

VMCTA EXECUTIVE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, February 15, 2018  
Capitol Cafeteria Montpelier

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Donna Kinville, South Burlington; Past President Lucrecia Wonsor, Killington; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Fairlee; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Tracy Borst, Thetford; Treasurer Audra Girouard, Concord; Secretary Dawn Custer, Hubbardton; Auditor Deanna Robitaille, Montgomery; Members at Large - Karen Richard, Colchester; and Stacy Jewell, St. Johnsbury

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sandra Pinsonault, Dorset Town Clerk; Bobbi Brimblecombe, Marshfield Town Clerk; Elizabeth Reighley, Montgomery Asst. Town Clerk; Jim Harrison, State Representative to the Towns of Chittenden, Bridgewater, Killington and Mendon, and Heather Shouldice, VMCTA Lobbyist

10:56 a.m. – President Donna Kinville called the meeting to order.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF December 19, 2017**

Lucrecia Wonsor made a motion seconded by Stacy Jewell to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2017 meeting as presented. All were in favor. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Education Committee Update**

Tracy Borst informed the Board the spring training would be in Danville in April and West Rutland in May. Elections will be part of the training. For the Annual Meeting in September there are three speakers being considered. Vermont Emergency Management is one of them. Stacy suggested the FirstNet system that AT&T is putting out. Sandra Pinsonault (Sandy) suggested a gentleman in her town who had a book on ethics published. There is a lot of legal information and he might be a great speaker for an hour. Deanna Robitaille suggested Sovereign Citizens might be a topic for discussion. She explained Sovereign Citizens don't feel the law applies to them. They don't feel their property can be taxed. She suggested someone could talk about the potential threats to us from Sovereign Citizens. Lucrecia Wonsor suggested an Athenian Dialogue could be included as part of the event. Tracy continued reporting noting Joe Powers, Wellfleet, Massachusetts Town Clerk, is looking good as the keynote.

**B. Proposed Fee Increase**

Donna Kinville informed those present the discussion in the Government Operations Committee included the restructure of fees and getting on a cycle for fees to be reviewed. Karen suggested keeping the discussion to land records fees. Lucrecia Wonsor agreed. Sandy stated other fees should be considered noting the state side of some fees increases but not the clerk side. Lucrecia suggested leaving the fees considered each three-year cycle left open rather than create a list to be adhered to.

**C. Legislative Committee Update**

Karen Richard reported she testified on military and overseas ballots. The Secretary of State (SOS) believes there are Constitution issues. Who a checklist can be provided to was also considered. Tracy noted the Open Meeting Law requires meeting minutes to be posted in five days. There is a proposed change to make it five business days. Representative Harrison suggested the revisions on the fee restructuring simply say all current fees when being reviewed for change. Members of the Board agreed.

#### **D. Scholarship**

Tracy Borst reported Pat Vaillancourt announced the establishment of the Alison Kaiser Scholarship at NEMCI&A. She donated \$100 - \$200 noting it would be for a Vermont Clerk. NEMCI&A won't manage a state specific scholarship. Tracy noted she was asking on behalf of the NEMCI&A Board for the VMCTA E-Board to take over management of the Alison Kaiser Public Speaking Scholarship. Deanna Robitaille asked if the intent was for the Board to fund or just manage as it exists. The Board agreed it would be to manage the scholarship as it exists. Deanna Robitaille made a motion seconded by Georgette Wolf-Ludwig to accept management of the Alison Kaiser Public Speaking Scholarship as it exists. All were in favor. The motion carried. Donna asked that Pat Vaillancourt and NEMCI&A be thanked. Tracy agreed to let them know and to ask for the money to be forwarded to Audra Girouard.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Audra Girouard stated President Donna Kinville needed to be added to the bank account and as a signer on the credit card. Lucrecia Wonsor made a motion seconded by Karen Richard in favor of adding Donna Kinville to the bank account and as a signer to the credit card. All were in favor. The motion carried. Audra noted a PA system was purchased and she wasn't sure what line item to charge it to. She asked if it should be Spring Training. A warrant for \$7,540.43 was presented. Deanna Robitaille made a motion seconded by Lucrecia Wonsor to approve and sign the warrant for \$7,540.42. All members were in favor. The motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. 2018 Annual Meeting**


Donna reported ten hotels were contacted. Most were unavailable or too expensive. The Hampton Inn in Colchester is about \$22,000. Last year's was \$29,000. Rooms are \$139 a night and there are a couple of suites at \$169 a night. The huge ballroom can be divided. The hotel can handle the event. Lucrecia asked about the vendor and raffle space. Donna noted there was vendor room near the registration area. The Holiday Inn is about the same price. The Best Western is next door and could be used if additional space is needed. Stacy Jewell made a motion to approve the Hampton Inn as the site of the 2018 VMCTA Annual Conference. Tracy Borst seconded the motion. All members were in favor. The motion carried. The rooms would be available for Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The conference dates are September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Georgette Wolf-Ludwig made a motion in favor of Donna Kinville signing the contract with the Hampton Inn and paying the \$500 deposit. Karen Richard seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion carried.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Donna informed the Board she submitted a form for the VMCTA to have a day in the card room to have a meet and greet with members of the Legislature.

The next E-Board meeting is to be decided.

**Adjourn:** Karen Richard made a motion seconded by Georgette Wolf-Ludwig to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 a.m. All members were in favor. The motion carried.

Attest:   
Dawn Custer  
VMCTA Secretary