

**VMCTA EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Meeting of November 15, 2024
9:00 a.m. Via Zoom (an online meeting provider)**

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Diane Judd, Holland; 2nd Vice President Sara Haskins, Morristown; Auditor Bob Champagne-Willis, Maidstone; Treasurer Susan McNamara-Hill, Essex Junction City; Secretary Karmen Bascom, Royalton; Two-Year Members at Large Sally Ober, Lincoln and Therese Lounsbury, Wilmington; One-Year Members at Large Charles Degener, Woodstock and John Odum, Montpelier.

GUESTS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: 1st vice president Diana Vachon, Shelburne; Past President Tracy Borst, Thetford.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 9:05 a.m. President Diane Judd called the meeting to order.

AGENDA REVIEW AND MODIFICATIONS: Bob Champagne-Willis noted there were no September 2024 minutes and asked if they would be addressed. Diane Judd said yes. Charlie Degener motioned to approve modifications and Susan McNamara-Hill seconded. Agenda approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – APPROVE minutes from August 7 & 23, 2024 meetings: Bob Champagne-Willis requested his full name be used in the September minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT – warrant and financials Susan McNamara-Hill presented warrants and asked for questions. John Odum said they looked great. Karmen Bascom moved to accept the report; John Odum seconded. Treasurer's report was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. *Committee Updates:* Charlie Degener reported no recent Education Committee meeting updates, but Sara Haskins was hoping for some feedback. General feedback: Diane Judd has heard mostly good reports. Some people felt food was not on par with Lake Morey Resort and turnover/transition from dining and separate rooms events was awkward. Massage chairs were well received, but somewhat disruptive. Flexi-quiz option for classes was amazing.

b. *Fees Committee:* Sally Ober reported from the most recent meeting. There are all new members except for her. She asked who appointed her officially and Diane Judd said to consider herself the unofficially appointed chair and she would get the appointments organized soon. The recording fee increased to \$15/page under Lucrecia Wonser's guidance and an agreement with legislature. An annual summary of expenses and revenues regarding land recordings. Currently just over 50% compliance. Tanya Marshall of VASARA and the VLCT legislative liaison work with the VMCTA committee to come up with a recommendation for fee increases. In summary, the current summary sheet could use some clarification and modifications for accuracy and easier use.

c. *Star Chapter Increase:* As of Sept 28, 2025, cost will be 2,178/year.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. *Conference Debrief:* Susan McNamara-Hill said she found networking at tables with other clerks and treasurers to be most valuable. Diane Judd said we made money. Kudos to Dawn Custer and Sally Ober. More room availability is needed, but \$300/night seems excessive. Continued debate on venue availability; Diane Judd will make some calls to narrow the options down. She will speak with Diane Vachon about finalizing the split between the Certification and Education committees.

- b. Sponsorship:** Sally Ober said vendors were appreciative and they really helped offset our costs. We may need to work harder at getting more space from them. Dianne Judd agreed this was important. Sponsorship on website will note expiration December 31, but perhaps the committee could offer them an early payment option that would allow them to keep their advertising name up on the site. Thank you and sponsorship letter to go out before end of year. Letter to come from Sally Ober, Chair

NEXT MEETING DATE: To be determined.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned by President Diane Judd at 10:45 a.m.

Attest: _____
Karmen M. Bascom
VMCTA Secretary