

# VALA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 2, 2018

Quorum met and meeting began at 9:05 a.m. at The Randolph Town Office  
Camilla Roberts notified the delegates that this would be her last meeting as president. She is taking on the role of State Hearing Officer and feels there could be a conflict of interest for her to remain President of VALA. Vice President Michelle Wilson will be taking over as President of VALA and picking up the duties

## **Finance**

Joyce Scribner: Treasurer's report. Val Almosnino moved to accept the report. Penny Allyn seconded.

## **Education**

The education committee reported that 5 people were signed up for course 102 and 3 were signed up for course 311. Education payments should be sent to Joyce Scribner. Payment is needed with registration.

## **Annual Conference**

VALA has a sponsor for the conference called "Vision". They are a software company that has a CAMA program. Other possible speakers: Sean Sargent an appraiser that would speak on fee appraising. Legislators: Jim Maslin and Gabriel Lucke from Ways and Means on pertinent legislation. Val Almosnino said invoices have been sent out. He will bill for Annual Conference based on last year. He is thinking of invoicing non-member towns to encourage membership. \$40 per person early, late will be \$50 each.

## **Newsletter**

The letter should be out the month of May and once more before the Annual Conference.

## **Legislative**

The legislature has been quiet for Listers. H856 died in the Senate. Senator Brock was against it (Allowing Listers to attend inspections as part of the BCA process). H922 assessment districts (option) not dead.

## **LOTY**

Nominations are open for lister of the year. Last year's nominees may be resubmitted. Send nominations to Michelle Wilson.

## **BUDGET**

John Fike discussed membership dues. Should non-members be invited as guests to the Annual Conference? The conference committee is considering this.

VALA needs insurance for Organization with PVR.

Travel costs include: conference preparation, TOEC's NRRA, county outreach.

It was suggested that next year's budget be compared with last year's budget on a handout for voting.

Louise Ferris-Burt made a motion to accept the budget. The motion was seconded by Todd LeBlanc.

More discussion followed. J. Fike explained the reasons for the budget to go up and down. J. Audet asked about educational classes. PVR support not in 2017 budget. There are 3 IAAO

classes this year. The budget is in transition with education. VALA lost money in education last year. The income side is up for the sponsor for the Annual Conference, plus more expense for helpers and cost of venue. Motion approved.

#### **BREAK**

10:15

Jill Remick Director PVR discussed H911 education funding bill, H899 Town Clerk recording fees, S276 Rural development /state funding for infrastructure. PVR is in transition. Roger Kilbourn is out on leave, Doug Lay is retiring this summer. PVR needs help in the northern part of the state. The new DA is Naomi Sainz. She lives in Cabot. PVR is seeking hearing officers. There is a significant backlog for the state. The pay is \$125/diem plus expenses.

Christie Wright said the Utility Valuations should be coming. The DA newsletter was just sent out on listserve.

#### **VLCT- Maura Carroll**

Maura discussed the workshop slot at the Annual Fair in October at the Double Tree in S. Burlington. VLCT is continuing the listening sessions. Hartford and Mad River to be scheduled. A survey may come after the listening sessions. June 15th is the deadline for written communications. VLVT may share the survey with VALA. VLCT should have updated communication in the future.

#### **NEMRC- not present**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Proposed change of bi-monthly meeting to the second Wednesday in the month. This is contingent on getting room from Randolph. Louise Ferris-Burt made a motion to accept proposal. Val Almosnino Seconded. Proposal passed.

Bruce Shield asked about town with ski lift assessments. Chris Landin is doing a survey: This will be a survey of stakeholder information on Listers, Selectboard, and Town Managers. Demographic information collected on skills running of office, mappers etc. VALA and VLVT will work with PVR on these survey questions.

#### **MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING**

A motion was made to approve the March Minutes by Louise Ferris-Burt. The motion was seconded by Joyce Scribner. The Motion passed.

#### **ADJOURN**

A motion was made to adjourn by Louise Ferris-Burt, seconded by Jeanne Johnson. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl S. Tudhope, Secretary