

VALA March 2022 BOD Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

[Link to Zoom Recording of March 2022 Meeting](#) Passcode: !jE#rZD1

The March 2022 VALA BOD meeting began at 9:30 with a roll call of the county delegates verifying that a quorum was reached with the following present: **Addison:** ?; **Bennington:** Jed Rubin; **Caledonia:** Larry Willey; **Chittenden:** ?; **Essex:** Vacant; **Franklin:** Pat McNall; **Grand Isle:** Sue Lawrence; **Lamoille:** Terri Sabens; **Orange:** Phyllis Hayward; **Orleans:** Maree Bushey; **Rutland:** ?; **Washington:** ?; **Windham:** Linda Sherman; **Windsor:** Leo Salazar; **Executive Board:** Todd LeBlanc, Lisa Wright, Lisa Truchon, Cheryl Tudhope, Stacey Bradley

Secretary's Report/Approve Minutes: Stacey Bradley read/summarized the November BOD Meeting Minutes, these were moved by Cheryl Tudhope and seconded by John ?, voted and approved. We then reviewed / summarized the January BOD Meeting Minutes, these were moved by Sue Lawrence and seconded by Linda Sherman, voted and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Truchon had no updates.

Committee Review:

Legislative: Lacking formal members on this committee, Lisa Wright, as VALA President, was asked to weigh in on S.241. Lisa's testimony is available online, as it was recorded, if you would like more details check out the VT Legislature recordings.

Lisa asked if there was anyone interested in being on the Legislative Committee and to attend legislative sessions in person but keeping an eye on this online would be helpful. We may need to consider hiring a part time "lobbyist".

The VALA recording of today's meeting includes discussion on bills S.241, H.695, H.697, H.556 and S.121

Membership: Elizabeth Curran – There is a new membership form which is online. These will be snail mailed to each town with a self-addressed envelope. Should we update our membership fees? This was tabled until the fall. Discussed including a brochure or newsletter with this mailing. We are looking for someone to update the brochure with Lisa W. Thank you for working on the newsletter Bob Quaderer.

Annual Conference: We will discuss this in May.

Education: Elizabeth Curran – All the classes are on the website and these classes are IAAO 101, 155, 171, 300 and 452. We are receiving a better rate by using the same instructors each year and are thankful for the PVR grant for our students. We break even for classes.

Treasurer/Finance: Lisa Truchon - no updates

PVR Update:

Jill Remick – Topics/bills listed below. Please view Jill's full report and discussion on these topics and bills on the zoom meeting recording posted on the VALA website and linked above.

- S.214 – an interest to listers as stated earlier, this bill has changed again
- Per parcel payment, cost of reappraisals and including inactive parcels
- H.697 – Current Use, reserved forest land category, kept to a minimum by PVR
- H.556 – Exception for parcels owned by a Native American Tribe, there are 4 tribes in the state
- Survey from PVR to each lister/assessor office to get a sense of whether a town has voted to eliminate the board of listers or not. They would like concrete numbers for towns and vacancies. Helping with PVR's work in the legislature.

- Brian Fog will be helping out in the office, sent out a question about utilities/electric distribution/?hydro later to get sense of the data out there, went out on comp-60. Nothing changing this year.

Christie Wright – Lister training coming up starting next week, 4 sessions, and are posted on the listserv. There will be more classes coming up and these will also be on the Listserv. Remember to attend Lister Trainings, contact your District Advisor with questions and check out the Lister Calendar for all the trainings(Teri Gildersleeve): <https://tax.vermont.gov/content/lister-calendar-and-task-list>

VLCT/Legislative Update: Karen Horn – khorn@vlct.org - Please view Karen's full report and discussion on the bills of interest linked below, on the zoom meeting recording posted on the VALA website and linked above.

- NOTE: The MARCH Meeting Link from Karen Horn, [VLCT: VALA Bills of Interest is available to view on the website on our Minutes page.](#)

VT PIE Update: Patrick Santoso – View his Power Point on the Zoom Meeting on the VALA website and linked above.

- Links: Sales validation account: request.vtpie.org, GIS Account: gisrequest.vtpie.org, Training: Training.axiomnh.com

NEMRC Update: Chris Miele – A lot of training coming on. Chris will give new listers a “basement tour of the Grand List” just have the give him a call, he'll give them the basics. Their website has webinars to view. Hoping to update the Grand List software to a .net language this spring.

Due to time constraints Lisa Wright stated that the items below were already addressed in our meeting and proposed to end the meeting.

Legislative Committee:

Timeshare Legislation and Legislative Committee: Discussion on how to get involved, Need for Legislative Committee to Respond to these legislative actions

Utility Committee and PVR: Update regarding Act 73 if needed as per above

Any New Business for VALA

- **VALA Member Discussion Items** Equalization Study and Committee Re: Same – Discussion of Market Trends

Meeting adjourned at 11:40