

**VMCTA EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2024
Via Zoom (an online meeting provider)**

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Diane Judd, Holland; 1st Vice President Diana Vachon, Shelburne; 2nd Vice President Sara Haskins, Morrystown; Treasurer Susan McNamara-Hill, Essex Junction City; Secretary Karmen Bascom, Royalton; Two-Year Members at Large Therese Lounsbury, Wilmington and Sally Ober, Lincoln; One Year Members at Large Charles Degener, Woodstock; John Odum, Montpelier; Past President Tracy Borst, Thetford.

GUESTS: Chair of Website Committee: Lucrecia Wonser; Legislative Committee Carol Dawes and Tim Arsenault.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Auditor Susan Gage, Brandon.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m. President Diane Judd called the meeting to order.

AGENDA REVIEW AND MODIFICATIONS: None.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 20, 2024, MEETING

Charlie Degener motioned, and Tracy Borst seconded to approve minutes. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT & WARRANT: Susan McNamara-Hill gave us the current checking account balance: \$48,746.00. President Judd entertained Motion to accept report and warrant: Motioned made by Sally Ober and seconded by Charlie Degener. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Webmaster Update: Lucrecia Wonser reminded everyone that she would be retiring from the committee at the end of this year and believed the transition would be manageable. Sara Haskins will assist during the transition. Sally Ober noted the vendor support letters had been mailed out and asked for procedural clarification in site updates for sponsorship. Susan McNamara-Hill recognized some vendors want to pay by check and not through the website. She will troubleshoot with involved parties to accommodate all payment methods.

Legislative Update: Carol Dawes and Tim Arsenault reported that the legislature cross-over had commenced. S-209, the ghost gun bill had an addendum added which would prohibit guns in polling places; concerns including would clerk offices now be considered gun free zones. H-529 regarding abatement and tax sales has passed the House and crossing over to the Senate; contention remains high on key talking points with concerns that the bill narrows the bidder pool or may work in opposition to the incoming "make housing laws". S-55 on open meeting laws continues to be worked on. As of June 30th, emergency measures for Covid expire. S-160 bill for flood reimbursement has been fast-tracked- education reimbursement noted. H- 875 deals with a municipal code of conduct which currently is considering an ethics officer appointment.

Education/Certification Update -Sara Haskins reported the 1st Thursday trainings were going well. Forty-five people signed up for records management. The next training will focus on certification requirements with a future class in mapping. Tracy Borst and Lucrecia Wonser were thanked for filling in the remaining treasurer class requirements for the upcoming trainings. Also, Mel Robbins podcasts worthy of listening to, but too expensive at \$150 thousand as a keynote speaker. Secretary of State office is looking to assist with Elections workshops on a day outside of the VMCTA conference. The Center for Tech and Civic Life will be our elections speaker at the Fall conference.

Sara Haskins and Charlie Degener reported that the certification process is currently being revamped including the certification forms and basic requirement section I. Service-based experiences to be added along with embedded application instructions for easier preparation. Rolling applications are being considered. Sally Ober suggested we check with VLCT. They have software to help us track our members' educational status. Conceptual edits were okay.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **VMCTA Zoom- permission for County Meeting use** Sally Ober motioned and John Odum seconded to allow permission for county groups to use the Zoom account. President Judd called for vote: motion carried.
- b. **Annual Meeting-Date** Sally Ober motioned, and Charlie Degener seconded to change annual meeting date at the Capitol Plaza to September 11th & 12th. President Judd called for a vote: motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

a. **Membership questions** Sally Ober motioned; Sara Haskins motioned to change membership dues to \$40 effective October 1st, 2024. President Judd called for a vote: motion carried.

b. **Brochure approval- budget to print** Noted that no prices would be changed until October 1st, 2024. Auto renewal notices may be sent via Star Chapter. John Odum motioned to approve the brochure budget; Diane Vachon seconded: motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS Conversation on constitution was tabled.

Next Meeting Date May 29th at 9 a.m.

ADJOURN

President Diane Judd adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Attest: _____
Karmen M. Bascom
VMCTA Secretary