VALA BOD ZOOM Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, April 12th, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.**

The meeting began at 9:30 AM with board members Lisa Wright, Cheryl Tudhope, and Lisa Truchon present. Jacob Dorman spent time leading up to the meeting establishing the quorum. It was verified with the following delegates or alternates present: **Addison:** Absent; **Bennington:** Absent; **Caledonia:** Larry Willey; **Chittenden:** Karen Lemnah; **Essex:** delegate vacancy, no rep; **Franklin:** Absent; **Grand Isle:** Sue Lawrence; Alternate: Dave Davis **Lamoille:** Terri Sabens; **Orange:** Mimi Burstein & Alternate: Phyllis Hayward; **Orleans:** Absent; **Rutland:** Marcia Chioffi **Alternate:** Karen Folger; **Washington:** Absent; **Windham:** Alternate: Linda Sherman**;** **Windsor:** Stacey Bradley **& Alternate:** Cristina Tardie

Present via Zoom – Elizabeth Curran, John Fike, Todd Leblanc, Russ Collins, Bob Quaderer, Cheyenne Latimer, Brittany Butler, Joe Turner, Michelle Pingree, Paul Nobel, Tad Dedrick, Jed Rubin, Carol Hammond, Moe Brigham, Judi Brigham, Paul Vallee, Michael Stack, Barb Schlesinger, Lois Trenn, Doug Mosle, John Kerr Noel Walker Dorothy Knott, Cy Bailey, John Kerr, MaryJo Teetor, Jeanne Johnson, Martha Lyons, A Couture, Karen Horn, Theresa Gile, Jenepher Burnell, Deanna Robitaille, Benton Mitchell, Jen Myers, Jill Remick, Chris Miele, Christie Wright, Alison Dickinson, Christopher Landin

**Minutes Approval:** The minutes from the March meeting were submitted for approval. Brittany Butler moved a motion to approve the March minutes; John Fike seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried.

**Treasures Report:** Lisa Truchon was present but did not discuss any new info for the treasures report.

**Legislative Committee:**  Lisa Wright discussed her testimony and thoughts on the legislative proposals. VALA, VT TAX DEPARTMENT, & VLCT unanimously disagree with the state taking over the reappraisal process without a study. However some version of bill will be moving forward. VALA needs to keep a simple unanimous organized cooperative stance. Discussion on a vote for a motion to approve the first two bullet points of the statement with a note to strike the questions and concerns and make a comment that there are questions that we will be asking regarding other specific points in the bill and giving authority to the VALA legislative committee to act on its behalf. John Fike made a motion to approve, Todd Leblanc seconded the motion following some discussion. More discussion commenced. A sense of urgency hit the meeting. More discussion and a review of the written statement in the chat led to the motion from John Fike and Todd Leblanc being carried with a vote.

**Sherry Vermilya Award NRAAO :** Short discussion on procedural steps to get the award granted to a recipient.

**VLCT/PVR Report:** Karen Horn discussed H.471 and cited section 13 of the bill. Jill Remick noted that the land use change tax has not been drafted into a bill yet and clarified some points of that proposal and H.471. Karen ended her report by discussing H.492 or The Property Tax Yield Bill. Chris Miele was brief with a question. Jill Remick reports updates with the legislation, VT PIE, and webinars/training.

**VT PIE/NEMRC Report:** Chris Miele gave updates on webinars and VTPIE/NEMRC. Reports about current use and the webinar this afternoon were discussed. Thursday 4/13/2023 VT Pie will include most all the necessary features to do tax prep work however a large number of municipalities are waiting for CAMA vendors to setup their system to perform CAMA extracts. The transition to VT Pie remains skeptical as testing is being implemented.

**Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn the meeting from Karen Lemnah, John Fike seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at promptly 10:40 AM.   
  
Respectfully submitted, secretary, Jacob Dorman