

VALA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.
Held remotely via Zoom

The meeting commenced at 9:30 with 30 people present. A quorum was met. Lisa Wright conducted the meeting. A call for the secretaries report was made. The minutes are posted on the VALA website for everyone to view before the meeting. A motion was made by Walter Hastings to approve the secretary's minutes. The motion was seconded by Phyllis Hayward. This motion was voted on and approved by the Board of Directors.

Legislative Report: Walter Hastings gave a report on the latest legislative issues. The committee agreed upon the definition of Fair Market value being the IAAO definition. They also had lengthy discussions on what constitutes contiguous land and decided there needed to be more input on that. He talked about the bill H326 that would freeze the CLA for 2 years and not allow any adjustments for inequities. Tom Vickery made a motion to send a letter to Ways and Means that VALA does not support this bill. Todd LeBlanc seconded this motion. The Board of directors voted after discussion and the motion carried. It was discussed the VLCT should be invited to our meetings. Moira Carroll has retired from VLCT.

Treasurer's report: No report at this time. Lisa Truchon said there is plenty of money as we get education money from the state. Not having the annual conference saved us lots of money. VALA exists for education. Todd LeBlanc has been talking to CCV about a degree program for listers and assessors.

Membership Committee: none

Annual Conference : Not Yet

Education committee: Elizabeth Curran has resigned as a lister from the town of Whiting. She will stay on as our webmaster and on our education committee for this year.

LOTY: no report

TOEC's 2021: All set remotely: Nemrc and John Vickery will be doing presentations. Registration should be soon.

PVR update: Jill Remick testifying for the legislature so she was not available. Teresa Gile reminded everyone to process their sales.

NEMRC: Chris Miele stated the Apex 7 will be rolling out April 1st. Check the NEMRC website for the HS Declarations webinar. Also new staff and Listers; look for curriculum on NEMRC

website. Carleton Ferguson of Fletcher retired as lister and Bob Wing of Bradford retired as lister. Look for educational Webinars on the NEMRC website.

VALA Discussions :

1. GL software: None
2. Contiguous parcels: not now
3. Fair Market Value Definition: Tom Vickery made a motion to accept the definition as the same as IAAO and change it in the statutes. The motion was seconded by Louise Ferris-Burt. The motion carried with no opposition.
4. Equalization committee : Tabled
5. Inspections during Covid: Contact Chris Miele for ideas. This will be a topic at the TOEC's.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 a.m. 31 people present

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl S. Tudhope , secretary