 2023 in Milford, MA at 10:00 am; January 11, 2024 by Zoom at 9:00 am; April 17, 2024 during the Spring conference at Waltham, MA; May 30, 2024 in Milford, MA at 10:00 am.

Conference updates:

Maine: Sanborn reported that everything is fine.

Connecticut: Hancock gave a brief report on the CT conference in Mystic in 2024. The committee is working on the details such as a possible lobster bake which would require transportation; they hope to have an event at the Aquarium again. Additional rooms will be necessary and a couple local options are Econolodge, Marriott and Hyatt.

Vermont: Sherman stated that she had met with Sanborn and St. Gelais and will be organizing a meeting of the Vermont representatives on the 2025 Conference Committee to discuss the direction of the committee.

Other Business: Sanborn suggests a meeting to discuss conference minutia which would include anyone interested but with the following individuals at a minimum – Hancock, Sherman, St. Gelais, Delano, Fazioli and Fournier.

Motion to adjourn by Lindberg, seconded by Buden. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.

Respectfully,

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