

VALA May 2022 BOD Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

[Link to Zoom Recording of May 2022 Meeting](#) Passcode: *5bWcu.n

The May 2022 VALA BOD meeting began at 9:29 with a roll call of the county delegates verifying that a quorum was reached with the following present: **Addison:** Suzanne Buck; **Bennington:** ?; **Caledonia:** Larry Willey; **Chittenden:** Robert Vickery; **Essex:** Vacant; **Franklin:** Pat McNall; **Grand Isle:** Sue Lawrence; **Lamoille:** ?; **Orange:** Phyllis Hayward; **Orleans:** ?; **Rutland:** Marcia Chioffi, Karen Folger; **Washington:** ?; **Windham:** Hardy Merrill; **Windsor:** Leo Salazar; **Executive Board:** Todd LeBlanc, Lisa Wright, Lisa Truchon

Secretary's Report/Approve Minutes: Stacey Bradley, not present, no minutes to vote on, tabled for next meeting

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Truchon – presented and submitted the following report, which is also posted on the website.

VALA FY2022		AS OF 4/30/2022	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$40,796.16		
EXPENSES		REVENUES	
ADMIN EXPENSES	\$1,030.00	MEMBERSHIP	\$8,175.00
WEB SITE	\$3,100.00	EDUCATION FEES	\$11,545.00
EDUC COORDINATOR	\$1,598.50	STATE EDUC SUPPORT	\$21,305.00
EDUCATION REFUNDS	\$265.00	ANNUAL MEETING	\$4,550.00
EDUCATION CLASSES	\$26,173.00		
ANNUAL MEETING	\$278.46		
INSURANCE	\$625.75		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$33,070.71	TOTAL REVENUES	\$45,575.00

Committee Review:

Membership: Elizabeth Curran – 267 membership invoices were mailed out on 5/29/22. So far there have been 22 received back.

Education: Elizabeth Curran – 4 out of stater have signed up for classes, 6 invoices requests and a new W-9 request that will be processed and 2 in state students have signed up for classes.

Legislative: Lisa Wright had Jill Remick to present for this. Lisa W. is looking for helpers with this committee. We should possibly consider a “lobbyist” to be a presence in Montpelier.

PVR Update: Topics/bills are listed below. Please view PVR’s full report and discussion on these topics and bills on the zoom meeting recording posted on the VALA website and linked above.

Jill Remick – Legislature is wrapping up this week, relatively harmless session for Lister Bills included: items related to project based TIF districts and expanded ecologically sensitive treatment areas in current use. The legislature has asked PVR to do a study on Time Shares. They are also asking PVR to get some information about support for supporting towns in commercial valuation. Per parcel payments were not increased this year, will work on this next year. PVR sent out a survey to towns. It is important that when topics come up in the legislature, if even 10% of VALA members emailed their reps that it would make a difference to get them to hear.

Teri Gildersleeve – She is updating the public / pious use form so the Native American tribe’s exemption will be in there next year. Trainings: Advanced Lister Training will be on June 8th and Solar Cell and Subsidized Housing on June 16th, both online. Veterans exemptions will be coming soon.

Annual Conference:

- Lisa Wright - The conference will be held on September 16, 2022. It will be in person in Montpelier unless there is a Covid problem this summer. Lisa W. will contact The

Capital Plaza and see if we are still on for our conference there. Timelines, fees for conference and sponsorships, on June 8th we will meet and finalize the fees, etc. Call out for presenters is online already. Call out for sponsors and details to be posted soon, on the website.

- Lisa Wright suggested the topic “how difficult it is to find help, finding firms for reappraisals and how underfunded this work is right now” as stated by Jill Remick as it relates to the per parcel payment. Jill Remick has offered to facilitate this conversation.
- Lisa Wright suggested the topic of the shared lister jobs. Lisa Truchon feels VLTC needs to be part of this conversation as it is VLTC is who towns listen to.
- Todd LeBlanc spoke about how the job of lister has changed and that having others understand this is an uphill battle. Lisa W. suggested this as a good topic for the conference.
- Lisa Wright suggested the topic of collaboration of listers with other town departments.
- Elizabeth Curran suggested a hybrid conference but it is felt that it would be too difficult if it was interactive. But having a recording of sessions for later could work. We could contact Vision and see what they think.

NOTES:

- Louise Ferris-Burt suggested these conference topics would be good topics for the TOEC also. Elizabeth Curran: Reminder to have a lister at TOEC next year as representation. We need a volunteer.
- Todd LeBlanc suggested lister representation at the Town Fair. Lisa W. agreed that the Town Fair is the venue to get to our town managers.
- Chris Miele suggested that VALA should promote Listers/Assessors going to their own Select Board meetings, letting them know/what Listers do or an update. Teri Gildersleeve said that on the PVR website there is a document listing out Lister duties that might be good to share with a Select Board. Lots of good info here for listers: tax.vermont.gov/municipal-officials/resources
- Lisa W. will reach out to VLCT about these issues.

LOTY Nominations: Lisa Wright stated that we did not do this last year, so we need to start this early. Cheryl Tudhope agreed to work on this and get the letter out on Monday or Tuesday of next week. July 1st is the deadline for nominations. Lisa W. will post Cheryl’s letter to Comp-60. Todd LeBlanc suggested keeping in contact with the Town Clerk Association and reaching out to the president. Lisa W. said she would reach out to the Town Clerk president.

Treasurer/Finance: Lisa Truchon – see above

VLCT/Legislative Update: none present

VT PIE Update: Patrick Santoso – For the Power Point presented, please see the zoom meeting recording posted on the VALA website and linked above.

NEMRC Update: Chris Miele – Still working on .net conversion and will do something early summer. Reconcile your 411’s. A new release will be done by the end of the week. Grievance process and Creating a New Entity webinars are on their website. Do your back-ups, call with questions.

Legislative Committee: see above

Any New Business for VALA: none

VALA Member Discussion Items: none

Adjournment: Meeting motion to adjourned made by Cheryl Tudhope and seconded by Hardy Merrill, voted and approved at 10:50